

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

September 21, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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[Matthew 6:24, NIV]



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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P: *Lord, help us to be trustworthy in handling worldly wealth so we can be trusted with true riches.*

*ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

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"O Worship the King"

*A Modern Affirmation

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*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 6:6-10

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"I Surrender All"

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OUR TIME OF PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

895

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" # 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our tithes and offerings, O Lord, together with our lives, to be used by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, for the expansion of your kingdom, in our local Community, and around the face of the earth, that many shall come to know your Son, Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:1-13

MESSAGE

Managing Worldly Wealth Wisely – Part 1

Pastor 'Debo

*CLOSING HYMN

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Mt. Zion GMC Sanctuary)

12:00 p.m. Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, September 27, 2025

7:00 a.m. Weekly Prayer Huddle (see details in announcements)

Sunday, September 28, 2025

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

CELEBRATIONS IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

Birthdays

25 Autumn Brunney

25 Tonya Rowland

26 Mark Brunney

26 Clara Herrick

27 Donna Dickson

27 Charles Shafer

Anniversaries

MINISTRY TEAM/STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation

Media Team: Jessica Thomas, Daniel Onabanjo & Paul Jassogne

Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer

Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer

Song Leader: Bob Trogus

Pianist: Jackie Howard

Liturgist: Greg Howard

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
Allegheny West

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1004 West Sixth Avenue

Lancaster, OH 43130

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Managing Worldly Wealth Wisely – Part 1

Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:45 a.m.

Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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Magnolia Terrace: Jane Patterson, 56

Edgewood Manor (Lucasville): Alan Fick, C3

LanFair: Mary Chilcote, 313

Luxe: Jim Funkhouser, Eckert Wing, 207A

Primrose: Bill & Doris Shauger, 121

The Ridge: Fred Beougher, 140

Continued Prayers are requested for:

Sharon Byerly, Phyllis Flowers, Ed Gurile, Clara Herrick,
Lloyd & Diann Helber, Eleanor & Bob Kane, Carl & Sharon
Mathias, Carla (Mathias), Vicki Oatney, Michael Parrish, Beth Patton,
Rod Shouldis, Kathy Starner, Don Taylor.

If you have a prayer concern or praise to share, please fill out a green prayer card found in the pew and give it to an usher before the worship service begins. Thank you for allowing us to pray for and with you!

*Please note: Names will be removed from the bulletin prayer list after three Sundays and will only be added if a new request is made.

Weekly Online Prayer Gathering: Please join our weekly online prayer gathering on Saturday mornings from 7:00-7:30am to pray together for our church, local community, our nation, worldwide and personal concerns. Simply dial the Free Conference Call # 425-436-6200 from your phone and when prompted, enter the access code 603577 followed by the # key and you will be able to participate. The gathering is open to members and friends of Mt. Zion GMC and Sixth Avenue GMC and members of the public. Text prayer requests or concerns to Pastor 'Debo at 614-296-1081 ahead of the prayer time. Thanks!

Update on Future Plans for Sixth Avenue GMC: The Administrative Council would like to express its appreciation to all members for their prayers and support in this season of transition for our beloved Community of Faith. As was previously communicated, the Administrative Council at its last meeting based on the recommendation of the Trustees, approved that the Realtor whose services have been retained by the Church should start the process of listing the Church Property and adjoining lots for sale. This process is expected to be completed shortly and the property will be listed for sale. The Administrative Council is also diligently working to identify the most suitable location that the Sixth Avenue GMC faith community would be able to relocate to on completion of the sale process. Updates will continue to be provided from time to time to members. Let us continue to lift up the Church leadership and this process in our thoughts and prayers as they follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. In the interim, if you have any questions or concerns about the ongoing process, please see Paul Jassogne, Chairperson of the Admin. Council, Patti Crist Chairperson of the Trustees or Pastor 'Debo or any other member of leadership. Thanks!

