

## Mission Statement

To the glory of God, the Harvest Community Church is to gather and nurture God's growing family.

### Purpose

To **Glorify** God through worship in spirit and in truth  
To **Gather** God's family through outreach  
To **Grow** in grace and knowledge of Jesus through discipleship  
To **Give** back of ourselves what God has given through service  
To be **Grafted** to one another through Holy Spirit fellowship

### Core Value

**If anything good is going to happen, God has to do it.**

**Therefore, it is important for us to always look to discern what God is doing and join Him in His work.**

**Such discovery will be**

- **Led by scripture**
- **Based on spiritual giftedness**
- **Bathed in prayer**
- **An outgrowth of small group intimacy**

### ELDER/DEACON DISTRICTS:

**J. Pepper/R. Duits—Baum thru Griffin**

**K. Oosterhouse/T. Zook—Hilley thru Pepper**

**D. Beach/S. Oosterhouse—Redder thru T. Zook**

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## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### Sunday Services

**Worship Service**—9:30 a.m. (Children's Worship during service)

**Sunday School**—11:00 a.m. Sept-May

**Small Group Ministry**—Sunday evenings  
(CHEERS in the home 1st and 3rd Sundays,  
Bible Study at church 2nd and 4th Sundays.)

### Weekday Ministries

**Coffee Break/Story Hour/Little Lambs**

Wednesdays 9:00—10:45 a.m. Sept.—May

**Moms in Touch Prayer**

Wednesdays—11:30 a.m. Sept-May

\*CHEERS (Caring, Hope, Encouragement, Enlightenment, Respect, Support)

### Consistory-

Pastor Ben Ridder

Elders Joel Pepper—2019

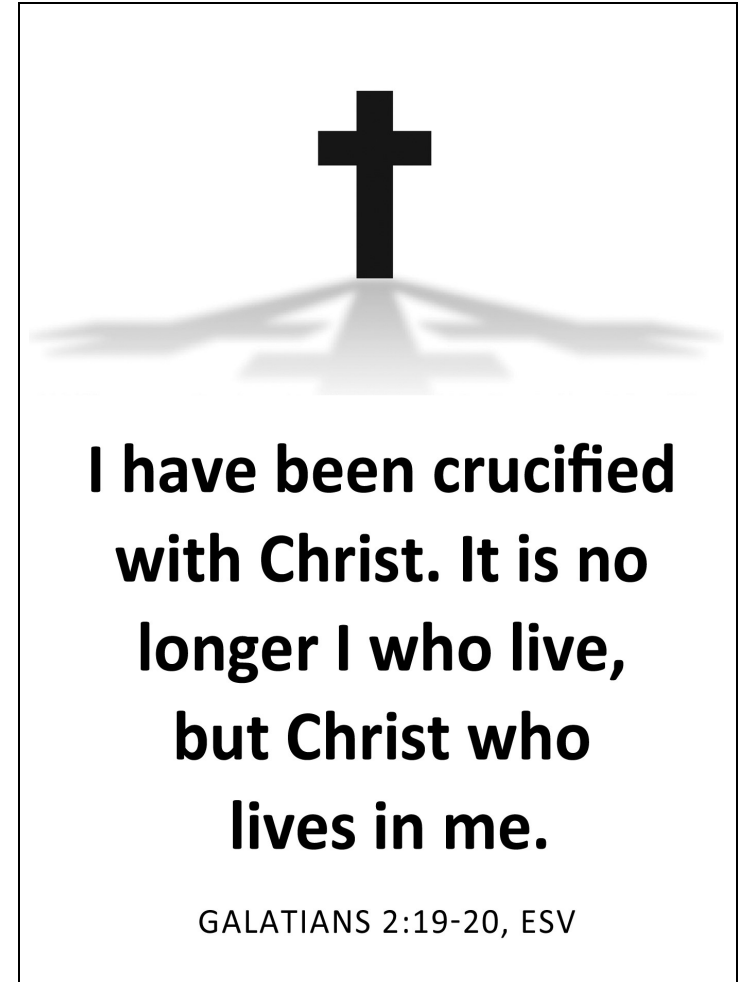
David Beach—2020

Ken Oosterhouse—2021

Deacons Tyler Zook—2019

Seth Oosterhouse—2020

Richard Duits—2021



# Welcome

November 4, 2018

*We are happy you are here!*

*“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20*

## Morning Worship

**Message:** Living Sacrifices

**Scripture:** Romans 12:1-2

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Tonight: 6:00 - Church History Study

*Please join us for coffee and fellowship time following the service this morning*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This morning** we welcome Pastor Ben's good friend, Tom DeVries (recently retired from Middleville CRC) to lead us in worship. Pastor Ben and Karilynn are caring for their grandchildren in Maryland.

