

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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Pastor's email—ben@harvestcrc.com
Church website: www.harvestcrc.com

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

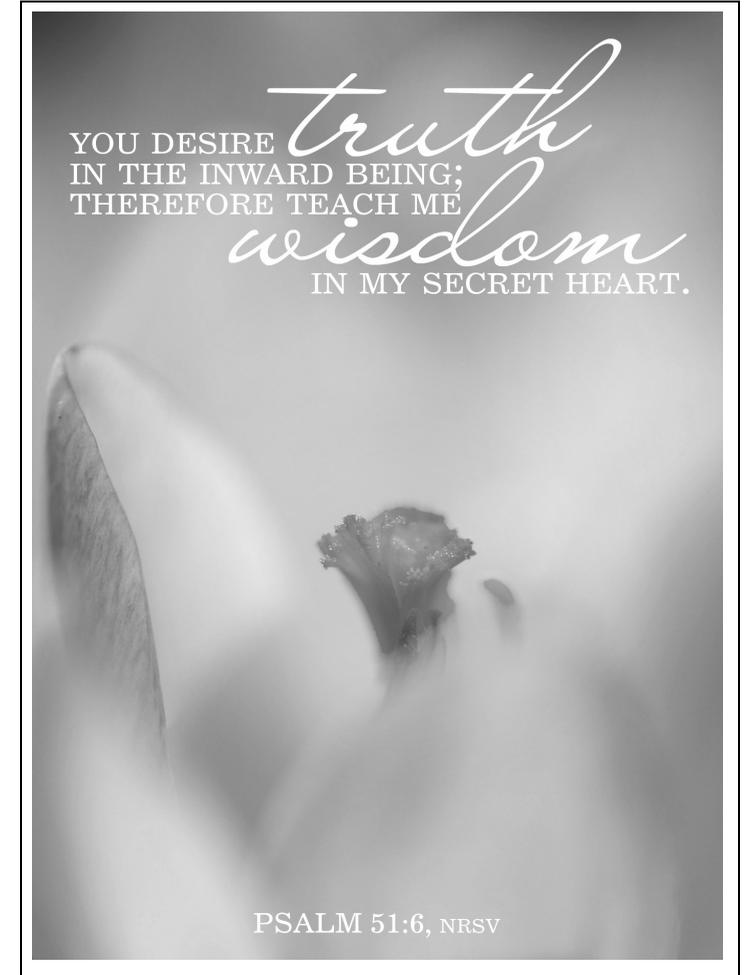
Ken Oosterhouse—2021

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

August 16, 2020

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one... Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth." John 17: 15,17

Morning Worship

Message: Test the Spirits (2)

Scripture: I John 4:1-6

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we take a second look at John's command for us not to be so gullible to everything we hear and read. In the middle of so much chaos and dissonance which seems to dominate our culture today, we are especially apt to believe something is from God which is not. In the middle of the long war for truth, what role do we have?

This morning as a part of our worship we will be participating in the Lord's Supper. 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.

-Precautions were taken in the preparation and presentation of the elements. If you don't feel safe to participate, that's fine; no judgment here!

Second offering this morning is for Starfysh ministry. Headed up by local physician Steve Edmondson, this is a ministry on one of the Haitian islands, helping the people to be self-sustaining.

Offering plates for the General Fund and Special are on the table in the back.

Adult Sunday School will be meeting in the auditorium after the service this morning. Our agenda continues to be a discussion on the morning's message. If you decide to join us, please regard the social distancing guidelines we have set up for worship services. Thank you!

From the Consistory:

1. The single nominee for your next elder is Ryan Oosterhouse, The single nominee for your next deacon is Bob Green.
2. Congregational meeting for affirmation of the nominees for elder and deacon will take place on Sunday, August 30, following the worship service.

Outreach Team will be meeting this Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Our annual Church Picnic is being planned for next Sunday, August 23 at Bob and Marilyn DeJong's lake (7700 Woodland Rd., Lake Odessa) from 3-7 pm. Plan to bring lawn chairs, life jackets, water toys, kayaks. This year the food, drinks, table service and games will be provided for you. Please come!!

Sunday School Parents. Please take the time to fill out the survey emailed to you from the church office regarding the options presented for in-person Sunday School this Fall.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunfield United Brethren Church is seeking an individual for the part-time paid position of Children's Ministry Coordinator. A complete job description is available in the church office (616-374-8697) or email the Sunfield church at www.sunfieldubchurch.com

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - As the start of the school year draws near, many kids feel fearful and anxious. It's a good time to gently remind them that their identity lies not in their accomplishments, their popularity, or what others think of them. Their identity comes from being beloved children of a loving God. "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"—1 John 3:1 (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.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—Adult Sunday School
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Meet for Prayer here at church
Thursday	6:30 pm—Outreach Purpose Group

From the Deacons: Offerings received August 9

General Fund \$3,873.00

Capital Improvement Fund \$220.00

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 until further notice.

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 today.

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

Prayer Ministry

Today: Sandy Stoel August 23: Gail Pepper

Prayer Family:

Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.

This week: Fabio Braga household