

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

Church phone—616-374-8697
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

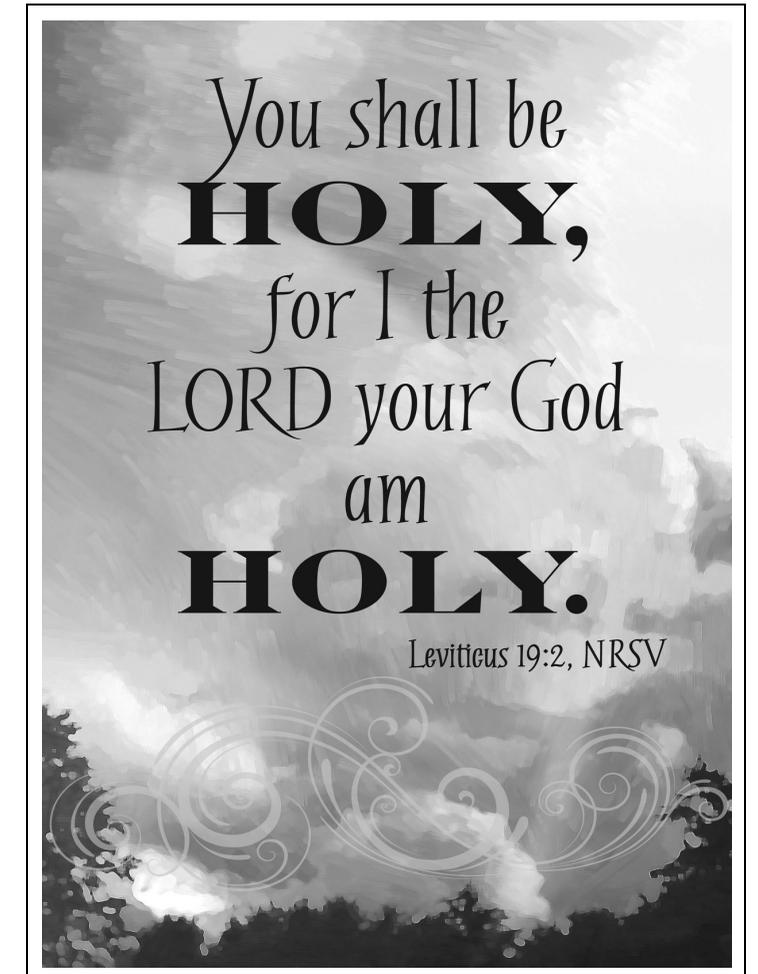
Jason Flohr—2022

Ryan Oosterhouse—2023

Deacons Richard Duits—2021

Joe Leazier—2022

Bob Green—2023



Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

November 22, 2020

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." Paul, in Colossians 3:12-14

Morning Worship

Message: Inside Out

Scripture: Mark 7:14-22

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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

We continue listening to the words of Jesus as he speaks to his cantankerous enemies and his confused followers. A common belief in the day and culture was that certain foods eaten made a person spiritually and ritually unclean. Jesus looks to get them to realize it's not what you put inside the body that makes one unclean, but rather what comes out of a person's heart that makes one unclean. The Bible tells us that the human heart is deceitful above all things. That alone ought to convince us that hope for humanity is not found in a new environment or a new system of education, or a new government. Hope for humanity lies in a new heart, which Jesus alone can give.

Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: Pastor Ridder will be taking the boxes to the drop off point in Nashville, MI immediately following Sunday School this morning. We will be giving around 80 boxes from Harvest Church this year, a tremendous number given the circumstances. Thank you all for your help in this ministry and for the knowledge that as we send the boxes out, that many children will hear about the good news of Jesus Christ!

There will be no Women's Coffee Break Bible Study this week.

The 2021 proposed budget is in everyone's mailbox here at church, as well as having been sent out via email. If for some reason you haven't received one, please see the church secretary, Marshann, or call the church offices at 616-374-8697.

Congregational Meeting for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget will be held following the service on Sunday, December 6th.

The new prayer chain was emailed to you and there is also a copy in your mailbox here at church. Please replace what you have at home with the new one.

Lakewood Community Council Christmas Basket Program.

Still needed this year: individually wrapped or bagged gifts for 7 girls ages 14, and 1 gift for a girl, 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 horizontal distancing that has been recommended.

From the Consistory: At our last meeting we talked about how to stay connected, or in some cases, get reconnected during the current COVID pandemic. It was a discussion that perhaps is a little overdue, but in having it we wondered if folks outside of consistory have some input on the questions. How can we stay connected, get reconnected. Please think about those questions and email your ideas to Pastor Ben at ben@harvestcrc.com. Thank you!

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart—As we celebrate Thanksgiving this coming Thursday, we will also have an opportunity to express our gratitude to God by sharing His blessings with people in poverty through our second offering here at Harvest for World Renew on Sunday, December 6.

At-home Faith Formation Tip—The Practice of Generosity: We often associate generosity with financial giving, but we can also cultivate a generous spirit in our relationships. Ponder how you might practice this in daily life, perhaps by focusing on refraining from mental criticism, attributing the best motives to people's actions, being "present" and attentive when spending time with others (especially children), or doing acts of random kindness. (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

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| Today | 9:30 am—Worship Service |
| | 11:00 am—Adult Sunday School |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm—Meet for prayer here at church |

From the Deacons: Offerings received November 15

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| General Fund | \$2,506.00 |
| Open Doors | 50.00 |
| Shoeboxes | 212.00 |
| Benevolent Fund | 275.00 |

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: Jamie Rabideau, Karilynn Ridder

November 29: Marshann Ludema, Jeremiah Flohr

December 6: Bonnie Frost, Jessica Kastanek

December 13: Jenny Reynolds, Chelsea Booth Zook

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

Prayer Ministry

Today: Sandy Stoel

November 29: Gail Pepper

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Noah Garn