

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
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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

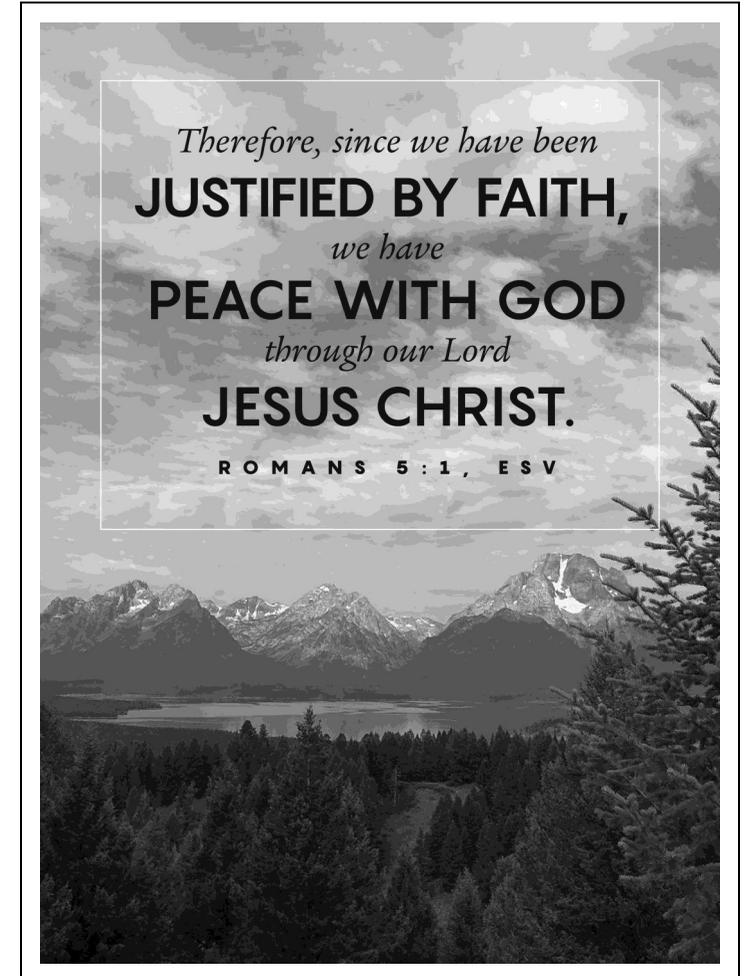
Jason Flohr—2022

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

November 29, 2020

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it." Matthew 11:12

Morning Worship

Message: Crumbs to Dogs

Scripture: Mark 7: 24-30

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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 to walk with Jesus through the Gospel of Mark, we find him being "pestered" by a woman who wanted his help. It appears Jesus is ignoring her, even as the disciples become more irritated by her presence. The irony of their irritation is that Jesus wants them to see what true faith looks like as it is being demonstrated by, of all people, a gentile woman.

Second Offering next Sunday is for the denomination's ministry: World Renew (formerly known as the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee). The ministry is geared towards helping folks deal with the effects of natural disasters as well as systemic poverty.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: We were able to donate 94 boxes last week to this ministry. Continue to be in prayer that young hearts will be prepared to receive the gospel message that accompanies every box. Thank you for your support of this effort once again.

Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday (December 6) following the morning worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to adopt the proposed budget for 2021. All communicant members 18 and older are eligible to vote. If you wish, you may use an absentee voter form from the church office. Make sure they are to the church office by Friday, December 4.

Women's Coffee Break Bible Study will meet this Wednesday at 9:00 with precautions taken to protect those who attend. Our study this week will be from Acts 28:11-31. All women are invited to attend.

Christmas Eve Worship. People have been asking if we are going to be doing anything in person on Christmas Eve. The answer is yes, but we don't know what that will look like yet. Consistory and Worship Planning Team are in conversation. But you can mark your calendars for a Christmas Eve worship opportunity.

Card of Thanks—"Thank you all for the prayers, cards and words of encouragement during my recent knee replacement surgery and recovery. I appreciate it very much." Joy Baum

Lakewood Community Council Christmas Baskets. We need three more gifts as designated on the sheet on the back table. For those who will be donating gifts, please have them here wrapped and labeled by Sunday, December 6. Thank you for your support of this ministry as well!

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!

Kids Showing Gratitude—Check out the new kids' devotion on showing gratitude at www.kidscorner.net. When's the last time you told a check-out clerk, "Thank you for all you do," or you told your restaurant server, "Thank you very much," or the last time you thanked your parents? Listen now at kidscorner.net.

Free Advent Devotional—He Will Be Our Peace is an email devotional series put together by World Renew, Resonate Global Mission, and the CRC Office of Social Justice that features reflections from CRC ministries around the world during Advent 2020. Each devotion will be delivered to your email inbox every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting December 2, 2020, through Christmas Day. Join us as we journey through lamenting injustice to looking forward to the coming of the Prince of Peace using the book of Micah. God to justice.crcna.org/advent to sign up today!

"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
	11:00 am—Adult Sunday School
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Meet for prayer here at church

From the Deacons: Offerings received November 22

General Fund	\$2,590.00
Shoeboxes	150.00

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: Marshann Ludema, Jeremiah Flohr

December 6: Bonnie Frost, Jessica Kastanek

December 13: Jenny Reynolds, Chelsea Booth Zook

December 20: Joann Gerke, Peighton Reser

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

Prayer Ministry

Today: Gail Pepper

December 6: Joel Pepper

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Joann Gerke