

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. Flohr/J. Leazier—Baum thru T. Hilley
K. Oosterhouse/R. Duits—Jackson thru Reynolds
D. Beach/S. Oosterhouse—B. Ridder 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

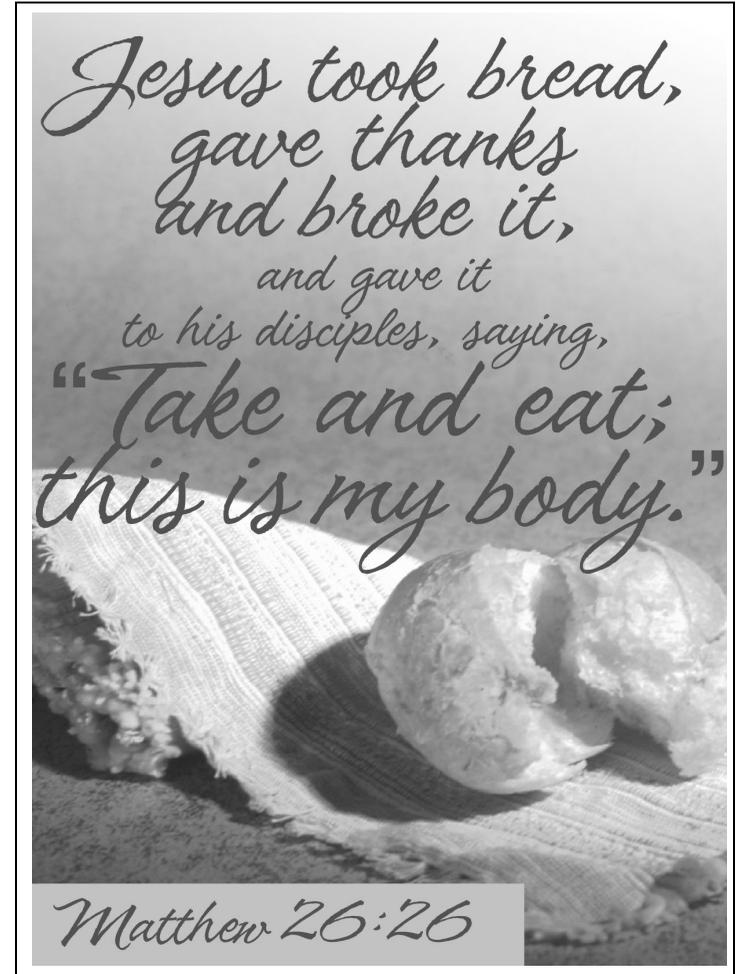
*CHEERS (Caring, Hope, Encouragement, Enlightenment, Respect, Support)

Consistory-

Pastor Ben Ridder

Elders David Beach—2020
Ken Oosterhouse—2021
Jason Flohr—2022

Deacons Seth Oosterhouse—2020
Richard Duits—2021
Joe Leazier—2022



Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

October 20, 2019

We are happy you are here!

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor? Who has ever given to God that God should repay Him? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.”
Romans 11:33-36

Morning Worship

Message: The ‘Why?’ of Suffering

Scripture: John 9:1-5

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Sunday School Classes for all ages—11:00 am

CHEERS Small Groups—6:00 pm

Children’s Worship meets this morning for ages 3-6. Children are dismissed to go downstairs (accompanied by a parent) during the offering.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we continue in our series of the miracles of Jesus (signs) as recorded by the gospel of John, we turn our attention to the healing of a man born blind as found in John 9. Even before the miracle itself, the disciples ask what might seem to be an odd or curious question to our ears, which Jesus answers with a word concerning all kinds of suffering experienced by the children of God. Let’s turn our attention to the words of Jesus to any and all in the middle of suffering.

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

Children’s worship for ages 3-6 meets this morning. Please accompany your child(ren) downstairs during the offering.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper is before us this morning, the Lord Jesus being our host. 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.

From Dust to Glory study group meets this evening at church at 6:00. This study involves an overview of the message of Scripture. Anyone is welcomed to attend. Bring a snack to share if you’d like.

Needed: Volunteers to help supervise the Sunday School children downstairs between the church service and the beginning of Sunday School. Please see Ken Oosterhouse if you would be willing to be put on a schedule for this ministry.

Coffee Break and Little Lambs meets on Wednesday at 9:00. We are beginning a new study entitled Peter, Learning to be Like Jesus. All women and their preschool age children are invited to attend.

Prayer Chain Update. The current prayer chain is being updated for the coming year. Please sign the sheet on the back table if you would like to be included. Note: You must sign up even if you are on the current chain.

Prayer for the Persecuted Church. On Sunday, November 3, we will join with other Christians around the world to pray for our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted worldwide, for their professed faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. After the Sunday School hour, we will be sharing a meal featuring recipes from Nigeria, as well as focusing in more particularly on the persecution taking place in that country currently. There are recipes to use on the back table. Make sure you sign out what recipe you have taken.

Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child shoe box ministry is right around the corner. See the signs around church and begin packing your shoe box. There are empty boxes with instructions included beneath the church mailboxes for you to take home. See today’s bulletin insert for more ways to be involved.

Church Family: Our sympathies are extended to Joy Baum in the passing of her mother, Jeanne this past week. We also rejoice with Joy in the sure knowledge of mom’s place before the throne of her Lord in heaven.

It is nearly time for the collection of gifts for the Lakewood Community Council’s Christmas Basket Program. This year Harvest is asked to supply \$10-\$12 gifts for 10 boys age 10 and 8 boys age 15. Warm hats, water resistant mittens and gloves (any size), and financial contributions are also very much appreciated. See the sign up sheet on the back table. Wrapped and tagged gifts will be due here at Harvest by Tuesday, December 3.

“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 classes for all ages 6:00 pm—CHEERS Small Groups
Monday	7:00 pm—Worship Team
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break/Little Lambs 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons: Offerings Received

October 13: General Fund \$1,937.00

ASSIGNMENTS

Nursery

Today: Lisa Nurenberg, Marilyn DeJong, Jon Kastanek
Oct. 27: Sherri Van’t Land, Mary Flohr, Peighton Reser

Greeters

Today: Dave and Kay Beach
Oct. 27: Lee and Carol Jackson

Prayer Family this week

Keep in your prayers this week: Seth Oosterhouse family

Prayer Ministry

Today: Joel Pepper Oct. 27: Cindi Green

Children’s Worship

Today: Val Livingston, Jessica Kastanek, Jeremiah Flohr
Oct. 27: Hannah Pennington, Derrica Desgranges, Anna Zook

Coffee Host/Hostess:

Today: Joyce Tuitman *Oct. 27: Fritz and Bonnie Frost
*Sign up sheet to provide snacks is on the back table