

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!

Welcome Rev. Doug Lynn: We are pleased to welcome our Guest Preacher, Rev. Doug Lynn to our worship service today. Pastor 'Debo is taking this Sunday off and will be back for his last Sunday in the Pulpit on October 26, 2025. Rev. Doug Lynn is not a stranger to our community of faith as he has preached here on a number of occasions and also walked alongside us for a season in 2024 as a Church Certified Coach and Mentor.

**Update on Future Plans for Sixth Avenue GMC:** The Administrative Council held its monthly meeting on Tuesday October 14 to discuss important matters in this season of transition. The leadership remains fully committed to transparent and timely dissemination of information to all members and friends of the Church in this season and beyond. The leadership is very appreciative of the demonstrated support from members and friends of Sixth Avenue GMC for our beloved Community of Faith. Please note the following:

- The leadership continues to engage with those who have inspected and have expressed interest in our property. More details will be shared as they become available. Please keep praying that God's Holy Spirit will guide the eventual buyers on the best way to use the beautiful facility to 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 there are at least four suitable options at this time but no final decision has been made yet. Updates will continue to be provided from time to time to members through the bulletin and a congregation wide letter will only be issued when the need arises. 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.
- The leadership has also continued to engage in robust conversations with our Presiding Elder, Rev. John Alice and Allegheny West Conference Leadership on the agreed plan to move to a part-time pastoral appointment with effect from November 1, 2025. More information will be shared once a final decision has been made on the new Pastor that will serve Sixth Avenue GMC effective from November 1, 2025.
- The Administrative Council on behalf of the members would like to express its deepest appreciation to Pastor 'Debo for his leadership and his family for their service and labor of love to our Community of Faith since March 1, 2022. Rev. 'Debo remains the appointed Pastor of our beloved Community of faith till the end of October 31, 2025, and continues to provide pastoral care and support.
- 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, 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 22** at the Sanctuary of 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 25-26**. This week's reading will focus on Paul's trial before Governor Porcius Festus and King Agrippa where Paul was forced to appeal to Caesar as a way to demand a fair and just trial. Please read the chapters in advance. We continue to enjoy 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. We will meet at Sixth Avenue GMC on October 29 to wrap up the study with chapters 27-28.

**2025** Charge Conference – Mark Your Calendar: A new date for the Charge Conference previously scheduled for Wednesday October 22, 2025, will be announced later. Thanks!

## Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

October 19, 2025 10:30 a.m.

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[2 Timothy 3:14-15, NIV]

#### **PRELUDE**

WELCOME Liturgist

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Liturgist

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

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#### \*ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*OPENING HYMN # 513

"Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

\*The Apostles' Creed

# 881

\*Gloria Patri Hymn # 70

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Doug

**HYMN** 

"Trust and Obey"

#467

**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 18:1-8

**MESSAGE** 

"Continue In What You Have Learned" Rev. Doug

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

#664

\*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

\*For those who are able, please stand.

# **Week At A Glance:**

## Wednesday, October 22, 2025

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Mt. Zion Sanctuary) 12:00 p.m. Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

# Saturday, October 25, 2025

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

## Sunday, October 26, 2025

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

# CELEBRATIONS IN OCTOBER 2025 Anniversaries

20 Colton Thress

**Birthdays** 

## **MINISTRY TEAM/STAFF**

Ministers: The People of This Congregation Media Team: Daniel Onabanjo & Paul Jassogne Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer Song Leader: Kathy Shafer Pianist: Jackie Howard Liturgist: Greg Howard

Guest Preacher: Rev. Doug Lynn Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



# Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church 1004 West Sixth Avenue Lancaster, OH 43130

October 19, 2025 (Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)



# Continue In What You Have Learned

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: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Tuesday through Friday

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#### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (October 19, 2025 – October 25, 2025):

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

#### Sunday October 19 (Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:21-29; Reflection Verse: Matthew 7:21

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Why will Jesus tell some people "I never knew you" when He returns in glory?

#### Monday October 20

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30; Reflection Verse: Matthew 25:21

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Are you a good and faithful servant? How will Jesus describe your service?

#### **Tuesday October 21**

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-8; Reflection Verse: Romans 12:2

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Have you discovered God's will that is good, pleasing and perfect?

#### Wednesday October 22

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-21; Reflection Verses: Romans 12:20-21

"On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: In what practical ways are you living into the biblical imperatives in today's reading? How can we avoid being overcome by the pervasive evil around us? How is doing good to our enemies a way to overcome evil?

#### **Thursday October 23**

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Reflection Verses: 1 Corinthians 13:4-6

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth."

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: Do you have the attributes of divine love described in today's reading?

#### Friday October 24

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-17; Reflection Verses: 2 Timothy 3:14-15

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What have you learned on your Christian journey that you need to continue doing?

#### Saturday October 25

Scripture Reading: Titus 2:1-15; Reflection Verse: Titus 2:15

"These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you."

Reflection Questions/Action for the Day: What are you teaching others by your example? What are you learning from others?

# 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God<sup>[a]</sup> may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

# **Luke 18:1-8**

## The Parable of the Persistent Widow

**18** Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. <sup>2</sup> He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

<sup>4</sup> "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

# **Call To Worship**

L: Paul reminded Timothy that everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

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# \*The Apostles' Creed

# 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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