

Holgate Community Church

“Making new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”

October 2025/November 2025



Message from the Pastors:

Our concept of gratitude and thanks takes all of us back to a banquet served in 1621 at Plymouth Rock. That celebration was held to commemorate the survival of those Pilgrims through an arduous trip overseas, plague after plague, and that first winter, which claimed almost two-thirds of those who reached the new land. It generated the tradition that every year in our country, we should celebrate a day of thanks for the blessings we receive.

However, we do not have the patent on this practice. For the ancient Jewish race held not one, not two, but three separate Feasts of Thanksgiving. They included the Feast of First Fruits, the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) and the Feast of Tabernacles. In all of them, they gave praise to God for his provision and bountiful harvest.

But then something changed. Jesus came and turned the world upside down, including how we give thanks. Since all the underlying purposes for those Jewish feast days were fulfilled in the Messiah, there was no need to establish set days to display outwardly our gratitude. It became an internal process.

Likewise, our method of giving thanks as believers changed as well. While we all celebrate the national holiday of Thanksgiving, offering gratitude to God is not strictly an annual event. It is a daily, intentional act of acknowledging God's presence, His purpose, His protection, His provision, and the peace that can only come from Him.

Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonians, states it very clearly for us: 'in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.' (Chapter 5, verse 18). In Christ, we have reason and opportunity to express our thanks to God for all things at all times. The reason: He is our Savior and Redeemer, and we owe Him our life - our eternal life. The opportunity: particularly for us in this nation, we can openly express our praise and gratitude to the one King of Kings. In that alone, we should be thankful.

So does that mean we no longer have to celebrate a traditional day of Thanksgiving with all its food, fun, fellowship, and football? That is not what it means at all. But what it does present for us is yet another reminder of giving thanks on that day, along with every other day of the year!!

Happy Thanksgiving Day (every day!!!)

Pastor Shawn and Pastor Diane

Joy and Hope Youth Group

The Youth are ready for another round of Sunday School. We welcome Haizel Hartman to our class!!

Sunday School

Sunday School is back in session! Class started on September 28th.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER:

Scripture Verse: Ephesians 5:18-21

'Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart for the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another the fear of God'

Prayer:

Beloved Father:

We are surrounded by Your blessings. We see them in our homes and communities. We see them in our work and our family: in all our relationships. Let our gratitude for all You do for us be the evidence that Your Holy Spirit is at work in our lives. Let our praise for You be ever on our lips! 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

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LifeWise

LifeWise began classes in September with now over 90 Holgate students attending each week! Praise God! Several students say they read their Bible during the summer as well as a student mentioned his mom is reading the Bible with him. God is so good! Keep praying for this program to grow in the Elementary, Middle school and High School. Thank you for continued prayers, continued donations and volunteering.

Oct. 19th from 11:30 am to 1pm, the Ohio Youth Congress will be making a pancake breakfast at our church with all proceeds going to the Holgate LifeWise. It's a freewill donation for the breakfast. Please come and invite others to come too! Many blessings to you all! May God get the glory for all He is doing in our community!

Missions

There will be a Fifth Quarter on October 18th at The Holgate Community Church for all Middle school and High School students for an hour after the football game. A time of the students coming together to hang out, play games, and eat some snacks. If you know or have these school aged students, let them know about it. Three churches in our community will be helping with this event... St. John Luthern, St. Peter Luthern and Holgate Community Church. May God bless this event as we come together in Christ to serve and encourage our youth. If you are available to help this evening or would like to donate cookies or other sweet things let Angie Moore know. Blessings!

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??

There are a lot of things happening at HCC, and this serves as a precious reminder to us as to why we placed the word 'Community' in our church name following the disassociation. The community has responded to our invitation of being the center for the community, and it is evidenced by the following.

First of all, Lifewise is in the building again! We welcome this year's wealth of Lifewise students and our prayers are over each and every one of them throughout this year. The 'handprints' are back on the wall, so please take time to pray over them as often as you can. Let your prayers cover their teachers and administration as well.

Secondly, we are working with area pastors and will be hosting a 5th quarter event for the students from the school. The first event will be on October 18th, following the football game. There will be snacks and board games, music or movies - plans are still in the making. If any of you would love to donate some snacks or your time to this endeavor, please let the leadership know.

