

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

IN HIM
and through
FAITH
IN HIM
we may approach
GOD
with
FREEDOM
and
CONFIDENCE.

EPHESIANS 3:12, NIV

*Harvest Community
Church*

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

November 3, 2019

We are happy you are here!

“The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad it it.” Psalm 118:22-24

Morning Worship

Message: When Truth is Unwanted

Scripture: John 9:13-34

Page 759 in the blue Bibles

Sunday School Classes for all ages—11:00 am

CHEERS Small Groups—5:00 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

This morning we take a final look at the story of the healing of the man born blind in John 9. What follows the miracle is a series of interrogations by those who don’t want to believe that Jesus is the Son of God, revealing for us several characteristics of unbelief.

Second Offering this morning for Open Door, a ministry that seeks to provide support to Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith. Monies collected this morning will go towards the purchase and delivery of Bibles into areas where the Word of God is hard to come by.

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

From Dust to Glory Biblical Survey study will meet this evening at 6:00. Tonight’s talk will focus on the fall of humanity into sin, Genesis 3. Bring a snack to share.

Prayer for the Persecuted Church. We’ll be joining Christians around the world this morning in spending some time praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters. Check your mailboxes for prayer helps and a bookmark to remind you to

continue your prayers for those who are persecuted for their faith around the world.

Shared Dinner today following Sunday School, featuring Nigerian recipes. We will also be finding out more about the persecution taking place in Nigeria as well as be given an opportunity to encourage believers in their walk.

As part of our time together next Sunday, we will hear the profession of faith of Isaac and Kelly Duits, as well as witness the baptisms of children Elliana, Vance, and Charlotte.

Today is the last day to sign up for the prayer chain for the coming year. See the sheet on the back table. Even if you are on the present chain you must sign up again to continue.

Coffee Break and Little Lambs meets on Wednesday at 9:00. We will be looking at Matthew 14 this week as we discuss Peter’s lesson on trusting God. All women and their preschool age children are invited to attend.

Outreach Purpose Group meets next Monday, November 11 at 6:30 pm.

Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child shoe box ministry is in progress. There are empty shoeboxes with instructions included beneath the church mailboxes for you to take and fill at home. You can also donate toward the project or supply a few items that are still needed from the side wall by the prayer room.

Lakewood Community Council 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 are due here at Harvest by Tuesday, December 3.

Advanced Notice: Community-wide Thanksgiving Service will be held Wednesday evening, November 27th 7:00 at the Congregational Church of Lake Odessa.

Thank you card—“Thank you all so much for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement on my recent trip to Minnesota and the passing to glory of my Mom. I felt God’s presence and His healing strength the entire time. I appreciate all of you!” Joy Baum

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - Some wisdom to think about and talk about this week: "It’s a gift to joyfully recognize and accept our own smallness and ordinariness. Then you are free with nothing to live up to, nothing to prove, and nothing to protect. Such freedom is my best description of Christian maturity, because once you know that your 'I' is great and one with God, you can, ironically, be quite content with a small and ordinary 'I.'" —Richard Rohr, Radical Grace: Daily Meditations. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crca.org/FaithFormation)

“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
	11:00 am—Sunday School classes for all ages
	6:00 pm—Dust to Glory Study
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 27: General Fund \$2,792.00

ASSIGNMENTS

Nursery

Today: Jenny Reynolds, Harlene Westendorp, Brennan Reser
Nov. 10: Bonnie Frost, Joann Gerke, Gabe Flohr

Greeters

Today and November 10: Lee and Carol Jackson

Prayer Family this week

Keep in your prayers this week: Joel Pepper family

Prayer Ministry

Today: Marshann Ludema Nov. 10: Karilynn Ridder

Children’s Worship

Today: Karilynn Ridder, Jessica Mason, Ainsley Reser
Nov. 10: Val Livingston, Jessica Kastanek, Jeremiah Flohr

Coffee Host/Hostess:

Today: Harlene Westendorp Nov. 10: Noah Garn

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