

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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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

Jesus Christ
... there is no other

N O M I N E

under heaven given among mortals
by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12, NRSV

Jesus Christ

*Harvest Community
Church*

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, August 22, 2021

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Jesus, Luke 4:18-19

Morning Worship

Message: Once I was Blind

Scripture: Mark 10: 46-52

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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

As we continue our walk with Jesus through the Gospel of Mark, we follow as His steadfast journey to the passion of His destiny is suddenly interrupted by a no-count begging blindman by the name of Bartimaeus. In short order Bartimaeus goes from sitting and begging, to shouting and shouting more loudly, to throwing, jumping and coming. By the time the story ends, he is following. It is a microcosm of the story of salvation as a wonderful gift of the Savior.

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.

Sundaes today! Please stay around after the service this morning for Back to School ice cream sundaes outside on the front lawn.

Ecclesiastes Bible Study meets this evening at 5:00. Please read and reflect on 7:15-29 in preparation.

Consistory Meeting meets this Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Congregational Meeting next Sunday following the worship

service for the purpose of affirming those the consistory has placed before Harvest Church as the next officers: Bob DeJong as elder and Richard Duits as deacon.

Our annual church picnic is planned for next Sunday, August 29 at the home of Bob and Marilyn DeJong. Beginning at 2:00, with supper at 5:00. Hot dogs and hamburgers, lemonade and tableware will be provided. Please bring a dish or two to share, also your own lawn chair, swim suits, life jackets and towels. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up—contact Bob or Marilyn Dejong if you can help.

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!

Card of Thanks. "We wish to thank everyone for all the love and support shown to us in so many ways during the weeks following the sudden death of our son and brother. God has met all our needs through your actions. Thank you so very much." Royce and Joyce Wilcox and Pete Koetje

Church Family. Lisa Nurenberg underwent a successful total mastectomy and reconstruction surgery this past Thursday. Let's keep her in our prayers as she recovers.

Our Sympathy is extended to Kay Beach in the passing of her father-in-law, and to Darl and Diane Redder in the passing of Darl's brother. May our God be unto them as He is: The Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

Lakewood Community Women's Annual Conference will be held on Saturday, September 18 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Lakewood United Methodist Church, 10254 Brown Rd. This year's theme is *Real Faith for Real Life*. Guest Speaker will be Robyn Dykstra. Conference and lunch are free but pre-registration is required. Call the church to register: 269.367.4800

World Renew. Will you help Haitians left homeless after the earthquake? - On August 14th an earthquake shook Haiti and has so far claimed over a thousand lives, left thousands more injured or missing, destroyed property, and compounded the suffering of the island nation that has been struggling with economic instability. The Haitian healthcare system is ill equipped to tend to all the injured. An estimated 30,000 people have been left homeless—exposed to the elements including the wind and rain that Tropical Storm Grace brought down just days after the earthquake. The World Renew Haiti team initial response includes non-food items like tarps for shelter and kits containing household and personal care items. To donate visit: worldrenew.net/haiti

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 Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm—Consistory

From the Deacons—Offering received on August 15

General Fund \$ 2,790.00

Starfysh \$ 305.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters Today and August 29 Ken and Sandy Stoel

Children's Worship meets this morning. Children ages 4-6 are dismissed to go downstairs following the worship time.

Today Chelsea Zook

August 29 Anita Duits

September 5 Rachel Ridder

Nursery Today Harlene Westendorp, Jeremiah Flohr

August 29 Joann Gerke, Kelly Duits

September 5 Marshann Ludema, Julie Kastanek

Coffee Time Today Joann Gerke August 29 Cindi Green

Prayer Ministry

Today Joel Pepper

August 29 Cindi Green

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Pastor Ben and Karilynn Ridder