

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

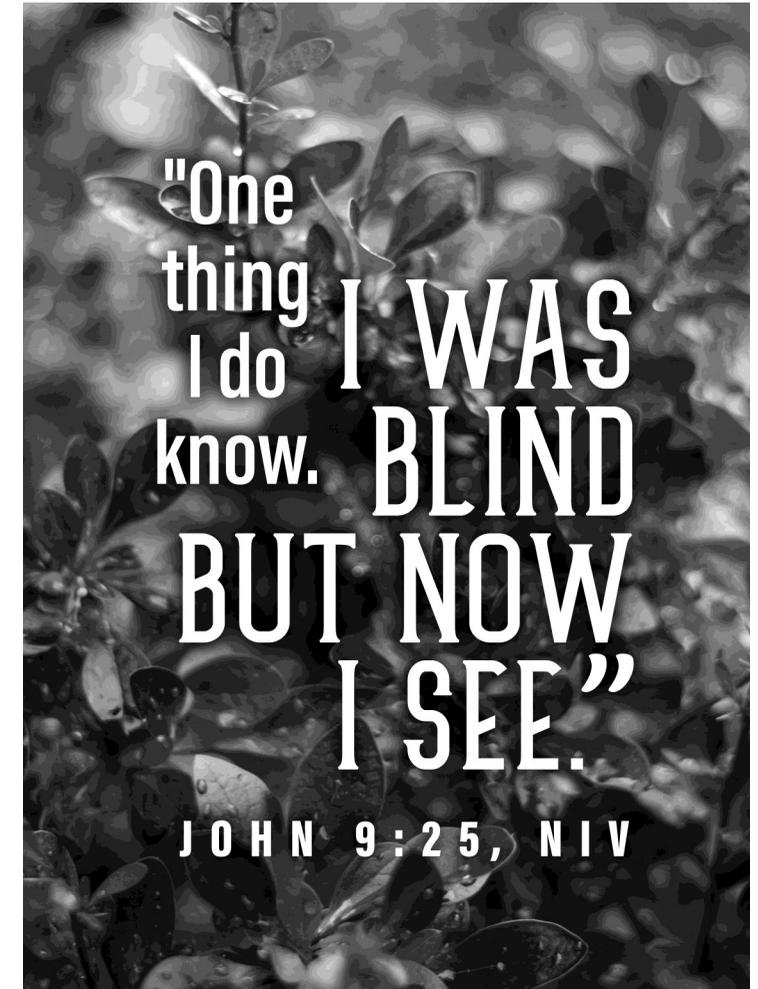
Jason Flohr—2022

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 17, 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 make you to be a covenant and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness." Isaiah 42:6-7

Morning Worship

Message: Walking Trees

Scripture: Mark 8: 22-30

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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

As we continue walking with Jesus through the gospel of Mark's account of His ministry, we come to a watershed moment: Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ. Matthew adds to the story by sharing Christ's response: "Blessed are you Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but my Father in heaven" (Matthew 16:17). That benediction spoken to Simon Peter some 2000 years ago is the same benediction spoken over everyone who professes Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God. If God never blesses us beyond that in this life, we would still have reason enough to crawl over glass to praise and honor Him for all eternity!

Sanctity of Life Sunday is before us today. We will be in prayer this morning regarding so much that causes grief and sadness in this world and in the heavenlies, as well as for those who have been sorely affected by ignoring the sanctity of human life as image bearers of God.

Special Offering this morning is for Alpha Family Center is an organization which helps people dealing with several issues connected with pregnancies and child rearing. This is a pro-life group located in Lowell, with a branch here in Lake Odessa.

Adult Sunday School meets this morning at 11:00. We'll be

discussing this morning's sermon. All adults are welcome.

Coffee Break Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday at 9:00 am. This week's study comes from 2 Kings 5:1-15, the story of Naaman. Precautions are taken to protect those who attend. All women are invited.

Consistory will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Jason Flohr will serve as our host.

Sunday School for ages pre-school thru High School is looking to get started soon. The Discipleship Ministry team asks parents to let us know if their children will be attending so we know what resources are needed as well as the number of teachers. **There is a registration sheet on the back table** for parents to sign and thereby give us the information we need.

Organic Outreach for Ordinary People will resume meeting Thursday, January 28 at 6:30. We will spend our time together reviewing the first three sessions as we left off in February last year. We will resume our schedule of the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

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.

At-home Faith Formation Tip—The Practice of Engaging Scripture: N.T. Wright wrote, "Reading and studying Scripture [is] central to how we grow in the love of God." This coming week, start each day by reading I Corinthians 13 and praying that God's love will flow through you to others. For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit cena.org/FaithFormation/Practices.

Groundwork: Worship—What makes worship a spiritual discipline? Study I Chronicles 15:16-22, Hebrews 10:19-25, Ephesians 5:15-20, and Isaiah 6:1-7 with Groundwork to learn why our pattern of worship matters and how habitually engaging in a thoughtful, intentional, and Trinitarian worship is profoundly informative for our faith and life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

"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
	7:00 pm—Consistory Meeting
	7:00 pm—Meet for prayer here at church

From the Deacons: Offerings received January 10

General Fund \$ 4,280.00

Benevolent Fund \$2,072.00

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: Joyce Mearns, Ainsley Reser

January 24: Jamie Rabideau, Karilynn Ridder

January 31: Marshann Ludema, Jeremiah Flohr

February 7: Bonnie Frost, Jenny Reynolds

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

Prayer Ministry

Today: Gail Pepper

January 24: Joel Pepper

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Lee and Carol Jackson