

## 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

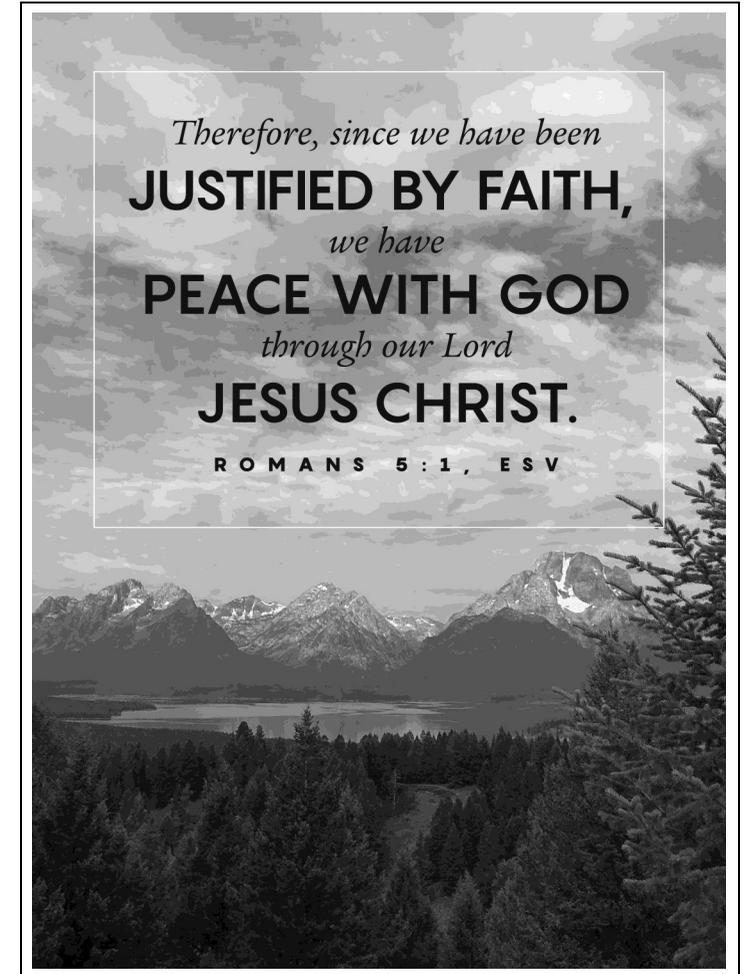
Ryan Oosterhouse—2023

Deacons Seth Oosterhouse—2020

Richard Duits—2021

Joe Leazier—2022

Bob Green—2023



## Harvest Community Church

*A Christian Reformed Ministry*

*620 Sixth Avenue*

*Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849*

# Welcome to Harvest Church

September 13, 2020

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

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:8-10*

## Morning Worship

**Message: The Stubborn Strength of Unbelief**

**Scripture:** Mark 6:1-6

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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

As we continue our walk with Jesus through the Gospel of Mark, we come across a tragic contrast. Having just witnessed the strength of faith as exhibited by the woman with the issue of blood and Jairus, the synagogue ruler in the previous story, Jesus is met with and amazed by the lack of faith in His own hometown. It appears that those who should have known Him best refuse to know Him as the One He has been showing Himself to be. We often hear about the strength of faith. This morning we will be looking at the stubborn strength of unbelief.

**Special offering** next week has been designated for Women at Risk (WAR), a ministry towards those who have been and are being abused through human trafficking.

**Church Family:**

- This morning we witness the professions of faith of Jared and Theresa McConnon, as well as the baptism of their daughter Grace Renee.
- On Sunday, September 27, we will be welcoming Marcus and

Felicia into membership of Harvest Church as well as witnessing the baptisms of their two sons, Jeremiah and Lucas.

**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!

**Consistory Meeting** this Wednesday at 7:00. Jason Flohr will be hosting.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated together next Sunday as part of our worship

## REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayer March 2020 in Washington DC.** On September 26 join thousands of other believers who will meet at the Lincoln Memorial at noon and march across the National Mall to the U.S. Capitol. The group will stop at several points along the way to pray and ask God to heal the divisions in our nation, guide our leaders, protect our religious freedoms and pour out His Spirit on our land. Register at PrayerMarch2020.com.

**PAT ANSWERS**—Check out our children's programs at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). In this week's episode, "Pat Answers," Chamy unveils her latest invention. Introducing the Positronic Affirmation Transmitter! Will it solve Chamy's latest problem? And how exactly does it mess up Liz's batting practice? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download God's Got You Covered, an eBook to help kids and parents talk about divorce. At [kidscorner.net/activities](http://kidscorner.net/activities).

**At-home Faith Formation Tip**—"God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done." List all the things you "created" last week: work projects, meals, social media posts, family schedules, clean clothes, conversations...Which of your creations were "very good"? Which helped others flourish? Which did not? Take some time to bring your list to God in prayer. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))

**Introducing the Faith Practices Project!** - Faith Formation Ministries invites you to take a dive into the transformational Christian practices (also called spiritual disciplines") with the Faith Practices Project. Each month, find new resources for a particular practice at [crcna.org/faithformation/practices](http://crcna.org/faithformation/practices). Join us as we start with the practice of Sabbath. We hope these new resources will provide new insights for how to engage with God and open ourselves to God's work in our hearts.

*"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 Meeting

**From the Deacons: Offerings received September 6**

**General Fund** \$2,320.00

Capital Improvement Fund \$248.00

## 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: Marshann Ludema September 20: Karilynn Ridder

**Prayer Family:**

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

**This week:** Warren Courtney