

## 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

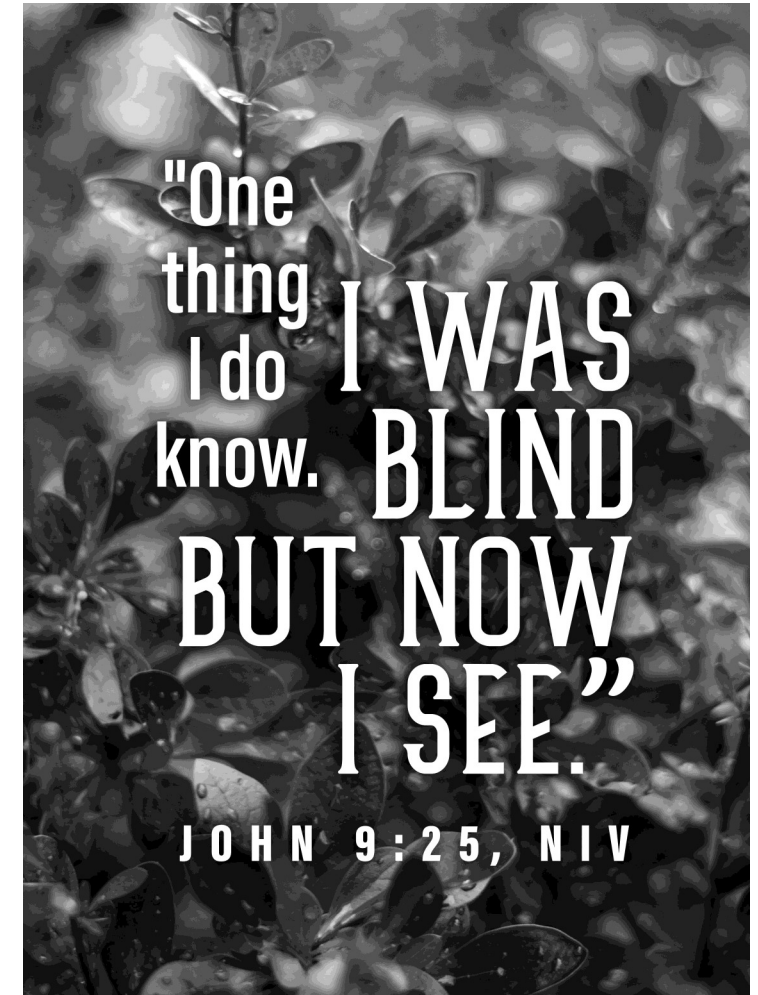
Jason Flohr—2022

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

January 10 2021

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

*"I the Lord, have called you in righteousness. I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness." Isaiah 42:6-7*

## Morning Worship

**Message: Spiritual Blindness**

**Scripture:** Mark 8:11-26

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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

As we continue in our series walking with Jesus through the Gospel of Mark, we arrive at a critical junction of both this gospel and the ministry of Jesus. This will be the last time Jesus dialogues with the religious leaders in Galilee, basically inferring that they have had their chance and now their time is over. On the other hand, the disciples exhibit a certain dullness themselves, but Jesus hangs with them. Both the pharisees and the disciples exhibit a certain blindness. One group is left in their sightless state while the other group is given sight, slowly but surely. Why is one group left in darkness and the other brought into the light? This section of Mark's gospel answers those kinds of questions in a masterful way.

**Next Sunday's Special Offering** will be for Alpha Family Center, a prolife ministry helping families deal with crisis pregnancies from counseling to providing mater needs. A branch of Alpha Family Center is located in Lake Odessa.

**Adult Sunday School** meets this morning at 11:00. We'll be discussing this morning's sermon. All adults are welcome.

**Sunday Night Bible Study (2nd and 4th Sunday evenings)** will be resuming tonight at 5:00. We will be concluding the study on the book of Hebrews, beginning tonight with a few verses of chapter 13. Anyone is welcome to join us.

**Coffee Break Women's Bible Study** is scheduled to meet on Wednesday at 9:00 am. Our lesson this week is from Romans 3:19-31 as we look again at our topical study on faith. Precautions are taken to protect those who attend. All women are invited.

**Outreach Purpose Group** will be meeting tomorrow night here at 6:30. We will be talking about new outreach ideas and how to use a one time grant of \$5000 or two time grant of \$2500. Any ideas for consideration are welcomed!

**Sunday School for Preschool through High School.** With continued uncertainties due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are holding a registration to see who and how many would be attending Sunday School. If there is enough interest, we will look to get classes going yet before the end of the month. Please see the registration sheet on the back table.

**Thank you note:** "Thank you so much for all the Love, Prayers, Cards, Food and Blessings you have given our family during and the passing of Dave. He so much loved his Church family. We are so blessed to have you all in our lives." Love, Kay and the Beach family

**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.

**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.

**TRUSTING GOD'S PLAN** - Check out the new kids' devotion this week at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). Esther went through some very scary times but still trusted God's plan. Maybe during the pandemic, you've been scared too. Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net) and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

**GROUNDWORK: SABBATH REST** - Does Sabbath rest just mean taking a day off? Or is it more than that? Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15, and Hebrews 4:6-11 to better understand what God designed and intended the Sabbath for and how this spiritual discipline can draw us closer to God. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

**FAMILY FIRE - FAMILY FIRE** is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at [familyfire.com](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

*"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 5:00 pm—Hebrews Study
Monday	6:30 pm—Outreach Purpose Group
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Bible Study for Women 7:00 pm—Meet for prayer here at church

**From the Deacons:** Offerings received January 3

**General Fund** \$ 5,810.00

**Benevolent Fund** \$1,125.00

## 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:** Jessica Kastanek, Peighton Reser

**January 17:** Joyce Mearns, Ainsley Reser

**January 24:** Jamie Rabideau, Karilynn Ridder

**January 31:** Marshann Ludema, Jeremiah Flohr

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

**Prayer Ministry**

Today: Sandy Stoel

January 17: Gail Pepper

**Prayer Family:**

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

**This week:** Terry and Judy Hilley