Holgate Community Church

"Making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"

August 2026/September 2026

Message from the Pastors:

If any of us doubt the wonder of God's creation, we need to look no further than our own bodies. The adult human body is composed of 206 bones, 640 muscles, and 78 internal organs, which makes up 12 organ systems. Sprinkled throughout the rest of the body is 900 ligaments, thousands of tendons, and individual cells that number greater than 100 trillion. God assembled a group of those cells together, and He created tissue. Then He attached tissues together, and formed organs. He networked the organs so they operate independently yet congruently with each other, and established organ systems. And when everything is working properly at once, we have one body with a vast number of parts. All separate, all unique, yet all connected and unified.

The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, used that analogy to describe the Church of Christ. In Ephesians 4:16, he wrote, 'For whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does it share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.' Being part of the Church of Christ is similar to being part of the human body. We are all unique in our gifts and our abilities, yet we are also purposeful in the mission Christ has given to us. Every Christian has the privilege of being part of something larger than themself; they are part of the body of Christ.

Consider this then: we all have two dimensions in Christ. We have a uniqueness in Christ that adds to the unity of Christ. So are we enjoying and fulfilling both aspects? If we fail to use our gifts, our uniqueness, to further the message of Christ, we are creating a void in His mission work. Likewise, if we fail to unify with others in Christ's church, if we withhold our fellowship with the body of believers, we are all disjointed and segregated from the collective power of Christ. Just as every part of the human body is vitally important for survival, so is every part of Christ's spiritual body as well.

We implore you to understand the wonder that is you. Understand your gifts, and celebrate the loving creation that you are. Find a church family if you do not have one, a place where the power of Christian unity will be forged and infused by the blessings of the Holy Spirit. Then be part of the growth that builds up others in love!

Pastor Shawn and Pastor Diane

Joy and Hope Youth Group

No report this month - the kids are on summer break!!

Sunday School

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BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER:

Scripture Verse: Hebrews 11:8

'By faith, Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.'

Prayer:

Father of mercy:

You have called us to walk by faith. Let us be fully committed to this calling. Walk along with us, guiding us and directing us in our mission. We trust that if waiting occurs, it will only build our faith. We know you will always be faithful to us. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS



As a reminder, if you have a prayer request that you would like shared with the Prayer Chain, please contact either:

Pastor Shawn: 313-999-2653 **Pastor Diane: 419-438-0685**

Stay in touch ONLINE and through our SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS:

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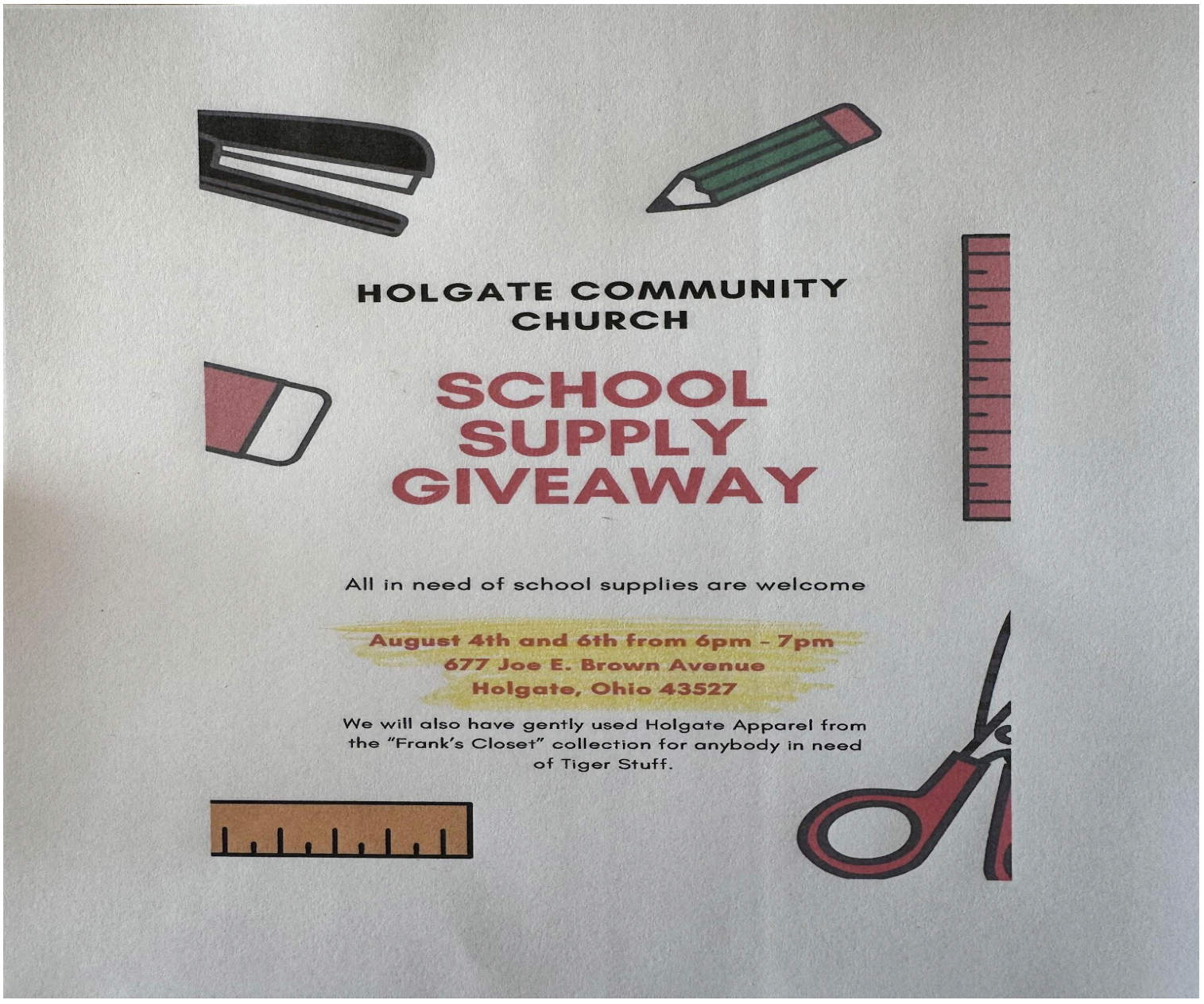
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LifeWise

