

## 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

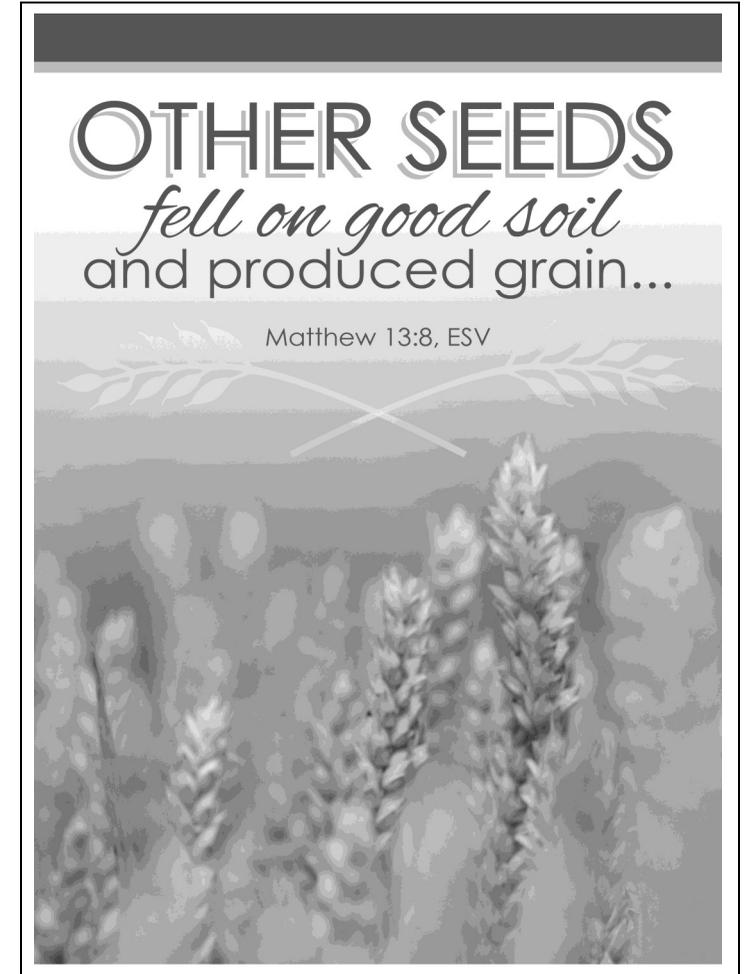
Ken Oosterhouse—2021

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

Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020

*It's a blessing to gather together today!*

*"He said them, 'It is not for you to know the times or the dates the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.'" Acts 1:7-8*

## Morning Worship

Message: Parable of the Soils (1)

Scripture: Mark 4:1-20

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**There will be no Children's Worship this morning.**

*Coffee and Fellowship Time in the building will be suspended for the time being while we comply with social distancing guidelines due to Covid-19 restrictions. You are welcome to bring your own coffee and to fellowship outside following the service this morning.*

**In-person Sunday School will not be held this morning, however, please tune into Zoom at 11:15 to take part in a group discussion of the sermon.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This morning** in our series on the gospel of Mark, we begin what will be an extensive look at the Parable of the Soils. Why is it that some people receive the gospel message while others do not? How is it that there can be so many different reactions to the same message spoken by the same person? The sower is the same, the seed is the same, the difference lies in the soils. Among the parables of Jesus, this one stands out as key, as Jesus himself asks, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable?"

**Today is Pentecost Sunday.** Over 2000 years ago the prophecy of Joel 2 was fulfilled: "I will pour out my Spirit on all people." What in the Old Testament was but an occasional visit from the Spirit of God for a specific task,

has been turned into a permanent indwelling of that same Holy Spirit for everyone who has been adopted into His family.

**Offerings**—The offering plates will not be passed until further notice. The plates will remain on the back table for you to deposit your tithes and offerings at any point of a Sunday morning. The plates are marked either General Fund or Special Offering.

**Adult Sunday School class** will meet this morning as we have been holding it via ZOOM, at 11:15 (**note change of time**). You should have received the new meeting ID and password through the church wide email.

**Consistory** meets this Wednesday evening at 7:00. Pastor Ridder will serve as host. Consistory members, please remember to take your policy books to the meeting as continued review will be a part of our agenda.

## Church Family

- Please continue to pray for Sandie Burke as she recovers from the COVID-19 virus.
- New phone numbers for Phil and Sandie Burke: Sandie (269) 953-8220 Phil (269) 953-8188

**Loving Your Neighbor Conference (Online)** - Calvin Theological Seminary invites you to its third biennial Loving Your Neighbor Conference, which will be held online July 6-8, 2020. This year's conference theme is Loving Your Neighbor: Forming Citizens of God's Kingdom in Prison and Upon Re-entry. Our keynote speaker will be Reverend Dominique DuBois Gilliard. We invite pastors, ministry leaders, and lay members to this conference. For more information and to register, visit [www.calvinseminary.edu/lyn2020](http://www.calvinseminary.edu/lyn2020).

**From Faith Formation Ministries.** At-Home Faith Formation Tip—Today, Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Check out [thebibleproject.com/explore/holy-spirit/](http://thebibleproject.com/explore/holy-spirit/) for a wonderful five minute video that traces the movement of God's Spirit from Genesis to today. How might you or your family become more aware of the Spirit's work in your everyday life?

## **Special Offerings for June and July:**

June 7—Benevolent Fund  
June 21—Capital Improvement Fund  
July 5—Benevolent Fund  
July 19—Peppers in Tanzania

*"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  
11:15 am—Zoom Sunday School Discussion

## **From the Deacons: Offerings Received May 24**

General Fund	\$ 9,297.00
Starlight Ministries	915.00
Capital Improvement	25.00

## ASSIGNMENTS

**During the unusual circumstances brought on by Covid-19 and precautions that must be taken to protect the health of our members, we will not be going by our regular assignments schedule for the time being.**

**Greeters** will be members of the consistory who will be opening the doors as you enter and leave.

**Children's Worship and Nursery** will not be meeting.

**Coffee Host and Hostess**—you are welcomed to bring your own coffee.

**Prayer Ministry** will carry on beginning next Sunday:  
Today: Cindi Green June 7: Marshann Ludema

**Prayer Family:** Please be praying for this family over the next week. Each Harvest family is rotated through the schedule.

***This week:*** Steve and Pat Werdon family