

## 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



“Blessed  
are those  
who are  
**persecuted** for  
righteousness'  
sake, for  
theirs is  
the **kingdom**  
of heaven.”

Matthew 5:10

*Harvest Community  
Church*

*A Christian Reformed Ministry*

*620 Sixth Avenue*

*Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849*

# Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, November 7, 2021

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

*"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you.'"* Jesus, in John 15:18-20

### Morning Worship

**Message:** "Don't be Surprised!"

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:11-12

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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 join with other Christians around the world to remember and pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted for their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We welcome Charles and Tara Udeh to share with us about the persecution taking place in areas of Nigeria. Charles was born and raised in Nigeria and Tara served as principal in a Christian school in Jos, Nigeria. The message this morning will focus on preparedness on our part for having to pay a price for our faith.

**Second Offering** this morning will be for Open Doors Ministry, an organization dedicated to getting Bibles into parts of the world where there are few copies of God's Word, often because Bibles have been declared illegal contraband.

**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 li-

brary. Adults meet in the auditorium.

**Dust to Glory Bible Study** will NOT be meeting this evening as Pastor Ridder, on behalf of Classis Thornapple Valley, will be evaluating a sermon being preached by someone seeking candidacy in the Christian Reformed Church.

**Women's Coffee Break** meets this Wednesday at 9:00 am. Psalm 73 will be our study and discussion. 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**. One Harvest check will be sent to cover postage for all the boxes.

**New Prayer Chain.** Please sign up today if you haven't already done so and want to be included. Even if you are on the current chain, you will need to re-sign with your information. 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.

**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.

**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

**Winter Outerwear Closet.** Harvest offers free coats, boots, gloves etc. free of charge to anyone who needs them. If you have any gently used winter outerwear at home that you no longer need, please bring them in so they can continue to be useful to someone. Just in the past two weeks we have given away 12 coats, 3 snow pants, 5 pairs of boots and several pairs of gloves.

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—Prayer Meeting

**From the Deacons—Offering received on October 31**

**General Fund** \$ 6,801.00  
**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 Bob and Cindi Green  
November 14 Darl and Diane Redder

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

Today Felicia Vanderkooi  
November 14 Audrey Mason  
November 21 Kelly Duits

**Nursery** Today Marilyn and Bob DeJong  
November 14 Jenny Reynolds, Peighton Reser  
November 21 Audrey Mason, Jessica Mason

**Coffee Time** Today Cindi Green  
November 14 Joyce Tuitman

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Gail Pepper November 14 Joel Pepper

**Prayer Family:**  
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.  
**This week:** Steve and Pat Werdon