

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

Church phone—374-8697
Church email—info@harvestcrc.com
Pastor's email—ben@harvestcrc.com
Church website: www.harvestcrc.com

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

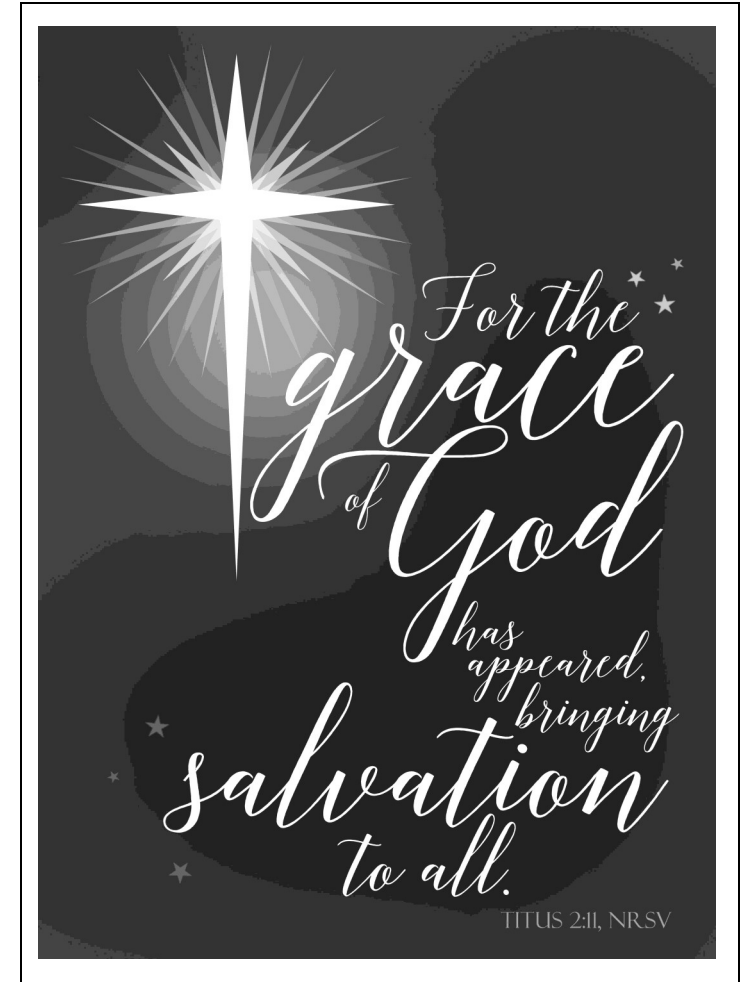
David Beach—2020

Ken Oosterhouse—2021

Deacons Tyler Zook—2019

Seth Oosterhouse—2020

Richard Duits—2021



Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

December 16, 2018

We are happy you are here!

“For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.” Romans 6:6-7

Morning Worship

Message: Why the Name “Jesus”?

Scripture: Mathew 1:18ff

Page 681 in the blue Bibles

Today: 6:00 pm Church History Small Groups

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we look at the angel’s command to Joseph about the name of the child the Virgin Mary was carrying: “You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” At what point do you experience being “saved” from your sins? And what is it, regarding sin, that you are saved from? Is it something we can know and enjoy in this life or is it only for the next life? God was very specific in the choice of His incarnate name: JESUS. Why?

Second offering next Sunday will be for the Guiding Light Mission, a ministry to the down and out men on the streets of Grand Rapids.

Christmas Choir will be rehearsing this afternoon at 4:00.

Church History Study is meeting tonight at 6:00.

Consistory will meet this Wednesday evening at 7:00. Elder Ken Oosterhouse will be leading us in our devotional time.

Coffee Break/Little Lambs meets on Wednesday at 9:00

am as we continue our study of the Sermon on the Mount. Our passage this week is from Matthew 5: 21-30. All women are invited to attend. Little Lambs and nursery is available for children.

The parsonage repair project (siding, windows, improvements) is ongoing. Thus far we have received \$13,156 of our targeted goal of \$15,000 in offerings to help with the total project cost of \$35,000. Thank you for your generous donations toward this goal! Anything you would like to give can be noted and put in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

Advent Schedule

1. We will be having a Christmas Eve Candle Light Service on Monday, December 24th at 7:00.
2. There will be no Sunday School classes on the 23rd and 30th of December.

Ornaments on the tree by the coat room in the back of the auditorium are for sale. All money taken in goes directly to Women at Risk, a ministry that helps victims of human trafficking. Instructions are on the wall in the coat room.

Harvest Table—We would like to get a group of women together on Tuesday, January 8 here in the Harvest kitchen to prepare food for the freezer. Our plan is to have ready-to-heat-up meals available for people following hospital stays or other life disrupting events. Any questions you have can be directed to Marilyn DeJong.

Church Family

The latest letter from Mike and Ardy Meekhof, our missionaries in Zuni, New Mexico has been placed in all your mailboxes.

New address: Darl and Diane Redder
8955 52nd St. SE
Ada, MI 49301

From World Renew. Jesus is Abundant Life—Celebrate God’s power made visible in His son, Jesus Christ, who was born to bring us salvation. Give the powerful gift of Uzima, “fullness of life,” (Jn. 10:10) to someone experiencing poverty, hunger, and injustice this Christmas—a goat, a plow, or a farm starter kit. There are catalogues on the back table with order blanks.

“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
Monday	7:00 pm—Worship Team
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break/Little Lambs
	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting
	7:00 pm—Consistory Meeting

From the Deacons: Offerings Received

December 9:	General Fund	\$ 4234.50
	World Renew	\$ 421.00

ASSIGNMENTS

Nursery

Today: Marshann Ludema, Joann Gerke, Anna Zook
Dec. 23: Harlene Westendorp, Bonnie Frost, Jon Kastanek

Greeters

Today and December 23: Terri Cappon

Prayer Family this week

Keep in your prayers this week: Dave Beach family

Prayer Ministry

Today: Karilynn Ridder Dec. 23: Sandy Stoel

Coffee Host/Hostess:

Today: Fritz and Bonnie Frost

Dec. 23: Harlene Westendorp Snacks—Open

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