

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

Church phone—616-374-8697
Church email—info@harvestcrc.com
Pastor's email—ben@harvestcrc.com
Church website: www.harvestcrc.com

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, August 29, 2021

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." Jesus, John 4:23-24

Morning Worship

Message: "Nothing But Leaves"

Scripture: Mark 11:12-24

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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 find Him doing a couple of things which might first appear to be out of character for Him: killing off a fig tree for no apparent reason and attacking the Father's house of worship. A closer look reveals the two to be closely related in giving the same message and making the same prediction. As Jesus is getting closer to the cross, what was so important that he had to predict it, and what does the passage say to us some 2000 years later?

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.

Congregational Meeting takes place this morning 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.

Second offering next Sunday will be for the Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Community. Our next big project is to replace the carpet upstairs and the carpet in the old part of the basement. We are currently receiving bids

Our annual church picnic is this afternoon at the home of Bob and Marilyn DeJong, 7700 Woodland Rd. Lake Odessa, beginning at 2:00, with supper at 5:00. Everyone welcome! 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.

Dust to Glory Bible Study will not be meeting tonight due to the church picnic.

Outreach Purpose Group members—there will be a meeting on Monday, September 8 at 6:30 pm. It is time to start talking about Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and other plans.

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!

Do you have rubber stamps at home that you no longer use? These are the stamps that are used in making greeting cards and other craft items. Starlight Ministries in Grand Rapids can use them in their ministry to grieving children. Bring your donations to church and Micah Ridder will take them to Starlight. Contact Micah with any questions you may have.

Church Family: Congratulations to Wayne and Carrie Moak in the birth of Elsie Elizabeth this past week. "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." Psalm 139:13-14

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

Faith Formation Ministries. At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Service: In Celebration of Discipline, Richard Foster writes, "Self-righteous service fractures community. . . it puts others into its debt and becomes one of the most subtle and destructive forms of manipulation known. True service builds community. It quietly and unpretentiously goes about caring for the needs of others. It draws, binds, heals, builds." Look for ways to heal and build others up through service this week. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit cna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Please pray for _____

-Place in offering plate-

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service
	11:00 am—Adult Sunday School
	2:00 pm—Church Picnic
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offering received on August 22

General Fund \$ 2,865.00
Starfysh \$ 100.00

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 September 5 Ken and Sandy Stoel

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Today Anita Duits

September 5 Rachel Ridder

September 12 Joann Gerke

Nursery Today Joann Gerke, Kelly Duits

September 5 Marshann Ludema, Julie Kastanek

September 12 Marilyn and Bob DeJong

Coffee Time Today Cindi Green Sept. 5 Harlene Westendorp

Prayer Ministry

Today Cindi Green

September 5 Karilynn Ridder

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Rachel Ridder