

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

R. Oosterhouse/B. Green—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 Ken Oosterhouse—2021

Jason Flohr—2022

Ryan Oosterhouse—2023

Deacons Richard Duits—2021

Joe Leazier—2022

Bob Green—2023

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PSALM 123:2, ESV

Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

October 25, 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." Paul, Ephesians 2:8-10

Morning Worship

Message: Scripture and Tradition (1)

Scripture: Mark 7:1-13

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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 in our series on the book of Mark, we find Jesus and the disciples being confronted once again by a delegation from Jerusalem, a group of highly placed pharisees. In contemporary terms, they charge Jesus and the disciples with "not doing it correctly." There were certain practices that every good Jew was to follow, and Jesus and the disciples were not. As Jesus engages the Pharisees, the fundamental issue is uncovered: What role does tradition have to play in the life and faith of one who has the revealed Word of God in hand as well. Pharisees existed in the 1st century and they exist in the 21st century as well.

Second Offering next Sunday will be for Open Doors Ministry. This is a ministry specifically directed toward helping our persecuted brothers and sisters worldwide.

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church has been designated for next Sunday. As part of our worship time next week, we will see a video and spend some time in prayer for our brothers and sisters. Also, each household will receive a packet of information and suggested activities to be engaged in for this cause as well.

Women—Coffee Break Bible Study will meet on Wednesday at

9:00. This week we'll be discussing portions of II Corinthians 12. All women are invited to join us. We are taking precautions to protect those who attend.

Operation Christmas Child. See the west wall for ways you can help us meet our goal of 125 boxes, or take a couple boxes from the table by the kitchen and pack your own.

New Prayer Chain—there is a sign up sheet for our prayer chain on the table by the mailboxes. If you would like to be a part of the chain for the coming year, please sign the sheet or call the church office (374-8697) even if you are already on the chain.

Lakewood Community Council Christmas Basket Program.

This year we will need individually wrapped or bagged gifts for 5 boys, age 2, and for 10 girls ages 14, and 3 gifts for girls age 17. Also very much needed are any sized hats, socks, and water resistant gloves and mittens, and monetary gifts for purchasing meat. See the information and sign up sheet on the back table for details. Gifts will be due here at church by Sunday, December 6.

Card of Thanks. "Dear Harvest Community Church Family, We thank you so much for your kind outpouring of sympathy on the passing of Robin's mother last month. We have enjoyed the beautiful fall planter as well as all the cards and prayers. In hard times it is especially good to be in a caring church family. My mother is at peace with the Lord Jesus and that brings us comfort." With gratitude, Dick and Robin Barnett

Church Family

Joyce Tuitman underwent successful hip replacement surgery, and Brett Johnson underwent successful knee replacement surgery as well. Remember them in your prayers as we look for renewed strength and mobility for them both.

Embrace the Hope. Starlight Ministries of Hudsonville, Michigan will be hosting an Open House for their new Grief and Education Center on Thursday, November 5 from 5-7 pm and 7:15-7:45 pm. Tours will be given of the new facility, and a bonfire, snacks and beverages will be offered. The address is 3376 Central Blvd., Hudsonville.

Today Devotionals for November/December are in your mailboxes this morning. There are also extra copies on the back table.

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Gratitude: "Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations" (Psalm 100:4-5). How has God been faithful to the generations in your family? Tell those stories to each other. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

"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	9:00 am—Coffee Break Bible Study for Women
	7:00 pm—Meet for prayer here at church

From the Deacons: Offerings received October 18

General Fund \$2,450.00

Benevolent Fund \$290.00

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes \$55.00

ASSIGNMENTS

We have changed our regular schedule to better protect the health of our members during the unusual circumstances brought about by the COVID 19 pandemic.

Children's Worship is not meeting at this time.

Nursery Today: Harlene Westendorp, Chelsea Booth Zook

November 1: Marilyn DeJong, Kelly Duits

November 15: Joyce Mearns, Ainsley Reser

November 22: Jamie Rabideau, Karilynn Ridder

Coffee Host and Hostess—please feel free to bring your own coffee.

Prayer Ministry

Today: Cindi Green

November 1: Marshann Ludema

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Lydia Duits