

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
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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

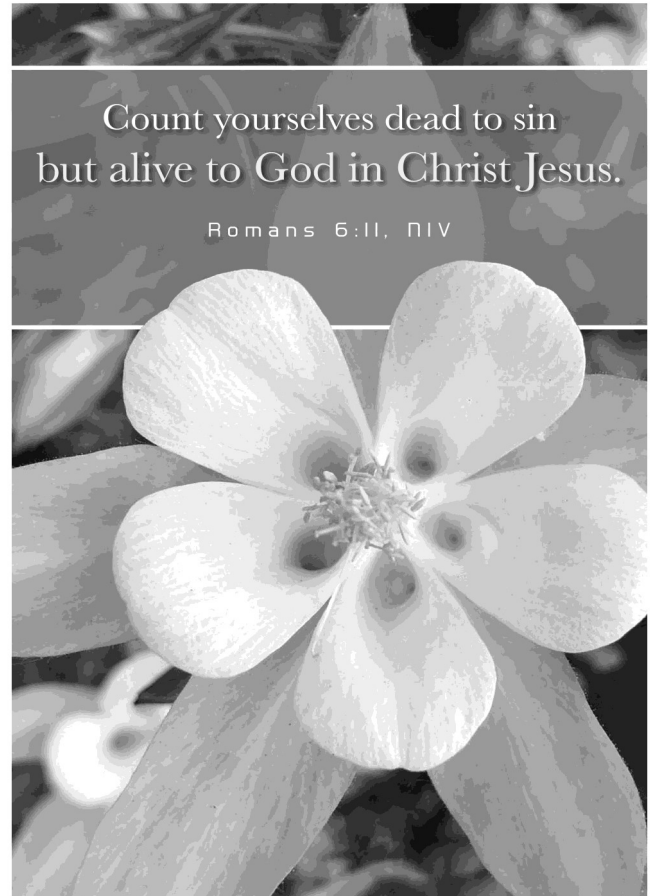
Ken Oosterhouse—2021

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

August 23, 2020

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgression..." Ephesians 2:3-4

Morning Worship

Message: His Story...Our Story

Scripture: Mark 5: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we return to our series on the Gospel of Mark. We left off last time with Jesus and the disciples having gone through a great storm in the middle of the lake, a storm that was stilled in an instant by the voice of the Master. If they thought they were going to the other side of the lake for a bit of a vacation, that notion is quickly dismissed as they are greeted by a naked man running down the hill and screaming at the top of his lungs. What follows is at one and the same time the most dramatic deliverance recorded in the New Testament AND the story of every Christian.

Upcoming Special Offerings:

September 6—Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church.

September 20—Women at Risk.

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

Congregational Meeting is scheduled for next Sunday following the worship service. As a congregation we will be asked for a vote of

affirmation for the following men to their respective offices:
Ryan Oosterhouse for elder; Bob Green for deacon.

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!

Our annual Church Picnic is this afternoon 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!!

Church Family -We extend our Christian sympathy to Ray and Gloria Martinez following the passing of Ray's father this past week.

Family Celebrations in the month of September:

- September 13th: Professions of faith from Jared and Theresa McConnon and the baptism of daughter Grace Renee.
- September 27: The baptisms of Jeremiah and Lucas Vander Kooi, sons of Marcus and Felicia.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY FIRE - FAMILY FIRE is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Handbook of Biblical Parenting - Teaching our kids to love God is the key calling of parenthood. "A Handbook of Biblical Parenting" from Family Fire empowers you to fulfill your most important responsibilities as a parent. Get the ebook when you subscribe at familyfire.com/parentinghandbook.

World Renew Beirut Response - World Renew is continuing to respond to the enormous need in Beirut in the aftermath of the August 4 explosion. Many families are now left homeless and hungry. World Renew and its partner in Lebanon are providing meals, food vouchers, and hygiene equipment for people in Beirut. Your gifts and prayers are bringing hope. To donate online, please go to: worldrenew.net. Or you can call 1-800-552-7972 to make a gift.

"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
	3:00-7:00 pm—Church wide Picnic
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Meet for prayer here at church

From the Deacons: Offerings received August 16

General Fund \$4,330.00

Starfysh (Island of Gonave, Haiti) \$448.00

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: Gail Pepper

August 30: Joel Pepper

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Joyce Brinningstaull