**Second Offering next** Sunday is for Open Doors, a ministry to those who are being persecuted for their faith.

**The new Prayer Chain** is in your mailboxes this morning. When a prayer need comes up, all those who have indicated an email address will be contacted that way and others who indicated a phone number will be called. In the case of an emergency, everyone will be contacted by phone. When you have a prayer need, call the church office (374-8697) or Pastor Ben (374-8576) and the chain will be activated.

**Church History Study Group** meets tonight at 6:00. If you signed up to be a part of this group, a list of Scripture verses for you to read before the meeting was emailed to you this past week. There are a few copies on the back table today also. Food will be supplied by the K.Oosterhouse small group and A. Mason/L. Nurenberg small group.

**Outreach Purpose Group** will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30.

**Coffee Break/Little Lambs** will not meet this week. Our next

meeting will be Wednesday, November 14 when we will look at our last lesson on the Beatitudes—Matthew 5:10-12.

**From the Deacons.** The parsonage repair project which includes siding, soffits, some windows, and enclosing the screen porch as an indoor living area will begin soon. Total project cost is \$35,000. We have budgeted some of the cost in Capital Improvement Fund and we have received about \$9500 in offerings. Through your generous giving we are hoping for another \$5500 to meet our goal of \$15,000. Please consider how you may be able to help. Any donations can be noted and put in the offering plate or sent to the church office. Thank you!

**At our November 18 worship service** we will be remembering our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. All are invited to the shared dinner following the service. Please see the back table, sign up and take a recipe from the folder to make for the dinner. Recipes from the top 14 of the most persecuted countries on the World Watch List will be featured.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**—The Sunday School kids will be packing shoeboxes in their classrooms during the Sunday School hour on November 18. We are looking for donations for the boxes. You can choose items from the green slips on the side wall, from the back table, or by going online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094EA5AA2AA4FA7-operation1>, or if you prefer, you can pack your own box(es) at home. There are boxes in the library room downstairs.

**Church Family:** Congratulations to Ben and Amber Zook in the birth of a new daughter. Reagan Elizabeth joined the family on Friday, October 26. There is a basket by the mailboxes for any gifts you would like to give to Reagan.

**Lakewood Community Council Christmas Baskets**—Harvest will be participating again this year in this community wide ministry to families who need assistance. We are asked to supply gifts for ten girls-age 8, five girls-age 13, and two girls-age 11. See the back table for the sign up sheet and for other ways you can help make this Christmas brighter for someone in the Lake Odessa area.

**Sign up for a Free Advent devotional** - "Holy Impatience" is the topic of an email devotional series put together by World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice. It features reflections from CRC ministries around the world for the 2018 Advent season. We will explore "doing justice" in a world that belongs to God, a world where many are, with holy impatience, both celebrating glimpses of the kingdom and eagerly yearning for it. Each reflection will be delivered to your email inbox every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting December 3, 2018, through Christmas Day. Go to [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent) to sign up today!

*“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him for he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:6,7*

Please pray for \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (tear off and place in offering or prayer room bowl.)

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service
	11:00 am—Sunday School
	6:00 pm—Church History Study
Monday	7:00 pm—Worship Team
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

## **From the Deacons: Offerings Received**

October 28	General Fund	\$ 3,228.50
	Benevolent Fund	\$366.00

## ASSIGNMENTS

### Nursery

Today: Jenny Reynolds, Harlene Westendorp,  
Jessica Kastanek

November 11: Julie Kastanek, Joann Gerke, Emily Kastanek

### Greeters

Today: Lee and Carole Jackson

November 11: Cindi Coats, Bob Green

### Prayer Family this week

Keep in your prayers this week: Dave Zook family

### Prayer Ministry

Today: Sandy Stoel                      November 11: Gail Pepper

### Coffee Host/Hostess:

Today: Sandie Burke

November 11: Fritz and Bonnie Frost \*Snacks—Open

\*Sign up sheet to provide snacks is on the back table