Pastor's Bible Study: This holds on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. **We will be meeting this Wednesday September 24 at Mt. Zion GMC, 5495 Lancaster Circleville Rd., Lancaster, OH 43130.** We will continue our study of the Book of Acts of the Apostles with focus on **Chapters 16-18** this week. This week's reading will focus on Paul's Second Missionary Journey from **Acts 15:40 – Acts 18:22**. Please read the chapters in advance. The Bible Study is open to all members of the community and our time together is always a blessing and we also spend some time to pray for personal and general prayer requests. Please invite a neighbor or friend and thanks for making time to attend. The plan of rotation of the venue will continue as previously communicated. We will meet at Sixth Avenue GMC on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and at Mt. Zion GMC on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. For months with five Wednesdays, we will alternate between both churches.

Special Rummage Sale – Appreciation: The Rummage Sale by the Evangelism Committee was held as planned on Saturday September 20 from 10am to 3pm. The Evangelism Committee would like to thank all those who supported the event as volunteers, those who donated items for sale and those who baked and donated items for sale. The event was a huge success thanks to all your support.

2025 Charge Conference: It is once again that season of the year when churches hold their Annual Charge Conference. We are anticipating that the 2025 Charge Conference of the Lancaster Charge (comprising Mt. Zion GMC and Sixth Avenue GMC) will be held sometime in October or November 2025 once important details are finalized by your leadership. Once we have been able to finalize the date and time, we will be sure to let everyone know. In the interim, we are pleased to confirm that our Presiding Elder, Rev. John Alice has authorized Rev. Karen Walters to preside at the Charge Conference.

Mark Your Calendar – Family Fun Event at Mt. Zion GMC on Saturday September 27, 2025: The Youth Group of Mt. Zion GMC is sponsoring a Family Fun Event at 1:00pm on Saturday September 27, 2025, for all members, their family and friends. It will be an awesome time for everyone to come and have fun, fellowship with special attractions for the kids. There will be a Bouncy Castle, games, several activities and light refreshments. Please plan to join this fun event and invite your family and friends. The address is: Mt. Zion GMC, 5495 Lancaster Circleville Rd., Lancaster, OH 43130. Thanks!

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (September 21, 2025 – September 27, 2025):

(Scripture passages are from the New International Version (NIV) Bible unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday September 21 (Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-24; Reflection Verses: Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Where are you storing up treasures? What do you think about this investment tip from Jesus? What needs to change in your relationship with money and possessions?

Monday September 22

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:15-22; Reflection Verse: Matthew 15:21

“Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he [Jesus] said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How seriously do you take the payment of taxes to government? Have you ever defaulted in the filing of your tax returns? What consequence (s) did you face? Who can you bless today to honor God?

Tuesday September 23

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:1-10; Reflection Verses: Matthew 27:3-4a

“When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: When have you made a poor choice because of your desire to make more money?

Wednesday September 24

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31; Reflection Verse: Mark 10:21

“Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Why did the man walk away sad from Jesus? What will you not give up for Jesus?

Thursday September 25

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:41-44; Reflection Verse: Mark 12:42

“But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: When have you sacrificed to honor God through your giving? What can you give now?

Friday September 26

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-21; Reflection Verse: Luke 12:21

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Are you rich towards God? Where are you laying up your treasures? In Heaven or on Earth?

Saturday September 27

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:32-5:11; Reflection Verse: Acts 4:34

“... that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales?”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: How can we emulate the example of Joseph? What do you think of Ananias & his wife?

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A Modern Affirmation

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Leader:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Leader & People:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love, as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

Amazing God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit your preferred future for Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church will be made known to us. We ask that you use us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our friends, family, and community. Give us the courage to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit wherever that may take us. Open our eyes so that we may see the new things you are already doing among us. AMEN

1 Timothy 6:6-10

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Luke 16:1-13

The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

16 Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

³ "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

⁵ "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶ "'Nine hundred gallons^[a] of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

⁷ "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

"'A thousand bushels^[b] of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

⁸ "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."