

## 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 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

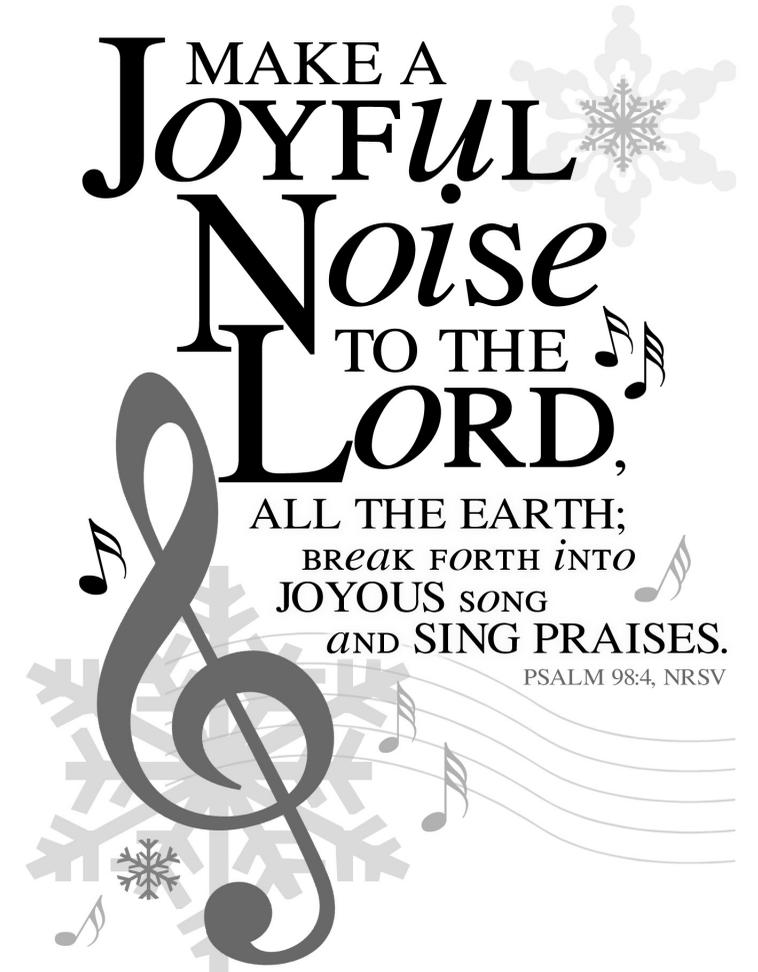
Jason Flohr—2022

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

December 6, 2020

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

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come. And this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And now, He has committed to us the message of reconciliation." Paul, II Corinthians 5:17-19*

## Morning Worship

**Message:** "Some" People

**Scripture:** Mark 7:31-37

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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

**This morning** we continue our walk with Jesus Christ through the Gospel of Mark. Today we watch as He heals a man afflicted with deafness and muteness. Mark is unusually detailed in this account, laying aside his usual style of hurrying on to the next episode. The detail we are given lets us in on how Jesus enters into our struggles in such a way so as to let us know that he knows exactly what we are going through as the one who has come to make all things new.

**Second Offering** this morning is for World Renew. This is the denominational ministry dedicated to long and short-term relief in areas affected by natural disasters and systemic poverty; formerly known as the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee.

**Congregational Meeting** this morning following the worship service for the purpose of adopting the 2021 proposed budget.

**Adult Sunday School** will meet following the congregational meeting.

**Harvest Church Christmas Greeting Video.** Everyone who has email should have received a message regarding the fun project we are inviting everyone to participate in. We would like a video from every household giving their Christmas greeting, and we will put

them together and put it on YouTube that can only be seen by those who are given the link. If you have the capability, just use your smart phone and send it to the church offices at [www.harvestcr.com](http://www.harvestcr.com). If you do not have the capability but would like to be included in the video, let us know and we can make it happen. We are looking for videos to be submitted by Wednesday, December 16.

**Lakewood Community Council Christmas Baskets.** If you signed up to provide any of the gifts, please have it here by **TUESDAY** as Pastor Ridder will be delivering them on Wednesday morning. Thanks again for your involvement in this project!

**Women's Coffee Break Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday at 9:00 with precautions taken to protect those who attend. We are finishing up our study of Paul and will be looking at Philippians 2:12-30. All women are invited to attend.

**Church Family:** Dave Beach was admitted to the ICU this past week due to breathing distress caused by the virus. Please keep Dave and anyone else you know affected by COVID-19 in your prayers.

**Christmas Eve Service** will held on December 24, at 7:00. Details as to what that service will look like are yet to be determined. But for now, mark your calendars!

**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@harvestcr.com](mailto:ben@harvestcr.com). Thank you!

**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.

**Advent has started.** Is your heart ready? - Celebrating Christmas isn't a day; it's a season. Orient your Christmas season with Advent devotions from World Renew, Resonate, and the CRC Office of Social Justice every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in December leading up to Christmas. Join us as we journey through lamenting injustice to looking forward to the coming of the Prince of Peace using the book of Micah. To sign up, go to [justice.crcna.org/advent](http://justice.crcna.org/advent).

**SALVATION IS A CHRISTMAS GIFT**—Check out our new kids' devotion at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). This week's devotion talks about how God's salvation is a free gift. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

*"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 November 29

<b>General Fund</b>	\$ 2,802.00
<b>Shoeboxes</b>	216.00

## 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:** Bonnie Frost, Jessica Kastanek

**December 13:** Jenny Reynolds, Chelsea Booth Zook

**December 20:** Joann Gerke, Peighton Reser

**December 27:** Harlene Westendorp, Marilyn DeJong

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

**Prayer Ministry**

Today: Joel Pepper

December 13: Cindi Green

**Prayer Family:**

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

**This week:** Bob and Cindi Green