

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

CAST YOUR
BURDEN ON
THE LORD,
AND HE WILL
SUSTAIN YOU.

PSALM 55:22, ESV

*Harvest Community
Church*

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, November 14, 2021

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Why are you downcast O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God." Psalm 42:11

Morning Worship

Message: Singing in the Rain

Scripture: Habakkuk

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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

We will be stepping away from Mark's gospel for a bit, coming back to it in the new year. This morning we will look at one of the most neglected books in the Old Testament: Habakkuk. The message of this prophecy is stunningly relevant to the time we find ourselves in currently, as well as to the struggles that some of us are in the middle of personally. We thank God for His eternal Word, always relevant for all peoples and at all times.

Second Offering Next Week will be for the Benevolent Fund of Harvest Church. This is a fund meant to help people with immediate and material needs. Half of the money we collect is donated to the Lakewood Ministerial Association Benevolent Fund as we have covenanted with other Christian churches to be a source of help through that avenue as well.

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. Today children's classes will be packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes instead of regular class time. Adults meet in the auditorium.

The Sunday School Classes downstairs will be packing some shoeboxes for Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child after the service this morning. We will be receiving all shoeboxes through next Sunday morning as they will be delivered to the collection spot the following Monday morning. Thank you for all your help and participation!

Ecclesiastes Bible Study will not be meeting this evening as Pastor Ben has been asked by Classis Thornapple Valley to evaluate a sermon being preached by a candidate for ministry who will be examined for candidacy this Tuesday evening.

Women's Coffee Break meets this Wednesday at 9:00 am. Our text for discussion this week is Matthew 11:25-30. 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

Consistory will be in session this Wednesday at 7:00. Ryan Oosterhouse will be bringing devotions for us.

Lakewood Community Council's Annual Christmas Basket Program. Still needed are 3 gifts for boys age 9 and 2 gifts for girls age 5 (\$10-\$12). 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.

Harvest Book Club. Do you enjoy reading? A book club here at Harvest is in the works. This will be a once-a-month meeting to discuss a book that is read by each member of the group. Other guidelines for the group will be decided at the first meeting. If interested, contact the church office- marshann@harvestcrc.com

From Faith Formation Ministries. At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Generosity: Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 and ponder or discuss the following questions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject) Think back over the past year. Where have you “sown sparingly”? Where have you “sown generously”? How do you “decide in your heart” what and when to give? How intentional are those decisions? How might you find more joy in giving generously?

Thanksgiving Prayers - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever wondered if it's okay to thank God for really little things? 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 encourages us to thank God no matter what is happening. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

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
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break and Little Lambs 7:00 pm—Consistory 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offering received on November 7

General Fund \$ 4,839.00
Open Doors \$492.00
Christmas Child shoeboxes \$95.00

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 21 Darl and Diane Redder

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

Today Audrey Mason

November 21 Kelly Duits

November 28 Rachel Ridder

Nursery Today Karilynn Ridder, Peighton Reser

November 21 Audrey Mason, Jessica Mason

November 28 Joyce Mearns, Jessica Kastanek

Coffee Time Today Joyce Tuitman

November 21 Teresa Renkema

November 28 Noah Garn

Prayer Ministry

Today Joel Pepper

November 21 Cindi Green

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Harlene Westendorp