

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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Church email—info@harvestcrc.com
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



**Your word
is a LAMP to
my feet and
a LIGHT to
my path.**

Psalm 119:105, NRSV

*Harvest Community
Church*

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

November 15, 2020

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3:16-17

Morning Worship

Message: Scripture and Tradition(2)

Scripture: Mark 7:9-13

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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

For a second time the pharisees question Jesus about the "unlawful behavior of His disciples; for the second time Jesus takes the opportunity to point out their unlawful behavior before the Law of God. The warning in Mark 7:9 is as applicable today as it was then: "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions." What, if anything, have we elevated to the level of the authority of God's Word when it comes to life and belief? Customs, traditions, tastes, preferences, the opinions of others—all vie for the position of authority. What place does the Bible have in our everyday lives?

Second Offering today is for the Benevolent Fund of Harvest Church. A percentage of this offering goes to the Lakewood Ministerial Benevolent Fund to help with community needs as well.

Women—Coffee Break Bible Study is scheduled to meet this Wednesday at 9:00 am. Our lesson this week is another study of the Apostle Paul - 'Feeling Safe in a Storm' from Acts 27:1-44. Precautions are taken for the protection of those who attend.

Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due here today. Reminder: we are sending the \$9 per box postage in one check from the church, so write out all checks to Harvest Church and

place them in the middle basket on the table in front of the kitchen. Thank you so much!

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.

Consistory will meet this Wednesday at 7:00. Bob Green will be serving as host.

Lakewood Community Council Christmas Basket Program.

Still needed this year: individually wrapped or bagged gifts for 10 girls ages 14, and 3 gifts for girls age 17. (\$10-12 each). 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.

COVID Reminder: Please wear a mask inside the building. You may remove it while you are seated, but have it on while walking around. Also, please keep in mind the vertical and horizontal distancing that has been recommended.

Church Family: Gail Pepper returned home from the hospital this week. Keep her in your prayers as she looks to regain strength.

Harvest Church Clothes Closet: Quite a few articles of winter outerwear have been distributed already this Fall. If you have anything you would like to donate, please drop off at the church office. Reminder, the articles are winter outerwear only, boots included.

From World Renew. Hurricane Eta Response in Latin America - Right now, 2.5 million people are facing the many devastating impacts of Hurricane Eta. Since November 3, over 300,000 people have been displaced. World Renew is working alongside its Christian partners in Latin America to deliver essential items like food, water, hygiene kits, and shelter items to families most affected by this disaster. Thank you for making an immediate impact through your gifts and prayers. To donate online, please go to: www.worldrenew.net. To donate by phone, please call us at: 800-552-7972.

From Faith Formation Ministries. At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Generosity: It can be relatively easy to donate money to a cause we care about, but it can be harder to decide to give of our time. Has the Spirit been tugging on your heart when a certain person, cause, or organization is mentioned? Be attentive to those prompts. How might God be calling you to act on them? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit cena.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	7:00 pm—Meet for prayer here at church
	7:00 pm—Consistory

From the Deacons: Offerings received November 8

General Fund	\$2,985.00
Open Doors	176.00
Shoeboxes	83.00

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: Joyce Mearns, Ainsley Reser

November 22: Jamie Rabideau, Karilynn Ridder

November 29: Marshann Ludema, Jeremiah Flohr

December 6: Bonnie Frost, Jessica Kastanek

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

Prayer Ministry

Today: Jackie Sheldon November 22: Sandy Stoel

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Fritz and Bonnie Frost Household