

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

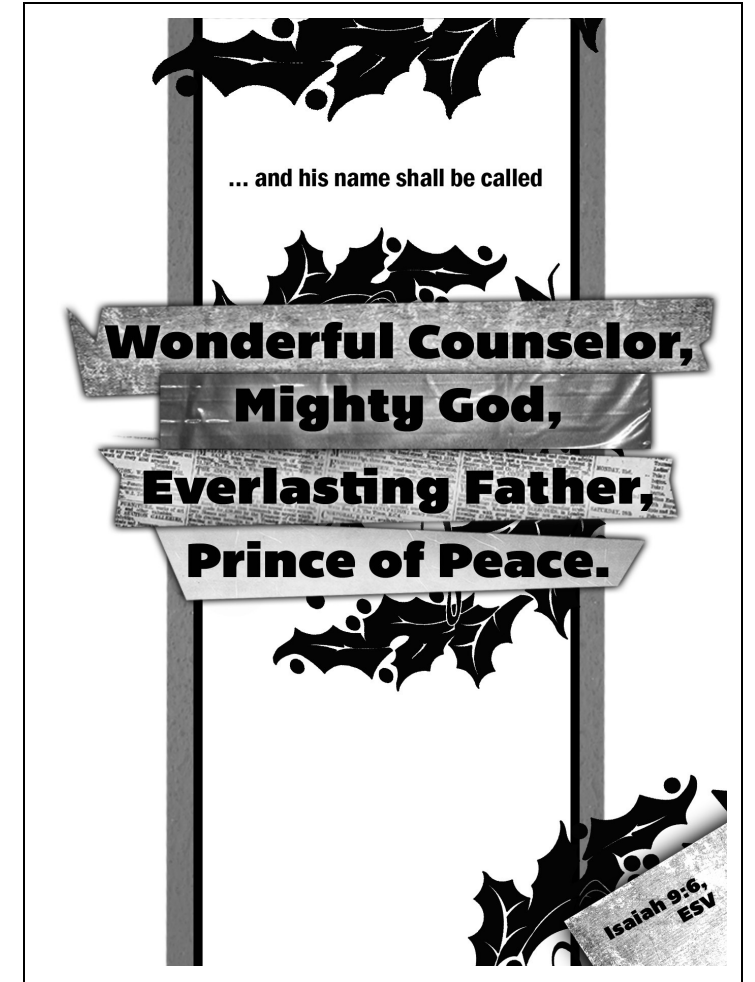
David Beach—2020

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 9, 2018

We are happy you are here!

"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." God to Abram, Genesis 12:3

Morning Worship

Message: A Blessing to All

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3

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Today: 5:00 pm—Hebrews Study

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we begin our look at a couple of Advent themes, the first one being a promise made to Abraham some 4000 years ago; fulfilled 2000 years later and continues to be fulfilled to this day. We are going to take a big picture look at Christmas ending with the wonderful reality that even when God is silent, he is not still.

Second offering this morning is for World Renew, our denomination's ministry to developing countries and disaster response.

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

Hebrews Bible Study will meet this evening at 5:00. Please read 5:11-6:8 in preparation.

Congregational meeting will be held following the service this morning. The single item on the agenda is to adopt the proposed 2019 budget. Adult Sunday School will be in session following this meeting.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry: We want to thank all who participated in this annual ministry. We were able to drop 61 boxes off at the collection center.

Coffee Break/Little Lambs meets on Wednesday at 9:00 am. This week: Matthew 5:17-20. 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. Our annual Christmas Eve Candle Light Service will be held on Monday evening, December 24th, 7:00.
2. Sunday School for all ages will not be meeting on the Sundays of December 23rd and 30th.

This Christmas Season—would you please check your closets at home and if you have any no-longer-needed, gently used coats, boots, snow pants with working zippers, etc., please bring them in for the Coat Closet downstairs. We would like to keep the closet up to date for those who could use help this winter. Thank you!

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.

Church Family: Shirley Lich is recovering from some health issues at Mary Free Bed in Lansing. If you would like to send a card of encouragement to her, send to:

Mary Free Bed Rehab
Attn: Shirley Lich
Room F633-01
1215 E. Michigan Ave.
Lansing, MI 48912

Advent is "Fullness of Life" - The miracle of Advent brings us Uzima – "fullness of life" (Jn. 10:10). Through World Renew's 2018-2019 Gift Catalog, you can help a family with a filter for clean water to drink, give a child the food they need to grow with a nutrition kit, or provide shelter to a disaster survivor. Give someone the opportunity to experience fullness of life today. Give at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-333-8300 to order. There are catalogues 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
	10:45 am—Congregational Meeting
	11:00 am—Sunday School
Monday	7:00 pm—Worship Team
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break/Little Lambs
	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons: Offerings Received

December 2: General Fund \$ 3,344.50
Parsonage Improvement \$25.00

ASSIGNMENTS

Nursery

Today: Karilynn Ridder, Kelly Duits, Jon Kastanek
Dec. 16: Marshann Ludema, Joann Gerke, Anna Zook

Greeters

Today and December 16: Terri Cappon

Prayer Family this week

Keep in your prayers this week: Joy Baum family

Prayer Ministry

Today: Jackie Sheldon December 16: Karilynn Ridder

Coffee Host/Hostess:

Today: Marshann Ludema

Dec. 16: Fritz and Bonnie Frost Snacks—Open

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