Thirdly, we recently celebrated at our church the life of a community member upon his passing, and that person was not even a member of the church. He expressed the desire to have his services here and his family, as well, followed through with those wishes. Likewise, it was truly our honor to do so.

Lastly, we have numerous affiliations and memberships that meet here every week. And the invitation is open to others as well. The more we keep the lights on at our church, the more His light has a chance to shine.

Always remember: we are Holgate Community Church. We honor Christ the King by sharing His Words, His Wisdom, and His love with our outreach and mission. And you all are an integral part of this movement!!!



Worship Plans for October

Date	Pastor	Message
5	Diane Simon	'The Recipe for Revival (Part I): Tell the Story'
12	Diane Simon	'The Recipe for Revival (Part II): Unfathomable Forgiveness'
19	Shawn Moore	
26	Diane Simon	'The Recipe for Revival (Part III): Living Christ'

October Worship Leaders

OCT	PASTOR	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	CAMERA	AUDIO/VISUAL	TRANSPORTATION
5	Diane Simon	John Fritz	Jack Hastings	Levi Zachrich	Nikki Hastings	Chris Kelly and Deb Wagner
12	Diane Simon	Deb Wagner	Holice Hartman	Gabe Moore	Stephanie Zachrich	Kevin Simon and Barb Fritz
19	Shawn Moore	Chris Kelly	Hudson Hartman	Stephanie Zachrich	Nikki Hastings	Chris Kelly and Deb Wagner
26	Shawn Moore	Kevin Simon	Haizel Hartman	Levi Zachrich	Stephanie Zachrich	Kevin Simon and Barb Fritz

Worship Plans for November

Date	Pastor	Message
2	Diane Simon	'Gratitude for our Attitude'
9	Diane Simon	'Gratitude for our Fortitude'
16	Shawn Moore	'Gratitude for our Solitude'
23	Shawn Moore	'Gratitude for our Multitude'
30	Diane Simon	'The Lights of Christmas (Part I): The Light of Hope'

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2	Diane Simon	Nikki Hastings	Jack Hastings	Gabe Moore	Stephanie Zachrich	Chris Kelly and Deb Wagner
9	Diane Simon	Levi Zachrich	Holice Hartman	Levi Zachrich	Stephanie Zachrich	Kevin Simon and Barb Fritz
16	Shawn Moore	Barb Fritz	Hudson Hartman	Stephanie Zachrich	Nikki Hastings	Chris Kelly and Deb Wagner
23	Shawn Moore	Deb Wagner	Haizel Hartman	Gabe Moore	Nikki Hastings	Kevin Simon and Barb Fritz
30	Diane Simon	Kevin Simon	Jack Hastings	Levi Zachrich	Stephanie Zachrich	Chris Kelly and Deb Wagner

October Events

Birthdays

- 3 Elaine Muntz
- 6 Josh Miller
- 9 Harper Pelfrey
- 16 Audrey Bowers
- 17 Tom Miley
- 18 Rebecca Fenner
- 24 Mindi Kern
Riley Ehlers
- 28 Nikki Hastings
- 30 Bailey Hullinger
- 31 Kyle Brinkman



Anniversaries

- 5 Todd & Chris Kelly
- 15 Kevin & Diane Simon
- 20 Noah & Autumn Zachrich
- 20 Wayne & Ila Wolf

Events

- 8 Leadership Team
Meeting 7pm
- 8 Together We Can Make a
Difference 6pm-7pm
- 22 Together We Can Make a
Difference 6pm-7pm

November Events

Birthdays

- 2 Kaylynn Wellman
- 7 Pastor Susan St. Peter
- 15 Ken Muntz
- 17 Lindsey Muntz
Noelle Miller
- 21 Amy Baker
- 22 Jennifer Burkhart
- 28 Deb Burkhart

Anniversaries

- 9 Greg & Lindsay Hartman

Events

- 12 Leadership Team Meeting
7pm
- 12 Together We Can Make a
Difference 6pm-7pm
- 26 Together We Can Make a
Difference 6pm-7pm



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