

## 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

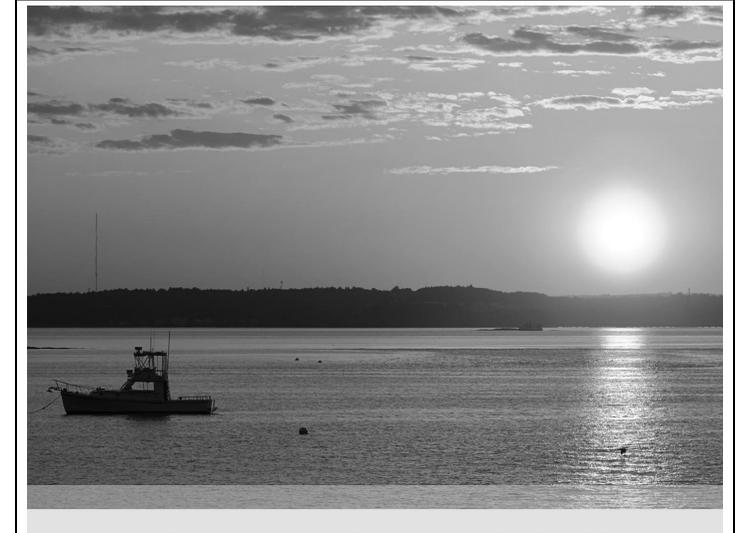
David Beach—2020

Ken Oosterhouse—2021

Deacons Tyler Zook—2019

Seth Oosterhouse—2020

Richard Duits—2021



*I Have Learned  
the Secret*

of being content in any and every  
situation, whether well fed or hungry....

Philippians 4:12 NIV

*Harvest Community  
Church*

*A Christian Reformed Ministry*

*620 Sixth Avenue*

*Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849*

# Welcome to Harvest Church

August 18, 2019

*We are happy you are here!*

*“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God as said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5*

## Morning Worship

**Message: Learning Contentment (2)**

**Scripture:** Philippians 4:10-19

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**Adult Sunday School Sermon Discussion 11:00 am**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This morning** we continue sitting in the classroom of the Apostle Paul as he teaches us the secret of how to be content in each and every circumstance, focusing in on that famous and oft-quoted verse: “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:13). As often as this verse is quoted in the public square, it is equally as often misunderstood and misapplied. It may surprise some folks to know this verse has nothing to do with scoring a touchdown or winning a race; while having everything to do with learning to be content.

**Second Offering** is for Starfysh ministry, devoted to helping the people of La Gonave, one of Haiti’s islands. Local physician Steve Edmondson is the founder and current board member of Starfysh and has been here several times to describe the ministry.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is before us this morning. All are invited to participate who:

- Humble themselves in repentance before God, considering their own sin.
- Trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, believing their sins are forgiven wholly by grace for the sake of our

Lord’s sacrifice on the cross.

- Resolve to live in faith and obedience with his neighbor.

Children who profess a faith in Jesus as their Savior are also welcomed.

**Congregational Meeting** will be held this morning following the service. We will be taking a vote of affirmation for the following two men to their respective nominated offices: Jason Flohr as elder and Joe Leazier as deacon.

**From the Outreach Purpose Group.** As you are out shopping for good deals during this ‘Back-to-School Sale’ time, please consider including some items on your shopping list for filling Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. This November the Outreach Team is planning to facilitate the packing and sending of as many shoebox gifts as possible to kids around the world who would otherwise receive nothing this Christmas.

### **Church Family:**

**-Joyce Tuitman** submitted to surgery this past week to clean up debris and relieve pressure between some of the disks in her back. She is at home recovering. Please keep her in your prayers for a complete recovery and freedom from pain.

**-We express** our Christian sympathy to Ken and Evie David in the passing of their brother-in-law, L.D. Stuart this past week. Please pray for God’s comfort for all the family.

**From Faith Formation Ministries.** Family Faith Formation Tip—Give an anxious child a tangible reminder that God is with him or her. Maybe it’s a special bracelet or necklace, or even a small “pocket stone” with the word “Peace” written on it. Having something meaningful to hold on to in anxious moments can help a lot (Faith Formation Ministries, crena.org/FaithFormation)

**Groundwork: Faith and Chronic Pain or Illness**—Cancer diagnosis, long-term illnesses, and chronic pain can alter our daily reality and cast a shadow of uncertainty over our future hopes and dreams. Join Groundwork and study passages like Romans 8:18-26 and Psalm 13 to gain a spiritual perspective on chronic pain and illness, and to find out how your faith can support you throughout the journey. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

*“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.” I 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—Congregational Meeting 11:00 am—Adult Sunday School Sermon Discussion
Monday	7:00 pm—Worship Team
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

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

August 11: General Fund \$4,046.32

## ASSIGNMENTS

### Nursery

Today: Bonnie Frost, Kelly Duits, Anna Zook  
August 25: Joann Gerke, Chelsea Booth-Zook, Erika Leazier

### Greeters

Today: Phil and Sandie Burke  
August 25: Joel and Gail Pepper

### Prayer Family this week

Keep in your prayers this week: Joe Ludema family

### Prayer Ministry

Today: Sandy Stoel August 25: Gail Pepper

### Coffee Host/Hostess:

Today: Fritz and Bonnie Frost  
August 25: Noah Garn

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