

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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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

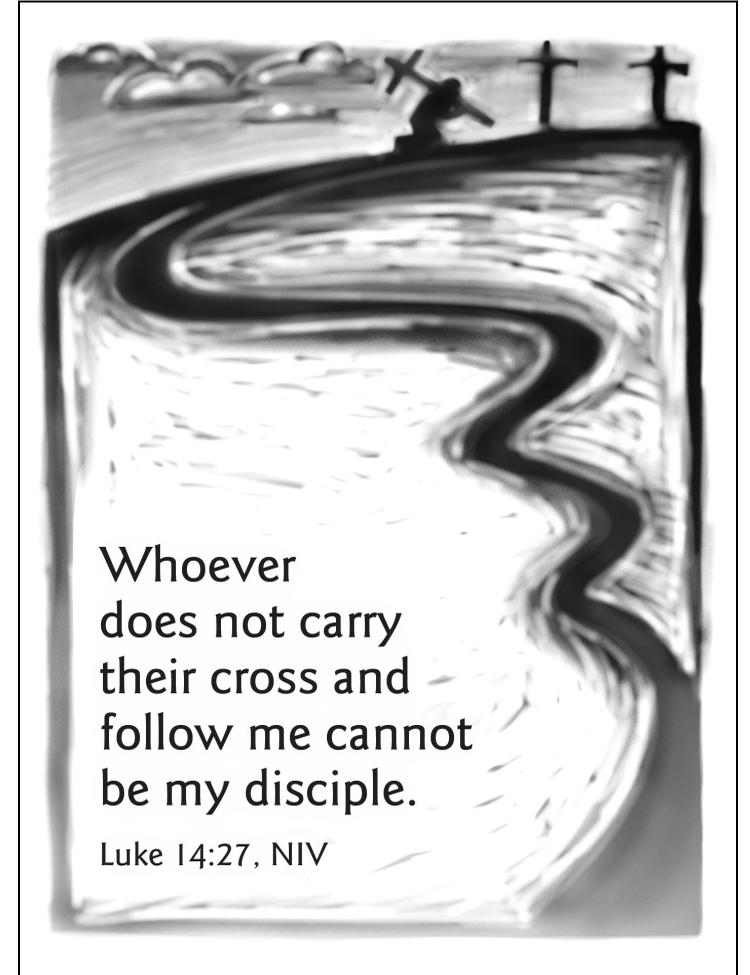
David Beach—2020

Ken Oosterhouse—2021

Deacons Tyler Zook—2019

Seth Oosterhouse—2020

Richard Duits—2021



Whoever
does not carry
their cross and
follow me cannot
be my disciple.

Luke 14:27, NIV

Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

January 6, 2019

We are happy you are here!

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me, will find it.’” Matthew 16:24-25

Morning Worship

Message: The Cost of Followership

Scripture: Luke 9:57-62

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Tonight: Church History Study

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In the middle of our traditional New Year’s resolutions, where does Jesus fit? Among the more popular resolutions about losing weight, eating better, exercising more (or at least a little), studying harder fixing relationships— is there room for “becoming a better follower of Jesus”? We may be hesitant to make such resolutions because it smells too much like self-help legalism. Or, we may be hesitant because we don’t like what we think that might entail. This morning let’s remove a couple thousand years of assumptions and hear the call of discipleship from the lips of the Master.

Second offering this morning is for the Benevolent Fund of Harvest Church.

All Sunday School Classes resume this morning following the Worship Service.

Coffee Break/Little Lambs meets on Wednesday when we will be looking at Matthew 5:31-37; 19:3-9 from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount for our study and discussion time.

Giving Reports for your 2018 offerings are in your mailboxes this morning.

The parsonage repair project will be completed soon. We are just under \$2000 from meeting our goal of \$15,000 collected for this project. 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.

Our TREASURE HUNT event is being planned for the afternoon of Saturday, February 2. This will be a fun time for the whole family. There are sheets on the back table that show the volunteers that will be needed. Please check and see where you can be helpful.

Outreach Purpose Group workshop is tomorrow night, January 7 at 6:00 to prepare materials for the Treasure Hunt event scheduled for February 2. Join us if you can, to help get things ready. Pizza will be provided. If you will be coming, please let Tina Leazier know so we will know how many will be eating with us.

Harvest Table food preparation is changed to Thursday, January 17 at 1:00 here in the Harvest kitchen. We’ll be preparing food for the freezer in order 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 15 (note date change) 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.

“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 6:00 pm—Small Group Church History Study
Monday	6:00 pm—Outreach Treasure Hunt Workshop/Pizza 7:00 pm—Worship Team
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break/Little Lambs 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons: Offerings Received

December 30: General Fund \$ 4,911.50

ASSIGNMENTS

Nursery

Today: Jenny Reynolds, Mary Flohr, Brennan Reser
January 13: Lisa Nurenberg, Kelly Duits, Peighton Reser

Greeters

Today and January 13: Phil and Sandie Burke

Prayer Family this week

Keep in your prayers this week: Terri Cappon family

Prayer Ministry

Today: Joel Pepper January 13: Cindi Coats

Coffee Host/Hostess:

Today: Carole Jackson

January 13: Joyce Tuitman Snacks—Open

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