

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

September 28, 2025

10:30 a.m.

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

[Luke 12:20-21, NIV]

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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*ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

399

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

*A Modern Affirmation

885

*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 6:17-19

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

420

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 16:19-31

MESSAGE

Managing Worldly Wealth Wisely - Part 2

Pastor 'Debo

*CLOSING HYMN

581

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Chapel)

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

Saturday, October 4, 2025

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

Sunday, October 5, 2025

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

CELEBRATIONS IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025

Birthdays

9/28 Kathy Shafer

10/1 Jan Cox

Anniversaries

10/8 Bruce & Lura Goff

MINISTRY TEAM/STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation

Media Team: Paul Jassogne

Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer

Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer

Song Leader: Paul Jassogne

Guest Pianist: Dana Shouldis

Liturgist: Paul Jassogne

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



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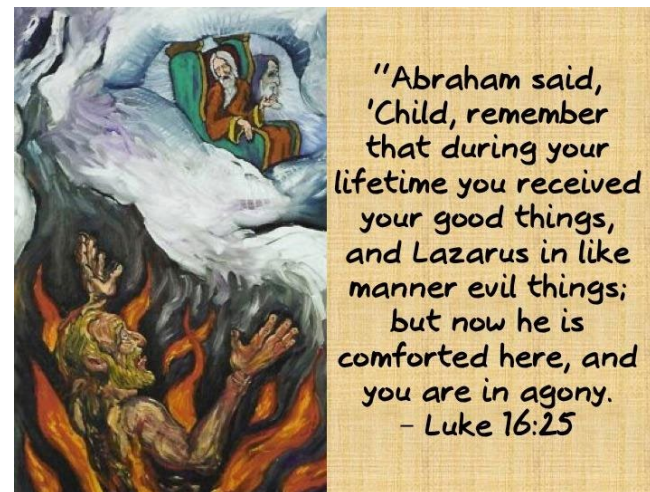
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Lancaster, OH 43130

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Managing Worldly Wealth Wisely – Part 2

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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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 Starnier, 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 continues to be appreciative of the support from all members and friends of Sixth Avenue GMC in this season of difficult transition for our beloved Community of Faith. As was previously communicated, sequel to the approval of the Administrative Council, the Realtor whose services have been retained by the Church has listed the Church Property and adjoining lots for sale and interested buyers have already started to visit the property. Please pray that even after the sale is finalized, the new owners of the property which means a lot to members will continue to be in a way and manner that will serve the furtherance of God's Kingdom here on earth. 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 October 1 here at the Chapel of Sixth Avenue GMC.** We will continue our study of the Book of Acts of the Apostles with focus on **Chapters 19-21** this week. This week's reading will focus on Paul's Third Missionary Journey from **Acts 18:23 – Acts 21:17** and the persecution that Paul faced at the hands of his Jewish detractors. Please read the chapters in advance. We have been enjoying our time together during this weekly Bible Study which is open to all members of the community and this time of fellowship is always a blessing and affords the opportunity to 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 weekly 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. **For instance, we will meet at Sixth Avenue on 10/29/25.**

2025 Charge Conference – Mark Your Calendar: It is once again that season of the year when churches hold their Annual Charge Conference. We are pleased to confirm that the 2025 Charge Conference of the Lancaster Charge (comprising Mt. Zion GMC and Sixth Avenue GMC) will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 7:30pm. The Presiding Elder of the Zanesville Circuit, Rev. John Alice has authorized Rev. Karen Walters to preside at the Charge Conference. We will be designating this annual gathering as a Church Conference to give all members who attend the opportunity to have voice and vote. Please keep this important meeting in your thoughts and prayers. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor 'Debo. Thanks!

Invite a Friend Sunday Date: We would like to remind members that our last **"Invite a Friend Sunday"** will be held on **Sunday November 2, 2025**, during our worship service. This is an intentional outreach and evangelism initiative aimed at encouraging our members to live invitationally and in obedience to the commandment of Jesus to **"GO"** and make disciples of others in **Matthew 28:18-20**. Please be on the lookout for the special invite letters that can be used by members to invite their family and friends. The member or family that invites the highest number of guests to join us for worship on November 2 will be specially recognized by the Pastor. Start praying about who the Lord wants you to invite. Thanks!

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (September 28, 2025 – October 4, 2025):

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

Sunday September 28 (Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 15:1-11; Reflection Verse: Deuteronomy 15:11

“There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What is God’s expectations regarding support for the poor around us? How are you living into this expectation through your generous support for your church community and other avenues to bless others?

Monday September 29

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-15; Reflection Verse: Deuteronomy 26:12

“When you have finished setting aside a tenth of all your produce in the third year, the year of the tithe, you shall give it to the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that they may eat in your towns and be satisfied.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How regularly do you give freewill offerings or gifts in support of the poor – the fatherless and the widow? Why did God command the Israelites to be generous to the poor amongst them? Does this apply to Christians?

Tuesday September 30

Scripture Reading: Ruth 2:1-23; Reflection Verses: Ruth 2:15-16

“As she [Ruth] got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, “Let her gather among the sheaves and don’t reprimand her. Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don’t rebuke her.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: How can we emulate the kindness of Boaz to Ruth the Moabite? Who will you help?

Wednesday October 1

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:27-42; Reflection Verse: Luke 6:38

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your giving in support of God’s work?

Thursday October 2

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46; Reflection Verse: Matthew 25:46

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: How can this parable help us better understand the Parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus?

Friday October 3

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-24; Reflection Verse: 2 Corinthians 8:9

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: How can we follow the example of Jesus when it comes to sacrificial generosity?

Saturday October 4

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15; Reflection Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:6

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: How can we be more intentional in sowing seeds of generosity?

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A Modern Affirmation

#885

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 6:17-19

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Luke 16:19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

²⁵ "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

²⁷ "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

²⁹ "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

³⁰ "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

³¹ "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"