Week At A Glance:

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
10:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Chapel

Sunday, October 18th (21th Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday)
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday school (Parlor)
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER 2026

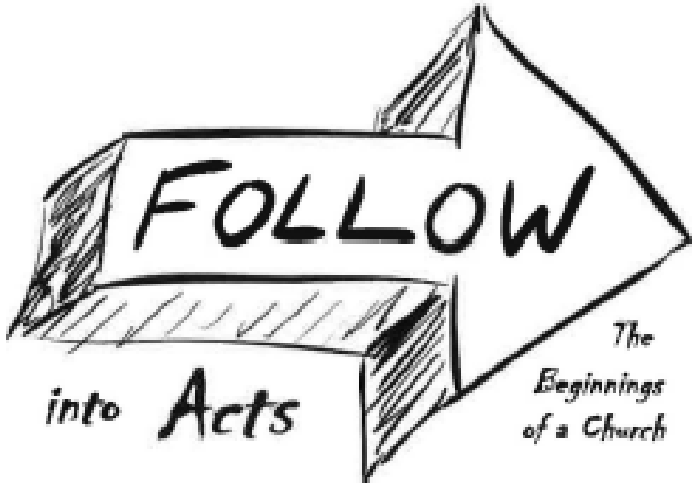
Birthdays **Anniversaries**

MINISTRY STAFF
Ministers: The People of This Congregation
Media Team: Paul Jassogne
Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer
Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer
Lead Singer: John Coen
Pianist: Jackie Howard
Liturgist: Kathy Shafer
Pastor: Tom Rodgers

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

1004 W. Sixth Avenue
Lancaster, OH 43130

October 11, 2026
(20th Sunday after Pentecost)



"A Message from Mr. Tom Rodgers, Grace Lutheran Church"

Worship Service starts at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday.
Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:15 a.m.
Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday through Friday

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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***Gloria Patri** Hymn # 70

***ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

***OPENING HYMN** #327
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

GOSPEL READING Matthew13:36-43

HYMN #347
"Spirit Song"

OUR TIME OF PRAYER
~Joys and Concerns
~General Prayers & Intercession
~The Lord's Prayer (in unison) # 895

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (We encourage you to share beyond your regular offering. The loose offering received today will go to the Good Samaritan Fund.

OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Tom Rodgers

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 13:15-27

SPECIAL MUSIC John Coen

MESSAGE Tom Rodgers
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CLOSING HYMN #370
"Victory in Jesus"

POSTLUDE **Jackie Howard**
***please remain seated**

***SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**



LanFair: Mary Chilcote, 313

Luxe: Jim Funkhouser, Eckert Wing, 207A

Magnolia Terrace: Jane Patterson, 56

Primrose: Bill & Doris Shauger, 121

The Ridge: Fred Beougher, 140

Continued Prayers are requested for:
Pat Disbennet, Phyllis Flowers, Clara Herrick,
Lloyd & Diann Helber, Bob Kane, Carl & Sharon Mathias, Vicki Oatney,
Michael Parrish, Beth Patton, Dottie Raymond,
Rod Shouldis, Kathy Starner, Don Taylor, Chuck and Judy Wheatley

*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.

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!

If you would like the church to pray for you or someone you know on the Sixth Avenue GMC e-mail prayer chain, contact Lee Ann or the church office. You can also let her know if you would like to be added to the prayer chain email list.

Trick or Treat is on Thursday, October 29th this year. We are adding more items and need your help to make it run smoothly. If you would like to help pass out goodies, please let Lee Ann or KJ know. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Narthex Counter. Thank you!

- **Adult Sunday school** has started a new season of fellowship and bible study with a series titled "How God Speaks." In the first session we will be discussing how God speaks to his people, reviewing several scriptures from the book of Exodus. We meet at 9:00 AM on Sundays in the Parlor and welcome anyone who would like to join us in reflecting on God's word in our life today as it has throughout history.

Reminder: all of Pastor Jeremy's sermons, including the upcoming Sunday's, is posted on the Shank Bank. Feel free to pass it around, post it to Facebook and tell a friend:
https://shankbank.blogspot.com

Weekly Designated Funds
Week 1 – Veteran's Burial Squad
Week 2 – Good Samaritan
Week 3 – Foundation Dinners
Week 4 – Faith Forward
Week 5 – Capital Improvement

Administrative Council Meeting Updates

- Your Administrative Council remains fully committed to be transparent and give timely dissemination of information to all members and friends of the Church in this season and beyond.
- At a special meeting on held on June, 21, 2026, and after much prayer and discussion, your Administrative Council voted unanimously to enter into a contract to sell our building to the **Salvation Army**.
- When the contract is fully executed, we will have up to five months to relocate our church. While this may sound like a lot of time, there are many things that need to take place
- One of the things we need to do is find a new location to meet, and whether to rent or buy initially. Several buildings have been mentioned in the Administrative Council meetings. The Board is now visiting locations to determine where we should relocate.
- Last Friday Patty Crist and I went to NW Title and signed our part of the closing paperwork. Now the Salvation Army will complete their portion and return it to the title company with a check and the building will become owned by the Salvation Army.
- If you have any suggestions for this move or any other locations, please contact any of your church leadership and/or through the church office.

Matthew 13:36-43
The Parable of the Weeds Explained

36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples
came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in
the field.”

37 He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of
Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the
people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one,
39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the
end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

40 “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be
at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels,
and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin
and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the blazing
furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of
their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Jeremiah 13:15-27
Threat of Captivity
15 Hear and pay attention,
do not be arrogant,
for the LORD has spoken.
16 Give glory to the LORD your God
before he brings the darkness,

before your feet stumble
on the darkening hills.
You hope for light,
but he will turn it to utter darkness
and change it to deep gloom.
17 If you do not listen,
I will weep in secret
because of your pride;
my eyes will weep bitterly,
overflowing with tears,
because the LORD's flock will be taken captive.
18 Say to the king and to the queen mother,
"Come down from your thrones,
for your glorious crowns
will fall from your heads."
19 The cities in the Negev will be shut up,
and there will be no one to open them.
All Judah will be carried into exile,
carried completely away.
20 Look up and see
those who are coming from the north.
Where is the flock that was entrusted to you,
the sheep of which you boasted?
21 What will you say when the LORD sets over you
those you cultivated as your special allies?
Will not pain grip you
like that of a woman in labor?
22 And if you ask yourself,
"Why has this happened to me?"—

it is because of your many sins
that your skirts have been torn off
and your body mistreated.
23 Can an Ethiopian[a] change his skin
or a leopard its spots?
Neither can you do good
who are accustomed to doing evil.
24 "I will scatter you like chaff
driven by the desert wind.
25 This is your lot,
the portion I have decreed for you,"
declares the LORD,
"because you have forgotten me
and trusted in false gods.
26 I will pull up your skirts over your face
that your shame may be seen—
27 your adulteries and lustful neighings,
your shameless prostitution!
I have seen your detestable acts
on the hills and in the fields.
Woe to you, Jerusalem!
How long will you be unclean?"

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