

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

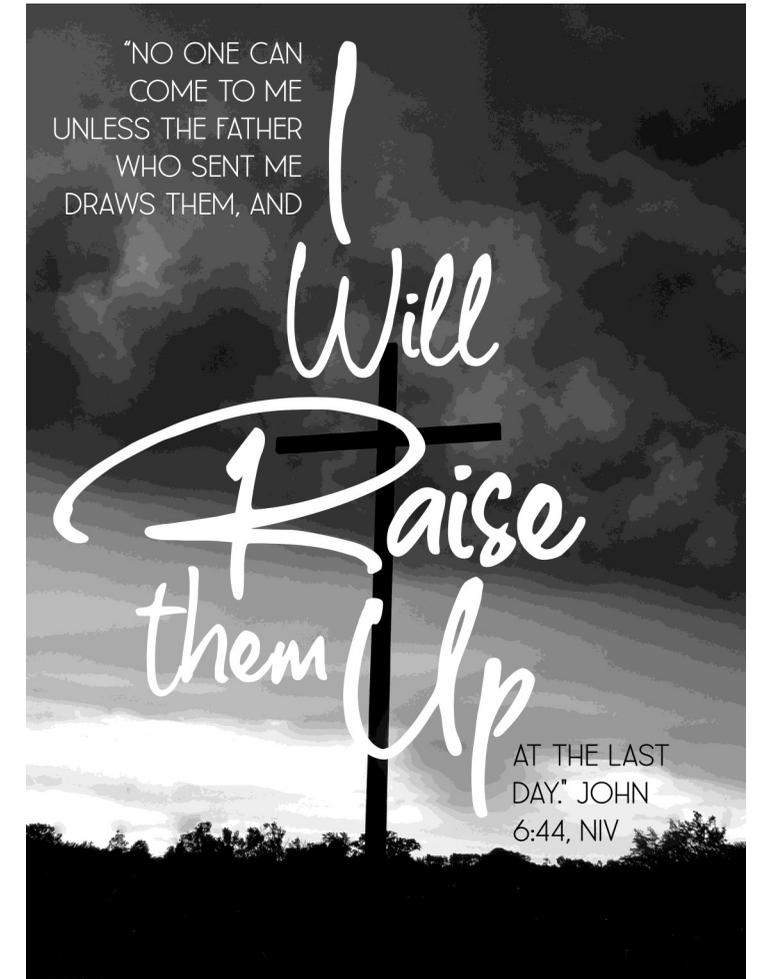
Moms in Touch Prayer

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, October 3, 2021

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades." -Jesus, in the vision of John (Revelation 1:17-18)

Morning Worship

Message: God of the Living

Scripture: Mark 12:18-27

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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 with Jesus on the way to His cross as depicted in the gospel of Mark. In our passage we find another group from the Sanhedrin that has come in an attempt to discredit Jesus and His teachings. Somehow, they must get the wider audience on their side in opposition to this carpenter before they lose their own position of influence and power. In response to their "riddle", Jesus lays the reasons for their error out in black and white: "You don't know the Scriptures and you don't know the power of God." How much of our own folly and doubt can be traced back to those very same reasons?

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, by the old basement entrance.

Second Offering this morning is for the Hermon House. This is a ministry to needful children in a province of Myanmar. Reverend Khar stays in touch with Pastor Ben.

Installation of our new elder Bob DeJong will take place as part of our worship time this morning. Make sure to express your gratitude to retiring elder Ken Oosterhouse, who again has served God's church well.

Sunday School from Pre-K through adults meets this morning. Pre-K through 8th grade will meet in the big room downstairs for a time of singing and offering before going to their individual classes. The high school class will go directly to their classroom, the church library. Adults meet in the auditorium.

Dust to Glory Bible Study meets tonight at 5:00. This is a study that takes us through the Bible in 53 lessons. Tonight, we will be looking at the life and ministry of the prophet Jeremiah.

Outreach Purpose Group meets tomorrow evening at 6:30.

Women's Coffee Break meets this Wednesday at 9:00 am. We are beginning a new study entitled *Anxiety, Finding Comfort and Reassurance From God*. Our first lesson—Why Are You Anxious? from Matthew 6:25-34. Women, join us! We also offer Little Lambs and Nursery for preschool aged children. If you would like a lesson emailed to you, contact marshann@harvesterc.com.

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 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 photographer.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. This year the Outreach Group has set a goal of 125 shoeboxes filled. There are donation requests on the side wall of the sanctuary where you can choose something you would like to buy. Items can be left in the church office. If you would like to collect items for your own box, there are empty shoeboxes (with labels and instructions inside) under the mailboxes in the sanctuary. There are also boxes and labels for you to take on the table in the downstairs hallway. These filled boxes will be sent all over the world to children who would not otherwise receive a Christmas gift this year. Thank you for your generous participation in this ministry!

Prayer Chain. Every October we update our prayer chain here at Harvest. If you would like to be included please sign the sheet on the table near the mailboxes even if you are on the current chain. As requests come up you will be contacted via email or telephone depending on the urgency of the request. Please provide both email and telephone number if available.

Groundwork: You Shall Not Give False Testimony—Twisting someone's words or leaving out vital information that skews the truth, and keeping silent when we should speak up can be just as damaging to another person as a lie. Join Groundwork as we study Exodus 20:16, and other scriptures to learn more about what it means to bear false testimony or witness and the importance of truth. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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
	5:00 pm—Dust to Glory Study
Monday	6:30 pm—Outreach Purpose Group
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break and Little Lambs
	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offering received on September 26

General Fund \$ 3,940.00

Christmas Child Shoeboxes \$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 October 10 Royce and Joyce Wilcox

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

Today Felicia Vander Kooi

October 10 Karilynn Ridder

October 17 Chelsea Zook

Nursery Today Joyce Mearns, Peighton Reser

October 10 Mary Flohr, Jessica Kastanek

October 17 Harlene Westendorp, Kelly Duits

Coffee Time Today Noah Garn **October 10** Tamara Reser

Prayer Ministry

Today Joel Pepper

October 10 Cindi Green

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Ken and Deb Trumble family