Continue to pray for LifeWise, the leaders, the teachers and the students. Pray for the lessons taught to be planted in the hearts and for the growth that God does to be abundant in their lives and their families lives. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Missions

August 4 and 6 from 6pm-7pm each evening, we will have our school supply giveaway at the church. If you are available and want to help, please come out. If you know someone in need, let them know. Thanks to all who gave to buy the supplies needed.



Update on Serving Opportunities

We still have the following areas open as opportunities for serving within our church:

- Song leader/Praise Leader
- Children's Sunday School teacher
- Camera operator
- AudioVisual creator/presenter
- Any new ministry opportunity you can think of!! Serving in the church is the greatest gift we can give to others and give to ourselves. Let us know what you would like to do!

Holgate Community Church - What's Next??

Holgate Community Church is a bushel of activity as we enter late summer and early fall. We have multiple activities going on, but they all share one common goal: serve our community in Christ's name. Fortunately, we have an engaged church to handle the task.

On August 4th and 6th, we will have our annual school giveaway. Children from every local school in our area will be welcomed to come to our church from 6 pm to 7 pm to pick up as many school supplies as they need to start the new school year. Everything from pencils to packs of paper, binders to bottles of glue, will be available, all absolutely free. There will also be clothing and Holgate gear as well, generously donated from Frank's Closet. Envelopes for donations to fund the supplies are available at the offering plates if you wish to help support this worthwhile project. Also, anyone willing to help keep supplies stocked on the nights of the event and bag supplies for kids can just let Angie know.

On August 9th, we will celebrate our annual Bob Evans Ice Cream Social, serving from 11 am - 1 pm. We will be serving our traditional hot chicken and hot beef sandwiches, along with some hot dogs. We have potato salad, noodles, desserts, desserts, and even more desserts. And did we mention ice cream??? This is a whole church event designed to feed a whole community, so there is a job for everyone. Sign up sheets are at the church for needed tasks, or just show up on the day of the event, and we will find everyone a way to serve.

Worship Plans for August

Date	Pastor	Message
2	Pastor Shawn	
9	Diane Simon	'Share the Gospel'
16	Diane Simon	'No Other Name'
23	Pastor Shawn	
30	Pastor Diane	'Fruit of the Vine'

August Worship Leaders

AUG	PASTOR	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	CAMERA	AUDIO/VISUAL	TRANSPORTATION
2	Pastor Shawn	Levi Zachrich	Haizel Hartman	Gabe Moore	Nikki Hastings	Kevin Simon and Barb Fritz
9	Pastor Diane	Barb Fritz	Jack Hastings	Stephanie Zachrich	Nikki Hastings	Chris Kelly and Deb Wagner
16	Pastor Diane	Chris Kelly	Holice Hartman	Levi Zachrich	Stephanie Zachrich	Kevin Simon and Barb Fritz
23	Pastor Shawn	John Fritz	Hudson Hartman	Gabe Moore	Stephanie Zachrich	Chris Kelly and Deb Wagner
30	Pastor Diane	Deb Wagner	Haizel Hartman	Levi Zachrich	Stephanie Zachrich	Kevin Simon and Barb Fritz

Worship Plans for September

Date	Pastor	Message
6	Pastor Diane	'Witnessing Like a Warrior'
13	Pastor Shawn	
20	Pastor Diane	'What Makes God Angry'
27	Pastor Shawn	

September Worship Leaders

SEPT	PASTOR	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	CAMERA	AUDIO/VISUAL	TRANSPORTATION
6	Pastor Diane	Kevin Simon	Jack Hastings	Stephanie Zachrich	Nikki Hastings	Chris Kelly and Deb Wagner
13	Pastor Shawn	Levi Zachrich	Holice Hartman	Stephanie Zachrich	Nikki Hastings	Kevin Simon and Barb Fritz
20	Pastor Diane	Nikki Hastings	Holden Hartman	Levi Zachrich	Stephanie Zachrich	Chris Kelly and Deb Wagner
27	Pastor Shawn	Barb Fritz	Haizel Hartman	Gabe Moore	Stephanie Zachrich	Kevin Simon and Barb Fritz

August Events

Birthdays

4 Jeff Stober
8 Gina Wellman
9 Harper Pelfrey
11 Emma Zachrich
18 Kasen Wellman
19 Stacy Bowers
20 Marj Huber
25 Doug Hentges
26 Mary Brown
27 Caitlyn Ellerbrock



Anniversaries

6 Ed & Pat Cooper
13 Ken & Elaine Muntz

Events

9 Bob Evans' Annual Memorial Ice Cream Social-11am-1pm
12 Leadership Meeting-7pm
12 Together We Can Make A Difference-6pm-7pm
26 Together We Can Make A Difference-6pm-7pm

September Events

Birthdays

1 Abby Baker
6 Tim Bowers
8 Hollis Hartman
12 Eric Evans
15 Marc Miley
16 Jamey Wellman
22 Lisa Hanson
26 Wayne Wolf



Anniversaries

16 John & Barb Fritz

Events

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