

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

*“Here am I,
the servant
of the Lord;
let it be
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your word.”*

LUKE 1:38, NRSV

Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

December 27, 2020

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation." Mary, mother of Jesus (Luke 1:46, 49-50)

Morning Worship

Message: "Now What? Exploring Responses to the Birth of Jesus"

Scripture: Luke 1:5-45, 57-66

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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

Christmas has come and gone. The DAY people look forward to all year has passed for another year. Christmas trees will be taken down soon, Christmas lights will follow, the nativity scenes back into their boxes and storage spaces. But what is there about Christmas that should be present all year round? Better yet, what should our response to the coming of God in the flesh be, not just during the Christmas season but every day of every season?

Elder Jason Flohr will be bringing the message from God's Word this morning. May God's servant speak for Him and may God's people hear with anticipation of being spoken to by our Lord. Pastor Ben and Karilynn are visiting family in Virginia.

Special Offering next week will be for the Benevolent Fund of Harvest Church, monies used to help people with material and physical needs.

Adult Sunday School will not meet this morning.

Bad Weather Advisory Info. If church services were to be

cancelled due to weather, the announcement will be found on Channel 8 out of Grand Rapids and Channel 6 out of Lansing, as soon as the decision is made.

There will be no Coffee Break Women's Bible Study this week. We will plan to meet again on Wednesday, January 6.

From the Consistory: At our recent 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!

Outreach Purpose Group will be meeting on Monday, January 11 at 6:30 pm. One item on our agenda is to discuss a grant that has been made available to us for a new community outreach idea. We would love your input on this, as we can receive two grants at \$2,500 each or a single grant of \$5000. The grant money is coming from Classis Thornapple Valley, which received assets from Millbrook Christian Reformed Church upon its closing.

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 World Renew. Give Thanks for Abundant Life - Thank you for sharing God's abundance through the World Renew Gift Catalog in 2020. Your gift of a chicken, a water filter, or a goat can turn everyday events into miracles among people who face poverty, disaster, and injustice. You can still give online at worldrenew.net/gifts or call 800-552-7972.

From Faith Formation Ministries. At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Hospitality: Kathleen Norris wrote, "True hospitality is marked by an open response to the dignity of each and every person." As you go through your week, focus on approaching every person you meet with this kind of open response. At the end of the week, look back at how this approach changed your attitudes and actions. (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." 1 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
Wednesday 7:00 pm—Meet for prayer here at church

From the Deacons: Offerings received December 20

General Fund \$ 2,600.00

Guiding Light 497.00

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: Marilyn DeJong, Harlene Westendorp

January 3: Mary Flohr, Julie Kastanek

January 10: Jessica Kastanek, Peighton Reser

January 17: Joyce Mearns, Ainsley Reser

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

Prayer Ministry

Today: Marshann Ludema January 3: Karilynn Ridder

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Mike and Karie Hilley