

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

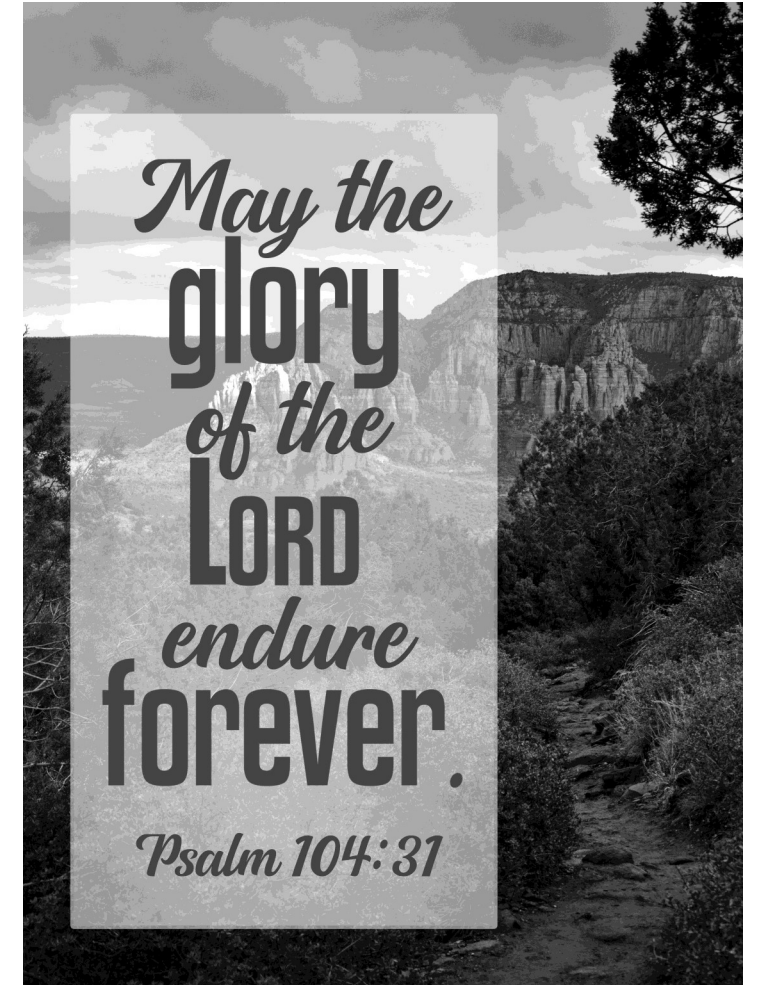
Jason Flohr—2022

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

Sunday, April 11,, 2021

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"In You, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness; turn your ear to me and save me. My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your salvation all day long, though I know not its measure. I will come and proclaim Your mighty acts, O Sovereign Lord." Psalm 71:1, 15-16

Morning Worship

Message: The Bigness of God

Scripture: Isaiah 40:12-31

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Tonight at 6:00—Representatives from ARO

Children's Worship meets this morning. Children age 4-6 are dismissed to go downstairs right after the morning worship time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming off Easter Sunday where we celebrated the resurrection of our living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, it is only fitting to spend some time talking specifically about the One who raised Jesus from the dead: Almighty God and Father. A.W. Tozer once remarked that what comes into our minds when we think of God is the most important thing about us. John Calvin, in his Institutes of the Christian Religion rightly begins that instructive work with "The Knowledge of God." What DOES come into your mind when you think of God? Living in a time of such great uncertainty and ill at easement, where do your thoughts of God make a difference?

Special Offering next Sunday will be for Resonate Global Ministries. This is the outreach ministry of the Christian Reformed Denomination ministering both in this country and across the world. Currently there are over one hundred ministry teams serving outside of the States.

This evening! At 6:00 this evening we will be hosting a group from Appalachia Reach Out to bring us more information about the ministry occurring in that region. Several people from Harvest Church have been involved there in different ministries over the years, and more recently you may have noticed trailers in the

church parking lot as well as donated various items to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Coming this evening will be Dwayne Mills, Executive Director of ARO; Bill Zuidema, Thrift Store manager; and Dave Crum, head of the Work and Witness teams. Join us for an informative and inspirational time this evening!

Children's Worship today. Children, ages 4 thru 6 can be brought downstairs after the opening worship, to the room in the far north-east corner of the building, right by the old basement entrance.

Sunday School classes for ages PK thru adult meet this morning at 11:00. Classrooms are marked downstairs. Adults meet in the auditorium.

Coffee Break Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday at 9:00 am. This week we will study Luke 24—what happened on the road to Emmaus, with practical application for us—disappointment, and how God is present even when we don't sense Him. All women are always welcome to join us.

Grief and Grieving Meetings. The Outreach Purpose Group of Harvest Church has made arrangements to host Gwen Kapcia of grief-guide.com on four consecutive Thursday evenings to talk about grief and grieving. The schedule is as follows:

- April 22: General Grief
- April 29: Grief and Family
- May 6: The faith Component
- May 13: What's Really Helpful for the Griever

If you are dealing with grief or know someone else who is, plan on attending any or all of the meetings. Each meeting starts at 7:00. Check out Gwen's website at grief-guide.com for more information about her ministry.

Rescheduled Consistory Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21st, with Pastor Ridder hosting.

Thank you notes.

"Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for all the Love, Prayers, Cards, and Planter you gave us during the passing of Diane's mother. It is a comfort to know she is with the Lord!" Darl and Diane Redder

(for offerings given)

"Thank you for continuing to support BCCS! With all of the challenges in our world, we need strong churches—and strong Christian schools." Brandon Strong, Administrator for Barry County Christian School

"Friends, I pray that God will continue to shine upon and bless you always! Thank you," Stuart P. Ray, Executive Director of Guiding Light Ministry

Please pray for _____

-Place in offering plate-

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service
	11:00 am—Sunday School for all ages
	6:00 pm—Appalachia Reach Out representatives here
Monday	7:00 pm—Worship Team
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Women's Bible Study
	7:00 pm—Meet for Prayer here at church

From the Deacons: Offering received April 4

General Fund \$4,456.00

Benevolent Fund \$ 605.00

ASSIGNMENTS

Thank you to all our volunteers who care for the children, and help with other ministries during the worship service today!

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Today Kelly Duits

April 18 Anita Duits

April 25 Felicia Vander Kooi

May 2 Joann Gerke

Nursery **Today** Marilyn DeJong, Bob DeJong

April 18 Mary Flohr, Peighton Reser

April 25 Jamie Rabideau, Joann Gerke

May 2 Kelly Duits, Jeremiah Flohr

Coffee Time—please feel free to bring your own coffee

Prayer Ministry

Today Gail Pepper **Next week** Joel Pepper

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Joyce Means