

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

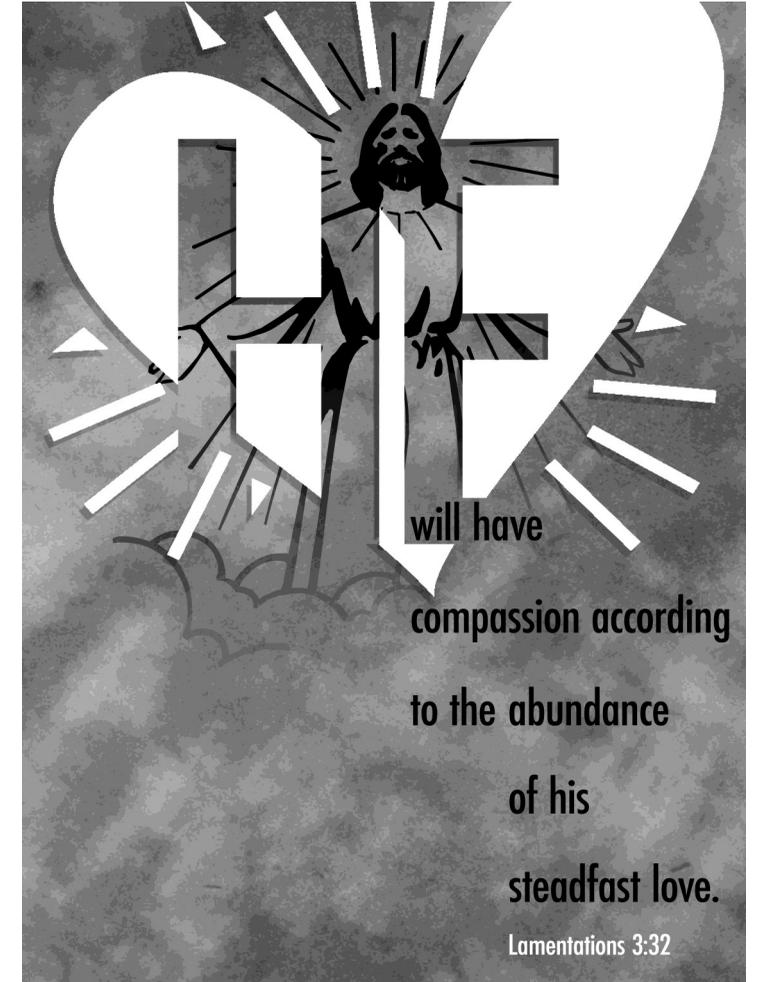
Jason Flohr—2022

Ryan Oosterhouse—2023

Deacons Richard Duits—2021

Joe Leazier—2022

Bob Green—2023



Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

January 3, 2021

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will wait for Him.'" Lamentations 3:22-24

Morning Worship

Message: The Compassion of God

Scripture: Mark 8:1-10

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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 in our walk with Jesus as the gospel writer Mark recounts it. We will be looking at a story that sounds very similar to a story Mark told earlier: the feeding of a great number of people with meager supplies. The similarities have caused some to conclude that it is the same event, but the differences are enough to convince us otherwise. In fact, the differences are probably the key for our understanding of what is happening and why Mark includes the story.

Compassion: If you were asked to make a list of 3 of God's attributes, would compassion make that list? I (pastor) think right away of the big three "Omnis": omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient. Compassion probably wouldn't make my top ten. Do we think of compassion as an attribute of God? It is, and it's a wonderful attribute, therefore, for all of His children to have as well.

Special Offering this morning is for the Benevolent Fund of Harvest Church. This offering especially will be used for a present need among our Harvest family.

Adult Sunday School meets this morning at 11:00.

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.

Coffee Break Women's Bible Study is scheduled to meet on Wednesday at 9:00 am when we will look at Genesis 12:1-9 and Abraham's walk of faith. Precautions are taken to protect those who attend. All women are invited.

From the Deacons. The offering schedule for 2021 has been placed in your mailbox here. If you would like one sent to you, please contact the church office at 616-374-8697.

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.

Thank you Note: "Thank you to my church family for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls. God is good. God bless you."
Joyce Tuitman

If you would like to read the Bible through in 2021, here are a couple of websites where you can find plan options:
<https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/>
<https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/?version=NIV>

At-Home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Engaging Scripture: Eugene Peterson says of Scripture engagement, "Reading is an immense gift, but only if the words are assimilated, taken into the soul—eaten, chewed, gnawed, received in unhurried delight." Read your favorite Scripture passage that way today. Take time to savor and "gnaw" on it, noticing any new insights that come to mind. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit cra.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Calvin University January Series - Each year Calvin University provides a publicly accessible series of speakers on various topics related to the Christian life and worldview. This year the January Series runs from January 6 through 26, 2021 and because of COVID-19 is offered to us in the safety and comfort of our homes. They are offering an impressive lineup of speakers and topics. The series is free of charge, but you need to register to watch it. More information on the content, speakers list, and REGISTRATION details can be found at www.calvin.edu/january

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

From the Deacons: Offerings received December 27

General Fund \$ 2,580.00

Benevolent Fund \$1,020.00

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: Mary Flohr, Julie Kastanek

January 10: Jessica Kastanek, Peighton Reser

January 17: Joyce Mearns, Ainsley Reser

January 24: Jamie Rabideau, Karilynn Ridder

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

Prayer Ministry

Today: Karilynn Ridder January 10: Sandy Stoel

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Ken and Evie David