



## PRAYER REQUEST

**Edgewood Manor (Lucasville):** Alan Fick, C3

**Hospice Pickering House:** Billie Stebelton, 10

**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:**

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

\*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.

When a Level 2 or higher snow emergency is issued, all church functions are canceled. This includes worship services, meetings, and activities.

Please check your local TV listings. (ABC 6 & 10TV)

**Weekly Bible Study** will continue this Wednesday, December 31, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel with Steve Templin.

We will be having a **Chili Bowl luncheon** on February 8 from 1-3 p.m. We are doing this in honor of the Super Bowl LX on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Jeremy invites everyone to take a moment to visit his blog.

Since 2012, he has been a regular blogger of his sermon transcripts.

You can find several of his blogs hosted on Blogger.com

As he was serving the Pleasant View church and working for Park national Bank, he started a brand-new blog which he will carry over to this new venture into the 6th Avenue GMC.

"The Shank Bank" is a current collection of all of his sermon material from 2025 and into 2026.

You can find your way there through the following link.

<https://shankbank.blogspot.com/>

The plan is for our weekly sermon to be posted on time each week before Sunday morning.

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

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## **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**

## Week At A Glance:

### Wednesday, December 31, 2025

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

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

### Thursday, January 1, 2026 (New Year's Day)

The office is closed.



### Sunday, January 4, 2026 (Epiphany Sunday)

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School (Parlor)

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

## CELEBRATIONS IN DECEMBER 2025

### Birthdays

31 Chuck Wheatley

31 Judy Wheatley

### Anniversaries

## CELEBRATIONS IN JANUARY 2026

### Birthdays

1 Pat Disbennet

2 Fred Beougher

### 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

Pianist: Jackie Howard

Liturgist: Greg Howard

Pastor: Rev. Jeremy Shank

## **Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church**

1004 W. Sixth Avenue

Lancaster, OH 43130

December 28, 2025

First Sunday after Christmas

## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY



## “Retelling the Story”

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

Pastor: Rev. Jeremy Shank

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Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church  
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December 28, 2025

10:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Liturgist

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**\*Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 70

**\*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*OPENING HYMN**     "Now Thank We All Our God"     #102

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 3:1-12

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT'S**

Diane Cochran

**HYMN**     "O God, Our Help In Ages Past"     #117

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Pastor Jeremy

**OUR TIME OF PRAYER**

- ~Joys and Concerns
- ~General Prayers & Intercession
- ~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

# 895

**BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER** (in unison)

**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.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Jeremiah 1:1-19

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Pastor Jeremy

**MESSAGE**     "Retelling the Story"

Pastor Jeremy Shank

**CLOSING HYMN**

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

#128

**\*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

\*For those who are able, please stand.

## Matthew 3:1-12

### John the Baptist Prepares the Way

**3** In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea **2** and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” **3** This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.’”<sup>[a]</sup>

**4** John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. **5** People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. **6** Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

**7** But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? **8** Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. **9** And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. **10** The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

**11** “I baptize you with<sup>[b]</sup> water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with<sup>[c]</sup> the Holy Spirit and fire. **12** His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

## Jeremiah 1

**1** The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, one of the priests at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. **2** The word of the LORD came to him in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah, **3** and through the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, down to the fifth month of the eleventh year of Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah, when the people of Jerusalem went into exile.

### The Call of Jeremiah

**4** The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

**5** “Before I formed you in the womb I knew<sup>[a]</sup> you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

**6** “Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

**7** But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. **8** Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

**9** Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. **10** See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

**11** The word of the LORD came to me: “What do you see, Jeremiah?”

“I see the branch of an almond tree,” I replied.

**12** The LORD said to me, “You have seen correctly, for I am watching<sup>[b]</sup> to see that my word is fulfilled.”

<sup>13</sup> The word of the LORD came to me again: “What do you see?”

“I see a pot that is boiling,” I answered. “It is tilting toward us from the north.”

<sup>14</sup> The LORD said to me, “From the north disaster will be poured out on all who live in the land. <sup>15</sup> I am about to summon all the peoples of the northern kingdoms,” declares the LORD.

“Their kings will come and set up their thrones  
in the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem;  
they will come against all her surrounding walls  
and against all the towns of Judah.

<sup>16</sup> I will pronounce my judgments on my people  
because of their wickedness in forsaking me,  
in burning incense to other gods  
and in worshiping what their hands have made.

<sup>17</sup> “Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. <sup>18</sup> Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land – against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. <sup>19</sup> They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.