Holgate Community Church

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

October 2026/November 2026

Message from the Pastors:

J. Ellsworth Kalas of Asbury Seminary was counseling an elderly man once upon a time who seemed to have an absence of thankfulness in life. The man, in retelling his problems to Pastor Kalas, went from one seemingly disastrous moment in his life to another. This went on for some time, each story bearing the brunt of his ungrateful nature. The man asked Dr. Kalas what he could do to turn it all around. Dr. Kalas told this gentleman the following: 'Some years ago, I bought a house on Gratitude Street. I can't say when I made the purchase, because getting this house wasn't like signing a conventional contract. But of this I am absolutely sure: I never intend, ever again, to live anywhere else.'

Here in our country, it is not much of a challenge for us to celebrate Thanksgiving Day every year. We all love food. We love family and friends. We love football. This is one holiday that has something for everyone. It is an entirely different thing, however, to live on Gratitude Street all the time. In order to qualify to be part of this 'neighborhood', certain behaviors are warranted. We must intentionally count our blessings every day. With the awareness of those blessings, we must express thanks for their bounty. And we must make it our daily goal to find thanksgiving in every circumstance, no matter the situation. Those are the people who live on Gratitude Street.

The residents of Gratitude Street never celebrate a 'Fat Tuesday', for they are always thankful for what God has provided them to eat. They never observe a Black Friday either. You see, there can be no day *after* Thanksgiving because everyday *is* Thanksgiving. Every day is an opportunity to jot down something they are thankful for and start or add to a Thanksgiving list. No matter the circumstance, there is always something to be thankful for.

How many of us live on Gratitude Street? How many would like to? Start with today, thanking God for what He has provided. Thank a family member, a friend, the clerk in the store, the barista at our favorite coffee shop. Say something simple like, 'I appreciate you.' One of the greatest perks as a home owner on Gratitude Street is that it costs us nothing to improve our property, to add rooms to our house, or to install that in-ground pool we have always wanted. Life is good on Gratitude Street!!

We are thankful for all of you!!!!!

Pastor Shawn and Pastor Diane

Joy and Hope Youth Group

With the revamping of our Sunday School classes, we have added 2 new individuals to our class. Welcome aboard Hudson Hartman and Jack Hastings! The course of study for this year will be the 'Fruits of the Spirit'. We will begin classes on September 27th .

Sunday School

Sunday School has started up again, and our Cherub Class has been a big hit (see our note under 'What's Next?'). Our littlest ones seem to have taken well to the class time during service. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this class, please let Grace Zachrich know.

The Youth Group also began their Sunday school class this year with their annual start up lesson: Pictionary!! Lessons will begin officially on 10/4.

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 to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.'

Prayer:

Father,

We are surrounded by Your blessings. We see them in our home and our church. We see them in our work and our purpose. We give thanks to You for all the goodness You have provided. As your Holy Spirit fills us, let our lives be filled with gratitude to You for all You do for 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**

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LifeWise

Classes are all in session! This is our 6th year of LifeWise! We currently have Ellen Wilhelm as the Director, 10 awesome Volunteers, Jada Eis as our MS/HS teacher, Angie Moore as the elementary teacher, 85 Elementary students and 11 Middle School/ High School students attending. Praise God! The students are learning many things such as how to use a Bible, finding a book, chapter and verse. They love reading out loud together. Lessons have begun about Creation, how to rely on the Holy Spirit, learning about the life of Jesus and more. Continue to pray for understanding and seeds to grow in their hearts. LifeWise Pancake Fundraiser will be on Sunday, Oct. 11 from 11:30 am - 1pm at our church. Hope to see you all there and bring a friend or two! We appreciate your prayers and continued support.

Missions

Thanksgiving: We will be collecting monetary donations for Thanksgiving baskets for several families in need. Donations will go toward non-perishable food as well as a gift certificate to purchase fresh food. Anyone interested in helping with this project, please let Chris or Stephanie know.

Christmas: Christmas tags for children in our community will be available in late November. These tags are gift suggestions to purchase for the children we sponsor. Gifts are asked to be wrapped with the tag attached to the gift (so we know who it goes to). If interested in helping with this project, please see Chris or Stephanie.

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??

Now that summer is almost over, many thanks to those who have completed projects this year. Our graduate give away was very successful, and it is always an honor to pray over these seniors as they begin a new phase in life. Our school giveaway was also a success, with school supplies being given to students from multiple school districts. For those who donated to either or both of these causes, know that it simply wouldn't happen without you. Thank you for being engaged in these mission projects.

An update regarding the addition to the front of the church. Bids have been reviewed by various contractors and the contractor and price has been locked in. They will begin construction in the spring. More information to come as we advance further into the project.

Finally, a new development. With the advent of so many little ones into our congregation, we have had to restructure our Children's Sunday School classes. During service, we will provide a class for the wee ones (infants and toddlers). They will have a short lesson, do some coloring, watch a video, and no doubt eat some snacks. School age children will now be part of the Joy and Hope Youth Group, where they will join their more senior members in deciding what curriculum they will have, what activities they would like to do, and of course, eat cookies. A big thank you to Grace Zachrich for her work in arranging the new 'Cherub Class' and for all who volunteer to assist Grace with that. What a wonderful problem to have, and what dedicated people we have to solve it!

Worship Plans for October

Date	Pastor	Message
4	Diane Simon	'The Glorious One'
11	Shawn Moore	
18	Shawn Moore	
25	Diane Simon	'A New Life in Christ'

October Worship Leaders

OCT	PASTOR	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	CAMERA	AUDIO/VISUAL	TRANSPORTATION
4	Diane Simon	John Fritz	Jack Hastings	Levi Zachrich	Stephanie Zachrich	Kevin Simon
11	Shawn Moore	Deb Wagner	Holice Hartman	Gabe Moore	Nikki Hastings	Chris Kelly
18	Shawn Moore	Chris Kelly	Hudson Hartman	Stephanie Zachrich	Nikki Hastings	Deb Wagner
25	Diane Simon	Kevin Simon	Haizel Hartman	Levi Zachrich	Stephanie Zachrich	Chris Kelly

Worship Plans for November

Date	Pastor	Message
1	Diane Simon	'Gratitude for the Faith of Believers'
8	Diane Simon	'Gratitude for the Support of the Brethren'
15	Shawn Moore	'Gratitude for Being Thankful in all Circumstances'
22	Shawn Moore	'Gratitude for the Steadfastness of the Church under Persecution'
29	Diane Simon	TBD

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8	Diane Simon	Levi Zachrich	Holice Hartman	Stephanie Zachrich	Nikki Hastings	Kevin Simon
15	Shawn Moore	Nikki Hastings	Hudson Hartman	Levi Zachrich	Stephanie Zachrich	Deb Wagner
22	Shawn Moore	Deb Wagner	Haizel Hartman	Gabe Moore	Stephanie Zachrich	Kevin Simon
29	Diane Simon	Chris Kelly	Jack Hastings	Stephanie Zachrich	Nikki Hastings	Deb Wagner

October Events

Birthdays

3 Elaine Muntz
6 Josh Miller
9 Harper Pelfrey
16 Audrey Bowers
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
Wayne & Ila Wolf

Events

14 Leadership Meeting-7pm
14 Together We Can Make A Difference-6pm-7pm
28 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

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