



Bennington Glen: Jane Patterson

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, Sharon Funkhouser, Ed Gurile, Clara Herrick, Lloyd & Diann Helber, Mykel Henderly, Joan Irwin, Billy Jeffery, Jill Jubach, Eleanor & Bob Kane, Carl & Sharon Mathias, Carla (Mathias), Vicki Oatney, Michael Parrish, Beth Patton, Susan Russell, Rod Shouldis, Kathy Starner, Don Taylor, Greg & Sandie White.

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.

Nov. 10th – Happy 249th Birthday, USMC!
Mary Polliard

Nov. 11th – Happy Veteran's Day!
Mary Polliard

Missions Team to Kenya: The Mission Team from the Allegheny West Annual Conference safely returned to the country on Saturday November 2, 2024. We are thankful for your prayers and other generous support for Pastor 'Debo and Dana Anderson of Mt. Zion GMC who were part of the Mission Team of 19 individuals led by our Conference Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Jeff Greenway. The team had the opportunity to travel to different parts of Kenya and held a final debriefing meeting with their Kenya counterparts in Nairobi before leaving for home. The partnership which will lead to future visits by teams from both Conferences will span multiple levels – Conference, Circuit/District, Local church and Pastor-Pastor. We will let you know the date and time when Pastor 'Debo and Dana Anderson will provide an update and a presentation on their experience in Kenya and the opportunities for taking this partnership to the next level. Please continue to pray for our Conference leadership and that of the Kenya Conference led by Conference Superintendent, Rev. Wilton Odongo, as we together prayerfully discern next steps for this partnership. If you have any specific questions in the interim, please reach out to Pastor 'Debo or Dana Anderson. The leadership of both Conferences are currently working on the framework for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will guide this partnership which will be signed on completion.

2024 Charge Conference: The 2024 Charge Conference of the Lancaster Charge (comprising Mt. Zion GMC and Sixth Avenue GMC) has been scheduled for **1pm on Sunday, November 17, 2024** at Mt. Zion GMC. Our Presiding Elder, Rev. John Alice has authorized Rev. Karen Walters to preside at the Charge Conference. All members are encouraged to attend but only elected members of the Administrative Council will have voice and vote. Please mark your calendars and keep the upcoming annual gathering in your prayers.

Special Thanksgiving Eve Combined Service on Wednesday 11/27/24 at 6:30pm: We would like to extend a special invitation to join us for the Lancaster Charge Combined Thanksgiving Eve Worship Celebration on Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30pm here at Sixth Avenue GMC, 1004, W. Sixth Avenue, Lancaster, OH 43130. It will be a great opportunity for us to give thanks with our brothers and sisters from Mt. Zion GMC, family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you. Thanks!

Operation Christmas Child: The Evangelism/Outreach Committee would like to encourage members to pick a box to pack as a way to support this wonderful international evangelism and outreach initiative. If you are not able to pack a box, consider a special gift of \$25 which will be used to purchase items needed to pack a box. If you need additional information, please contact Lee Ann or check out the flyer at the Church Bulletin Board or Program Stand at the Narthex. Thanks!

Pastor's Bible Study: We invite you to please mark your calendar for our weekly time of study on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We will start the study of the Old Testament Book of **Esther** this week and will cover **chapters 1-3. Please read in advance.** Like the Book of Ezra and Nehemiah, this Narrative Literature Book introduces us to the lives of the Jews in exile in the new seat of power in the Eastern world at the time: Susa, the capital of Persia under King Xerxes. The story captures the rise of Hadassah (also known as Esther) to prominence as Queen and her Jewish uncle, Mordechai and how they worked together to reverse the wicked plans of Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite who had tricked the King into approving his plan to annihilate the Jews because of his anger with Mordechai who refused to bow before him like the others did. This Book reminds us that chance and circumstances are fully within the sovereign control of God and those who place their trust in God can fully count on His providential care. Even though God's name is never mentioned in this Book, we see God's pervasive presence and actions all through. This Book also reminds us that when we approach God in prayer and fasting, we can trust Him to grant us favor even in difficult moments. The courageous leadership and bravery displayed by Esther through the motivation of her uncle Mordechai is one of the truly inspiring moments in this wonderful story of God's people in exile. This Bible Study is open to all members of the community and we also pray for personal and general requests. Please invite a neighbor/friend to join us. Thanks!

