



## Ithaca Church of God

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**Our Mission:** The mission of the Ithaca Church of God is to be a people in pursuit of: A **great commitment to, The Great Commandment and The Great Commission** to grow a **great church**.

# Welcome to Ithaca Church of God!

**Ithaca Church of God is a place where people can meet Jesus, engage in life- giving community, and grow in their faith. We believe in creating a space where people can have authentic encounters with Christ, discover their gifts, and use them for God's glory. We love to celebrate those things together, because together is the best place to be!**



The church was founded in 1918 and has celebrated 100 years of continuous ministry in 2018 and have been served by ten senior pastors. Since 1996 there have also been four different youth pastors and one pastor of family life.

The church is strategically located across from the Ithaca High School in the heart of the community and also serves the Fulton and Ashley communities. We serve our community by providing a meal to teachers at the beginning of each school year, providing snacks for the schools, providing items for the local Food Pantry and serving meals at the Lansing Rescue Mission, plus many other missional outreaches.

- ❖ The church is currently made up of six different generations. Being a multi-generational church gives a sense of belonging for everyone. There are activities and missions for each generation. We value each generation and their ideas and perspectives.
- ❖ The governance structure consists of a stewardship with one representative of each ministry of the church. Each ministry consists of a team of others.

The current ministries are:

- Building, Maintenance, Grounds and Equipment
- Business and Finance
- Technology
- Compassionate Ministries
- Missional Outreach
- Men's Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Family Life, Recreation and Fellowship
- Worship and Praise
- Life Groups
- Youth Ministries
- Christian Education
- Hospitality
- Spiritual Gifts and Administration

## OUR VISION

LOVE GOD, LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND  
LOVE OUR COMMUNITY





# THE CITY OF ITHACA

Cherish the past...Living for the future... Come grow with us.

We are a rural community located in the center of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

We are the Gratiot County Seat. Ithaca greets visitors from all corners of the state and is the midpoint of the U.S. 127 corridor. The freeway provides a fast and convenient route to all major metropolitan areas. Ithaca is a short drive from Lansing (the state capital), Mt. Pleasant and the Great Lakes Bay Region which includes Saginaw and Midland.

Geographically the Ithaca area is flat land surrounded by fertile farmland.

The area enjoys a moderate climate with January being the coldest and July being the warmest.

As of the 2020 census, our population was 2,853 and Gratiot County was 41,761.

The Ithaca Public School District includes 3 schools. South Elementary consists of grades Pre K through 2nd.



North Elementary consists of grades 3 through 6th. Ithaca Jr. High grades 7-8 and Ithaca High School grades 9-12 are located in the same complex. Our schools excel in academics and in extracurricular activities.

There are 8 four-year colleges and 4 community colleges within an hour's drive of Ithaca.

Ithaca supports ten churches. They include: Ithaca Church of God, Seventh Day Adventist, Ithaca Baptist Church, Oasis Community Church, Church of Latter Day Saints, St. Paul's Apostle Catholic Church, Ithaca Living Hope Church, Ithaca First Presbyterian Church, Edgewood Church of God, and Ithaca Wesleyan Church.

The Ithaca Church of God is strategically located across from the Ithaca High School.

## Pastor Profile

The Ithaca Church of God seeks a Senior Pastor who is spiritually mature and can help nurture all generations by:

- Being committed to evangelize and disciple through community outreach
- Working with church leadership to impart a vision for ministry
- Developing relationships through collaboration and discipleship
- Nurturing every generation
- Ensuring the spiritual empowerment and wellbeing of the congregation
- Having a formal theological understanding of God's ultimate word along with practical ministerial experiences
- Be a leader not only in the church, but also in the community through essential engagement

## Senior Pastor Profile Information

The Ithaca Church of God is ideally located at the crossroads where youth and adults come to learn and grow together. The church sits on a spacious lot where people of all ages can come to worship and enjoy the company of others.

The Ithaca Church of God is committed to supporting our Senior Pastor with:

1. A church who supports and loves their pastor and family
2. A wonderful rural community to live in
3. Full-time salary and benefits package
4. A parsonage next to the church

The Ithaca Church of God is a great place to worship and be with families who want to grow and mature in Christ. We actively invest in our communities through love, compassion, and evangelism. We are a church of opportunities. Come and grow with us. Come and be a part of our church family where exciting things are happening.



VBS is hosted at Ithaca Church of God in conjunction with four other churches, Ithaca Living Hope, Ithaca Presbyterian, Oasis, and Edgewood Church of God.



Youth helping to lead morning worship on Youth Service Sunday, which is every third Sunday of the month.