

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
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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

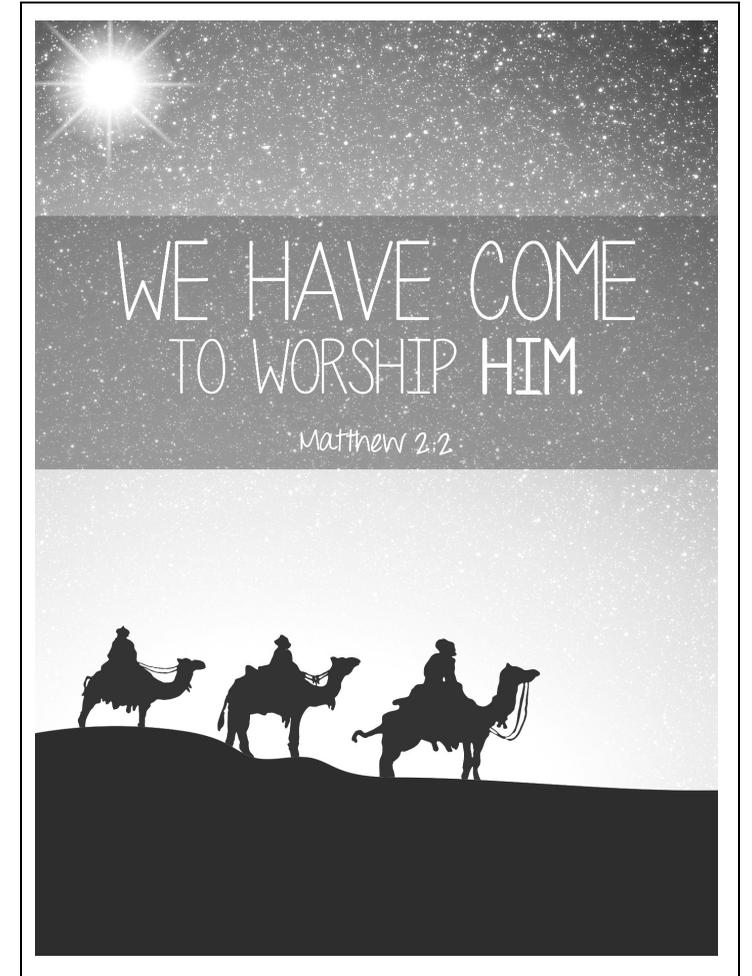
David Beach—2020

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 23, 2018

We are happy you are here!

“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 6:6-8

Morning Worship

Message: Christmas Demonstration

Scripture: Galatians 4:4-5

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No Hebrews Study tonight

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we move on in our advent series from the world needing Christmas and our needing Christmas, to God’s needing Christmas. How can Almighty, Self-Sufficient God need anything? Follow along this morning and find out.

Second offering this morning is for Guiding Light Mission, a downtown Grand Rapids ministry to the down and outers of the city.

Sunday School classes will not be meeting this morning nor next Sunday morning. All classes will resume meeting on January 6th.

Christmas Choir will meet this afternoon at 4:00 for rehearsal.

Hebrews Study will not be meeting this evening.

Next Sunday, Mr. Richard Mearns will be sharing with us from God’s Word. Pastor Ben and Karilynn will be visiting family in Maryland.

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service will beheld tomorrow night at 7:00.

Coffee Break/Little Lambs will not be meeting this week or next. Our next meeting will be January 9.

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.

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.

January 14 Classis Meeting at Princeton CRC will feature a workshop for anyone interested—7-8:30 pm. The workshop description is as follows: Congregations today are met with a new fast changing culture. There is a sense of urgency to recognize the cultural influences on the church and the new tools and skills that are needed for the congregation to meet these changes. Yet change is often met with fear and sense of loss. Amy Schenkel from Resonate Global Missions and Laura Keeley from Faith Formation Ministries will lead an hour-long workshop identifying these cultural shifts and considering changes that churches can make to respond to them. Resource Take-Away: an evaluative tool for your current missional and faith formation activities.

Church Family:

Card of thanks—”Hello, my name is Jessica. I wanted to thank everyone who helped me raise enough money to go on the Washington D.C. trip. It was an amazing experience! I am so grateful that I got to go. Thank you again to everyone who helped make it possible!” Jessica Kastanek

From World Renew: Jesus was born for This—God offers us abundant life through His son, Jesus Christ. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas this week, include a gift for someone in need through the World Renew Gift Catalog. Your gift of a wheelchair, a sewing machine, or an adult literacy class is the best gift someone who lives in poverty, injustice or disaster will receive this year. God to worldrenew.net/gifts to give or call 800-333-8300 to order. There are also catalogs on the back table.

“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
	4:00 pm—Choir Practice
Monday	7:00 pm—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

From the Deacons: Offerings Received
December 16: General Fund \$ 1,639.50

ASSIGNMENTS

Nursery

Today: Harlene Westendorp, Bonnie Frost, Jon Kastanek
Dec. 30: Sherri Van’t Land, Julie Kastanek, Gabe Flohr

Greeters

Today: Terri Cappon

Prayer Family this week

Keep in your prayers this week: Joyce Brinningstaull family

Prayer Ministry

Today: Sandy Stoel Dec. 30: Gail Pepper

Coffee Host/Hostess:

Today: Harlene Westendorp

Dec. 30: Noah Garn Snacks—Open

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