

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

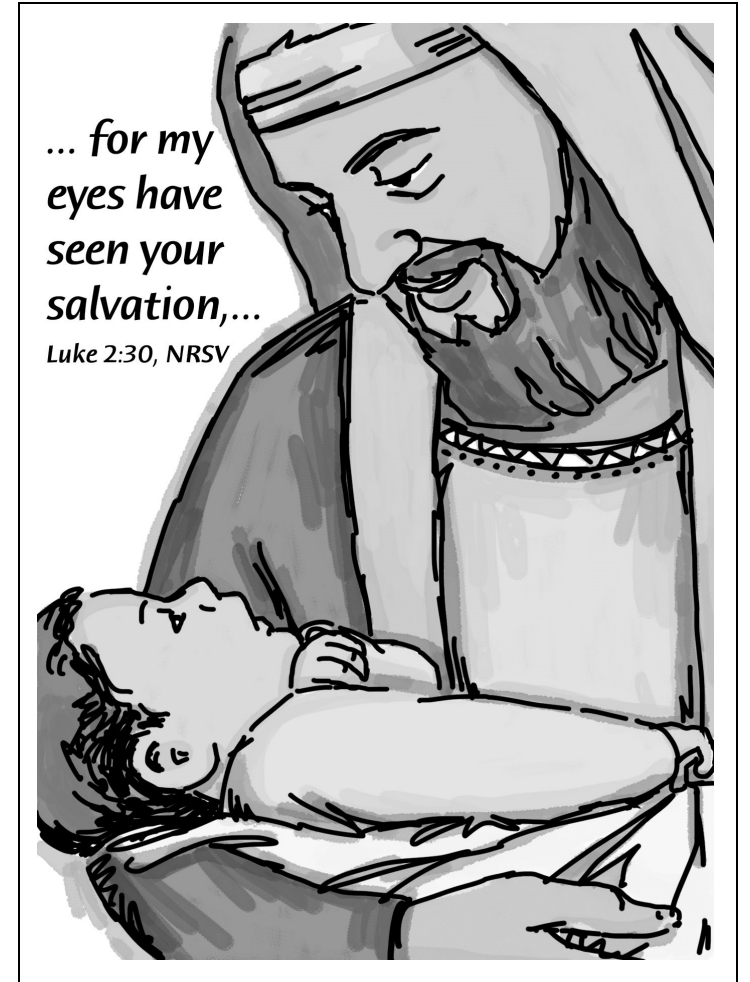
Ken Oosterhouse—2021

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

December 22, 2019

We are happy you are here!

“My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for the glory to your people Israel.” Luke 2:30-32

Morning Worship

Message: The Song of Simeon

Scripture: Luke 2:21-35

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No Sunday School Classes today or Dec. 29

Tonight: 5:00 pm—Hebrews Study

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 continue our series on the Songs of Advent according to the Gospel of Luke. Having looked at Mary’s song, and last week’s Zechariah’s song, today we move to Simeon’s song. In this old man’s celebration of the coming of Jesus, we find that the Messiah’s ministry is for both the Jews and the Gentiles, and for the first time in the advent story that this little baby will grow up to be the great dividing line of all humanity and history.

Next Sunday Pastor Ben and Karilynn will be in Virginia with family. Coming to share God’s Word with us will be Pastor Duane Nieuwsma, retired from the Dorr Christian Reformed Church, Pastor Nieuwsma is a personal friend of Pastor Ben.

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

Sunday School Reminder: Sunday School classes will not be meeting this morning nor next Sunday morning. All classes will resume on January 5.

Christmas Eve Choir will be rehearsing this afternoon at 4:00.

The Book of Hebrews Study will take place this evening at 5:00. Please read Hebrews 11:23-29 in preparation. Consider what a life of faith rejects and what it accepts as you read this

section of the chapter.

Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service will be held this Tuesday at 7 pm

There will be no Coffee Break this week or next week. We will resume on Wednesday, January 8 at 9:00 am.

Church Family

- Sherri Van’t Land will be undergoing surgery tomorrow morning in her ongoing battle with breast cancer. Pray for the physicians in the skill they have been given and for Sherri in her leaning on the love and power of her Lord.
- The baby basket for gifts you would like to give to Levi Albin, infant son of Randy and Jamie Rabideau will be out for one more week.

Advanced Notice: Remember to mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 23rd, 6:30 pm. “What for?” you ask. More information to come later. But for now, mark your calendars! Pastor asked you to mark your calendars already last week! Did you? If so, good! If not, why not?

OCC Shoebox thanks. “Just a quick note to let you know that the Grand Rapids area total for 2019 is 30,956 shoe boxes, which is more than last year. Thanks to each of you and your congregations for making it possible to share the Good News of Jesus with 30,956 children who have not heard the wonderful story of God’s love for them. Blessings in Jesus to each of you this Christmas season and thank you for sharing the Good News of Jesus through the simple gift of a shoe box filled with His love.” Rex and Karen Wambaugh, OCC Regional representatives.

Fellowship need—We are looking for an individual or couple to fill in on the regular rotation for making coffee on Sunday mornings for fellowship time. If you are interested, please contact church office 616-374-8697 or email marshann@harvesterc.com for more details.

From World Renew. Give Thanks for Abundant Life. - Share God’s abundance through the World Renew 2019-2020 Gift Catalog, and give others an opportunity to experience Uzima. Your gift of a chicken, a water filter, or goat can turn everyday events into miracles among people who face poverty, disaster, and injustice. Give at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972 to order. There are also a couple of catalogs on the back table here at Harvest.

Make a Resolution That Sticks - Start 2020 with a deep dive into God’s majestic Word through Psalm 119. With quick daily devotions from Today, grow in your relationship with God through Bible reading and prayer. Psalm 119 devotions begin January 1, 2020. Check your church mailbox for a copy of the Today devotional or subscribe at TodayDevotional.com

“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 4:00 pm—Christmas Choir rehearsal 5:00 pm—Hebrews Study
Monday	7:00 pm—Worship Team
Tuesday	7:00 pm—Christmas Eve Service

From the Deacons: Offerings Received

December 15: General Fund \$ 1,614.00

Guiding Light \$486.00 World Renew \$150.00

ASSIGNMENTS

Nursery

Today: Harlene Westendorp, Bonnie Frost, Anna Zook

Dec. 29: Julie Kastanek, Chelsea Booth-Zook, Jon Kastanek

Greeters

Today: Terri Cappon and Joyce Tuitman

Dec. 29: Phil and Sandie Burke

Prayer Family this week

Keep in your prayers this week: Rachel Ridder

Prayer Ministry

Today: Karilynn Ridder

Dec. 29: Jackie Sheldon

Children’s Worship

Today: Mark and Lisa Nurenberg, Peighton Reser

Dec. 29: Hannah Pennington, Derrica Desgranges, Mycah Ridder

Coffee Host/Hostess:

Today: Lee and Carol Jackson Dec. 29: Marshann Ludema

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