

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

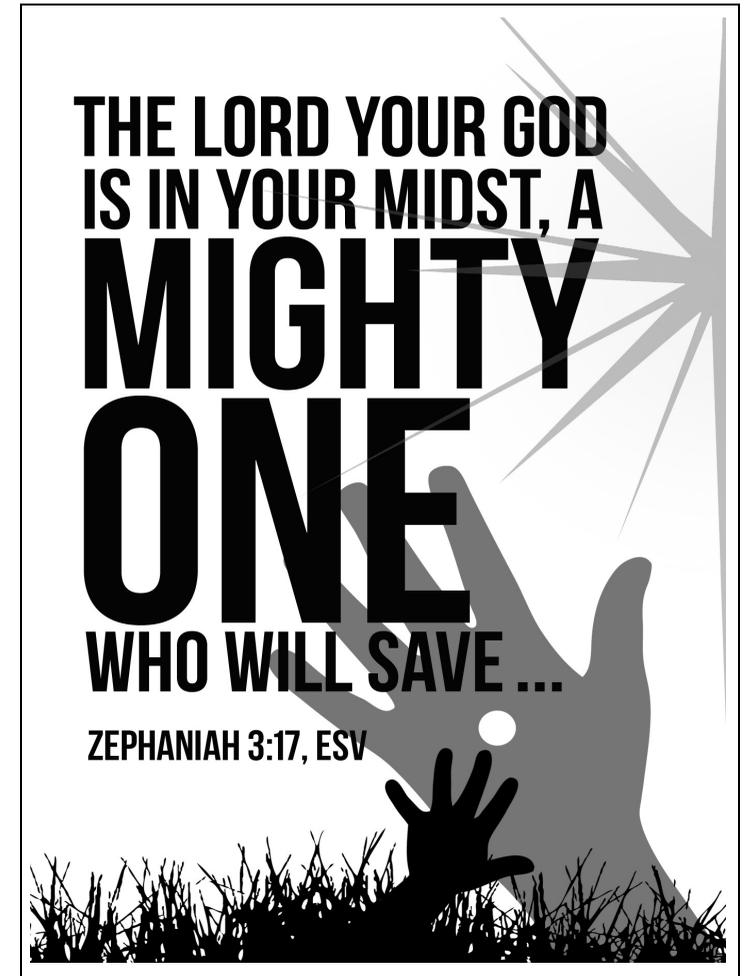
Ken Oosterhouse—2021

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 8, 2019

We are happy you are here!

“My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...for the Mighty One has done great things for me-holy is His name!”
Mary, Luke 1:46-7,9

Morning Worship

Message: Mary’s Song

Scripture: Luke 1:46-55

Page 724 in the blue Bibles

Sunday School Classes for all ages—11:00 am

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

Today we begin our Advent Series, which will deal with the “Songs of Christmas.” By the songs of Christmas, we’re not talking about “Jingle Bells” or even “The First Noel.” By the songs of Christmas, we are talking about the songs which Luke includes in his gospel surrounding the coming of Christ, as they are composed and sung by different people. This morning we are looking at Mary’s Song, in her recognition of God’s Mindfulness, God’s Might, and God’s Mercy.

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

Second Offering next Sunday is for Guiding Light Mission, a ministry geared towards the homeless in the Grand Rapids area. Looking to do more for them than a place to sleep and a meal to eat, Guiding Light has as it’s vision to get them integrated back into society with a renewed sense of dignity.

Christmas Choir Rehearsal is this afternoon at 4:00.

Book of Hebrews Study meets tonight at 5:00. Please read Hebrews 11:20-22 in preparation.

Coffee Break Community-wide Bible Study for women meets this Wednesday at 9:00 pm. This week we will look at John 13:31-14:4. Jesus speaks to Peter Women are always invited to join us.

Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday following the morning worship service. The meeting will be for approving the proposed budget for 2020. If you did not receive a copy of the budget please see one of the deacons.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated next Sunday as part of our worshipping the Lord God.

Church Family

- There is a baby basket by the mailboxes for any gifts you would like to give to the newest member of the Randy and Jamie Rabideau family, Levi Albin.
- Also, the basket for gifts for new baby girl, Grace Renee, daughter of Jared and Teresa McConnon, will be available for the next two weeks.

Advent Scheduling Items

- ◇ There will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service here, Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 pm.
- ◇ There will be no Sunday School classes on December 22 or 29.

Celebrating Hope -Starfysh is a ministry to the impoverished people of the island of La Gonave in Haiti and is one of the ministries that Harvest supports with special offerings. There will be an evening of celebration and reflection of Starfysh’s ministry in Haiti and what God has in store for the ministry over the next decade at Fred-erik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids on Sunday, January 12 (6:30-8:30 pm). Guest Speaker will be Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, Founder of World Hope International. Cost is \$25 per person or \$250 per table (seats 10). Attire is business casual. Dinner will be served. Register for the event at starfish.org/hope-event.

From World Renew. Advent Means Hope - With World Renew’s 2019-2020 Gift Catalog, you can help a family with a filter for clean water to drink, give a child get the food they need to grow with a nutrition kit, or provide shelter to a disaster survivor. Choose a gift that gives someone who is poor and hungry the opportunity for a better life today and hope for the future. Give at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972 to order. There are also a few copies of the catalog on the back table.

Sign up for Advent Devotions today! - Take time to reflect on Christ’s birth during this season of Advent with Monday, Wednesday, and Friday devotions sent to your inbox from World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice through Christmas Day. This year’s devotional series explores how destruction and injustices can lead us to ask the question that God’s people and prophets in the Bible asked, “How Long Lord?” Sign up today at crcna.org/advent

“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 5:00 pm—Hebrews 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

December 1: General Fund \$ 3,247.00
World Renew 187.00

ASSIGNMENTS

Nursery

Today: Lisa Nurenberg, Sherri Van’t Land, Jeremiah Flohr
Dec. 15: Joann Gerke, Jenny Reynolds, Erika Leazier

Greeters

Today: Joyce Tuitman
Dec. 15: Terri Cappon and Joyce Tuitman

Prayer Family this week

Keep in your prayers this week: Bill Reynolds family

Prayer Ministry

Today: Cindi Green Dec. 15: Marshann Ludema

Children’s Worship

Today: Karilynn Ridder, Jessica Mason, Ainsley Reser
Dec. 15: Val Livingston, Jessica Kastanek, Jeremiah Flohr

Coffee Host/Hostess:

Today: Harlene Westendorp Dec. 15: Noah Garn
*Sign up sheet to provide snacks is on the back table