Volunteers Needed: We are in urgent need of volunteers to help direct people as we implement some of the ingress and egress access changes at the church. Also, we need volunteers who can serve on the Hospitality Team as Greeters & Parking Lot Attendants and those who would love to help with the worship service by working on the Media Ministry Team. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Gregg Witham or Lee Ann Whitmer. Thanks!

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 to Pastor 'Debo at **614-296-1081** ahead of the prayer time.

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

November 10, 2024

10:30 a.m.

"But since you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you – see that you also excel in this grace of giving." [2 Corinthians 8:7]



PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor.

P: Having been enriched through Christ's poverty, our rich generosity should reveal His grace to others.

L: According to Jesus, the poor widow who gave her two cents put more into the treasury than the others.

P: Lord, teach us to model sacrificial generosity by first giving ourselves to you.

*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

399

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

*A Modern Affirmation

885

*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"Jesus, United by Thy Grace"

561

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

Mark 12:38-44

MESSAGE

Pastor 'Debo

"Excelling in The Grace of Giving"

*CLOSING HYMN

664

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:



Sunday, November 10, 2024

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

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

Saturday, November 16, 2024

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

Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

1004 West Sixth Avenue

Lancaster, OH 43130

CELEBRATIONS IN NOVEMBER 2024

Birthdays

6 Richard Sanders
7 Thomas Eblin
8 Anthony Wallis
9 Barbara Peters
9 Sarah Witham
11 Billie Stebelton
12 Cindy Smith
16 Keith Kern
19 Ken Disbennet
24 Nancy Strosnider
25 Sue Griffin
29 Paula Boetcher



Anniversaries

10 Lloyd & Diann Helber
12 Jeff & Sharon Byerly



November 10, 2024
(Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)



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

MINISTRY STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation
Media Team: Phyllis Flowers & Paul Jassogne
Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer
Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer
Custodian: Jeff Byerly
Pianist: Jackie Howard
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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (November 10, 2024 – November 16, 2024):

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

Sunday November 10

Scripture Reading: Genesis 4:1-16; Reflection Verses: Genesis 2:16-17

“In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering— fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What type of offering will you bring to the Lord today? (see **Hebrews 11:4**)

Monday November 11

Scripture Reading: Exodus 35:4-9, 20-29; Reflection Verse: Exodus 35:29

“All the Israelite men and women who were willing brought to the Lord freewill offerings for all the work the Lord through Moses had commanded them to do.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What is your attitude when it comes to offerings for the work of the Lord?

Tuesday November 12

Scripture Reading: Exodus 36:1-7; Reflection Verse: Exodus 36:5

“The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: I will partner with others in bringing more than enough for the Lord’s work.

Wednesday November 13

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 21:18-30; Reflection Verse: 1 Chronicles 21:24

“But King David replied to Araunah, “No, I insist on paying the full price. I will not take for the Lord what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How much is your generosity costing you? Is there room for improvement?

Thursday November 14

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-4, 19-24; Reflection Verse: Matthew 6:21

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: Where are you laying up treasures? Are you following the financial counsel of Jesus when it comes to handling earthly treasures?

Friday November 15

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 Question/Action for the Day: Are you rich toward God? Why or why not? What needs to change?

Saturday November 16

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Reflection Verses: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: I will give generously to support the work of God through my local church.

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

The Collection for the Lord's People

8 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵ And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶ So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you^[a]—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 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.

Mark 12:38-44

Warning Against the Teachers of the Law

³⁸ As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."

The Widow's Offering

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Praise the Lord, O my soul, all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

P: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits-

L: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

P: who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

L: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

*** 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.

The Breakthrough Prayer

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