

## 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



## Harvest Community Church

*A Christian Reformed Ministry*

*620 Sixth Avenue*

*Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849*

# Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, September 5, 2021

## It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!?" Jesus, as Matthew 7:9-11 records it.

### Morning Worship

**Message: The Prayer of Faith**

**Scripture:** Mark 11: 22-25

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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 hear our Lord speak words about prayer that are encouraging and challenging. What does your prayer life look like? As you pray, do you envision God as reluctant to give you whatever you are praying for? Do you envision God as a slot machine that pays off some of the time but not most of the time? Jesus invites us to be audacious in our requests and confident in the character of the Father to whom we are praying.

**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 offering this morning** is for the Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church. We are currently collecting bids for new carpeting in the old part of the basement as well as new carpeting for the entire upstairs of this building.

**Dust to Glory Bible Study** will meet this evening at 5:00. these 55 studies curricula gives a general look at the entire Bible. Tonight, we are on lesson 18, dealing with the ministry of Elijah.

**At our Congregational Meeting** last Sunday, Bob DeJong was affirmed as our new elder, and Richard Duits was affirmed as our deacon. Installation service will take place in the near future.

**Outreach Purpose Group members**—there will be a meeting this Wednesday (note day correction), September 8 at 6:30 pm. It is time to start talking about Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and other plans. **Our regular prayer meeting for that evening will be at 7:30 instead of 7:00 pm.**

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School classes for ages PreK through High School will begin meeting on Sunday, September 26.

Sunday School Teachers meeting will be held next Sunday (September 12) in the library at 10:45 am following the worship service.

**The Women's Coffee Break** season is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 22 at 9:00 am.

**Our church directory** is being updated. If you have not done so, please take a look at your information in the directory and email any corrections or changes to marshann@harvesterc.com or leave in the church office. If you would like to change your current picture, please provide a digital one or contact Evie David, our directory photographer.

**ARO (Appalachia Reach Out)** is in need of plastic grocery bags. There is a box in the downstairs entryway to collect your donations.

**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 Mycah with any questions you may have.

**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 See today's bulletin insert.

**World Renew DRS Hurricane Ida Response**—Please pray for those whose homes and lives are affected by the storm, for the dedicated DRS volunteers and for God's guidance. You can support this work with your financial gift to World Renew, DRS Hurricane Ida 2021, at worldrenew.net/donate, or call 800-552-7972.

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—Dust to Glory Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 pm—Outreach Purpose Group
	7:30 pm—Prayer Meeting

**From the Deacons—Offering received on August 29**

**General Fund** \$ 2,155.00

### ASSIGNMENTS

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

**Greeters** Today Ken and Sandy Stoel  
September 12 Steve and Pat Werdon

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

Today Rachel Ridder  
September 12 Joann Gerke  
September 19 Audrey Mason

**Nursery** Today Marshann Ludema, Julie Kastanek  
September 12 Marilyn and Bob DeJong  
September 19 Jenny Reynolds, Peighton Reser

**Coffee Time** Today Harlene Westendorp Sept. 12 Steve Werdon

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Karilynn Ridder September 12 Marshann Ludema

**Prayer Family:**  
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.  
**This week:** A.J. and Andrea Russell