

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—Barnett 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

“Whoever welcomes
one such child
in my name
welcomes me.”

MARK 9:37, NRSV



*Harvest Community
Church*

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, July 25, 2021

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' they were indignant. 'Do you hear what these children are saying?' they asked him. 'Yes,' replied Jesus, 'have you never read:

*From the lips of children and infants
You have ordained praise.'" Matthew 21:14-16*

Morning Worship

Message: Like Little Children

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16

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

Please join us for coffee/fellowship time following the service this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we continue in our series on the Gospel of Mark, walking with our Lord as he is on his way to Jerusalem. On that path he is surrounded by parents bringing their little ones to be blessed by him. It wasn't the first time Jesus interacted with little children, as he has shown his love for them prior to this incident. Earlier the disciples had been told by Jesus, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me (Mark 8:37)." Apparently, the disciples had short memories because in our passage today, they have a fit that Jesus would take time to bless the children being brought to him. They were barriers to Jesus instead of bridges to him. Which are you—a barrier or a bridge?

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

Special Offerings for the month of August:

August 1 Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church

August 15 Starfysh Ministry (in Haiti)

Ecclesiastes Bible Study meets this evening at 5:00. Please read and reflect on Ecclesiastes 6 in preparation for our time together this evening.

Neighborhood Parties! Get to know your neighbors better this summer by providing a neighborhood gathering complete with fun and food. The Outreach Purpose Group will help with the cost (up to \$200) and in whatever other way we can. Be the one who loves your neighbor as you love yourself!

Harvest's Softball Team will be playing on Tuesday this week at Freeport ball field #1 at 6:30. Opponent will be Bowne Church.

The Deacons are planning for carpet replacement for both upstairs and downstairs here at church in the near future. Over the next several weeks, if you would like to help with the considerable cost for this project, please label your check or offering for Capital Improvement: carpet. Thank you for your faithful giving!

Cookies. Would you like to help by furnishing cookies for our fellowship time following the worship service on a given Sunday? There is a sign up sheet on the back table. Just pick the date you would like and bring 3-5 dozen cookies or other treats for that date.

Central United Methodist Church Women are hosting a Salad Luncheon on Monday, August 9 at Noon at the church in Lake Odessa. Kathy Dobie, musician and speaker, will share a message of hope and humor, mixed with song. All women are invited—there is no charge. Please call for reservations by August 8—Kathy Decker (269-945-4880) or Terri Catt (480-231-7785).

Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference, located in Norton Shores, will be featuring David Phelps in concert this Saturday, July 31. Doors open at 6:45 for the public. All concerts are free. If you wish to take part in the Italian Buffet before the concert (beginning at 5:00) you can purchase tickets at VacationWithPurpose.org/Summerconcert and you will be given first seating at the concert.

Please pray for _____

-Place in offering plate-

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service
	11:00 am—Adult Sunday School
	5:00 pm—Ecclesiastes Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 pm—Harvest Softball games
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offering received on July 18

General Fund \$ 4,575.00

Pepper's in Tanzania \$ 410.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters Today Darl and Diane Redder
August 1 Joyce Mearns

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Today Audrey and Jessica Mason
August 1 Kelly Duits
August 8 Felicia Vander kooi

Nursery Today Joyce Mearns and Ainsley Reser
August 1 Audrey and Jessica Mason
August 8 Mary Flohr, Peighton Reser

Coffee Time Today Steve Werdon
August 1 Teresa Renkema

Prayer Ministry

Today Karilynn Ridder August 1 Marshann Ludema

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Darl and Diane Redder