

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

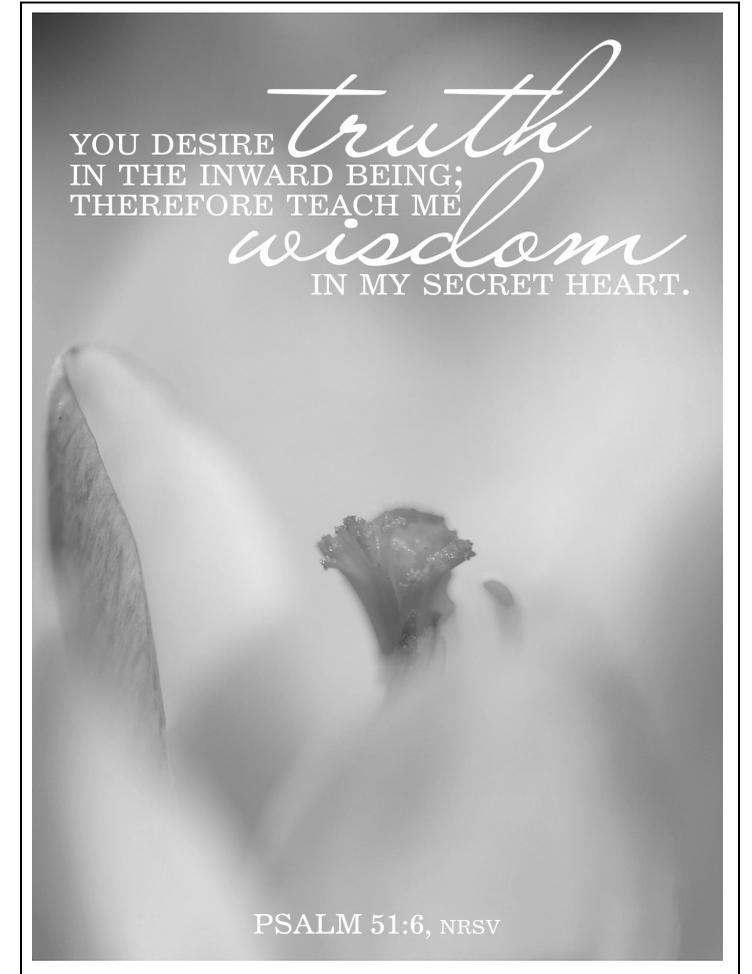
Ken Oosterhouse—2021

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

August 9, 2020

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not weapons of this world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretense that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." The Apostle Paul, II Corinthians 10:3-5

Morning Worship

Message: Test the Spirits (1)

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

Have you ever noticed how when something major happens in this country there is a sudden onslaught of books and prophecies concerning the end times and what we Christians need to know? With the onslaught comes the proclamation of new revelations and insights into the plans and works of God. Jesus had no sooner ascended into heaven and false prophets were already at work, with the spirit of the antichrist let loose upon the earth. At such a time as then and now, John tells us to "test the spirits"; perhaps a warning for us not to be so gullible. Over the next two Sundays we'll consider what it is to "test the spirits" including why it is so important and so difficult to do so.

Special Offering for next week is for Starfysh Ministries, a ministry to Haiti headed by local Doctor Steven Edmundson out of Saranac.

Offering plates are on the table in front of the kitchen. There is a

plate for General Fund and a plate for special offering.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed together as part of our worship next Sunday. Proper precautions will be taken in the preparation of the elements as well as for the time of participation.

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!

Council will be meeting this Wednesday at 7:00, Dave Beach serving as host.

From the Council:

- The nominee for our next elder is Ryan Oosterhouse, and the nominee for our next deacon is Bob Green. We will be presenting both men as single nominees for their respective offices, asking the congregation for your affirmation at a date yet to be determined.
- Keep us in prayer as we discuss the when and how of resuming certain ministries in the middle of concerns over Covid-19.

Harvest Softball—Tournament game this week is on Saturday, August 8 versus Calvary Grace Church at the Freeport ball diamond #2 at 8:30 am.

Save the Date—Our Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 23. Please mark your calendars at home and plan to attend. More details will be coming.

At home Faith Formation Tip—Telling faith stories to each other is an important part of our faith formation. You can make time for family and household members of all ages to tell stories of how God works in their lives as you celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and other milestones. Visit tinyurl.com/FFMStoryStarters for a list of questions to get the storytelling rolling. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; cra-na.org/FaithFormation)

Join Church Now Conversations—In our uncertain days, church leaders are trying to discern how to best pursue ministry and mission. Vibrant Congregations helps leaders in this uncertain time through Church Now Conversations. The next "Church Now" Conversation features Kara Powell on Thursday, August 13 at 11 am (ET). Kara is the Executive Director of the Fuller Youth Institute and coauthor of Growing Young. Sign up at ChurchNowConversations.org

"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
	7:00 pm—Consistory

From the Deacons: Offerings received August 2

General Fund \$ 3,819.00
Capital Improvement 226.00

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: Jackie Sheldon August 16: Sandy Stael

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Dave and Kay Beach household