

## 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  
**B. DeJong/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

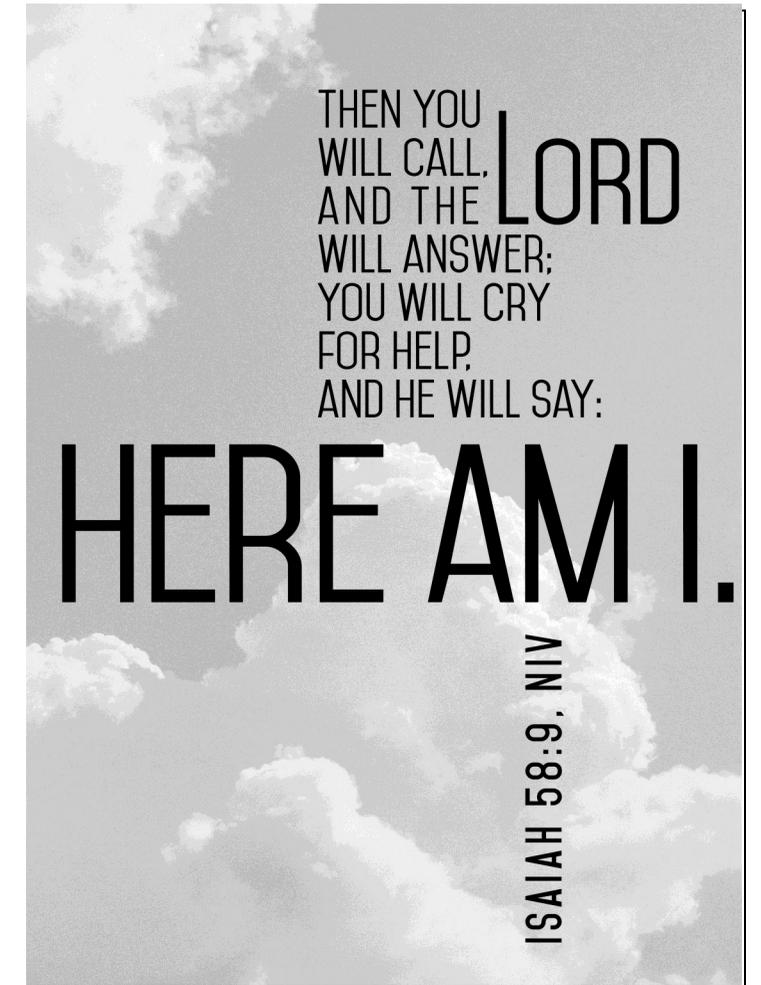
**Moms in Touch Prayer**

Wednesdays—11:30 a.m. Sept-May

\*CHEERS (Caring, Hope, Encouragement, Enlightenment, Respect, Support)

### CONSISTORY:

Pastor Ben Ridder  
Elders Jason Flohr—2022  
Ryan Oosterhouse—2023  
Bob DeJong—2024  
Deacons Joe Leazier—2022  
Bob Green—2023  
Richard Duits—2024



## *Harvest Community Church*

*A Christian Reformed Ministry*

*620 Sixth Avenue*

*Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849*

# Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, October 31, 2021

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

*"If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, deceives himself and his religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:25-27*

## Morning Worship

**Message: Sincere or Veneer?**

**Scripture:** Mark 12: 38-44

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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.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This morning** we continue with Jesus on the way to the cross as Mark records the journey in his gospel. The passage before us today gives the final time that Jesus addresses the crowds, and what he says in that context gives us insight into something he hated, and therefore what we must hate as well, especially as it gets exposed in ourselves.

**Second Offering** next Sunday will go for Open Doors Ministry, an organization whose main work is getting Bibles into areas where they are illegal and /or hard to come by.

**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.

**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.

**No Bible Study** tonight as it is the 5th Sunday of the month.

**Outreach Purpose Group** will meet tomorrow night at 6:30 pm in

the church library.

**Women's Coffee Break** meets this Wednesday at 9:00 am. We will look at Psalm 103 and how lack of forgiveness can play a part in the anxieties we go through. Women, please join us! Little Lambs and nursery are available for those who have young children and infants. To have a lesson emailed to you, contact Marshann@harvestcrc.com

**Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.** There are empty shoeboxes available for you to take home (under upstairs mailboxes and on table in downstairs hallway) and fill with small gifts: toys, hygiene items, school supplies etc. or you can take a slip from the sidewall in the sanctuary, purchase those items and bring to church office. If you are taking a shoebox to pack please make checks for postage out to **Harvest Community Church** rather than the address on the information included with the shoeboxes. We will be sending one check to cover the cost of postage for all the boxes from Harvest.

**New Prayer Chain.** 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.

**Prayer for the Persecuted Church Sunday.** Next Sunday we join with Christian Churches around the country in specific prayer for brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted for their Christian faith. Everyone should have received a prayer guide in their mailboxes. If you didn't receive one, there are extra on the back table. As special guests, we will be welcoming Charles and Tara Udeh. They lived in Nigeria (Charles born and raised). They will share with us what it means to be a Christian in different regions of that country.

**Lakewood Community Council** annual Christmas Basket Program. Harvest Community is asked to supply \$10-\$12 gifts for 8 boys age 9, 4 boys age 16-18, and 6 girls age 5. Please sign up on the table near the mailboxes. Good warm hats, water resistant mittens/gloves and socks for any age are also needed. If you would rather contribute toward meat certificates for the baskets, send checks to Lakewood Community Council c/o Kay Barcroft, 2291 E. M43 Hwy, Hastings, MI 49058.

**Church Family.** We extend our Christian sympathy to Pat and Steve Werdon and all the family following the passing of Pat's mother, Carolyn Knickerbocker, this past Thursday. May God comfort each one with the assurance that she is now enjoying her eternal home with Him.

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
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 October 24**

**General Fund** \$ 3,484.00  
**Appalachia Reach Out** \$40.00  
**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 November 7 Bob and Cindi Green

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

**Today** Rachel Ridder

**November 7** Felicia Vanderkooi

**November 14** Audrey Mason

**Nursery** Today Julie Kastanek, Joann Gerke

**November 7** Marilyn and Bob DeJong

**November 14** Jenny Reynolds, Peighton Reser

**Coffee Time** Today Harlene Westendorp

**November 7** Steve Werdon

**November 14** Joyce Tuitman

**Prayer Ministry**

**Today** Sandy Stoel

**November 7** Gail Pepper

**Prayer Family:**

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

**This week:** Ted and Diana Wells