

## 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

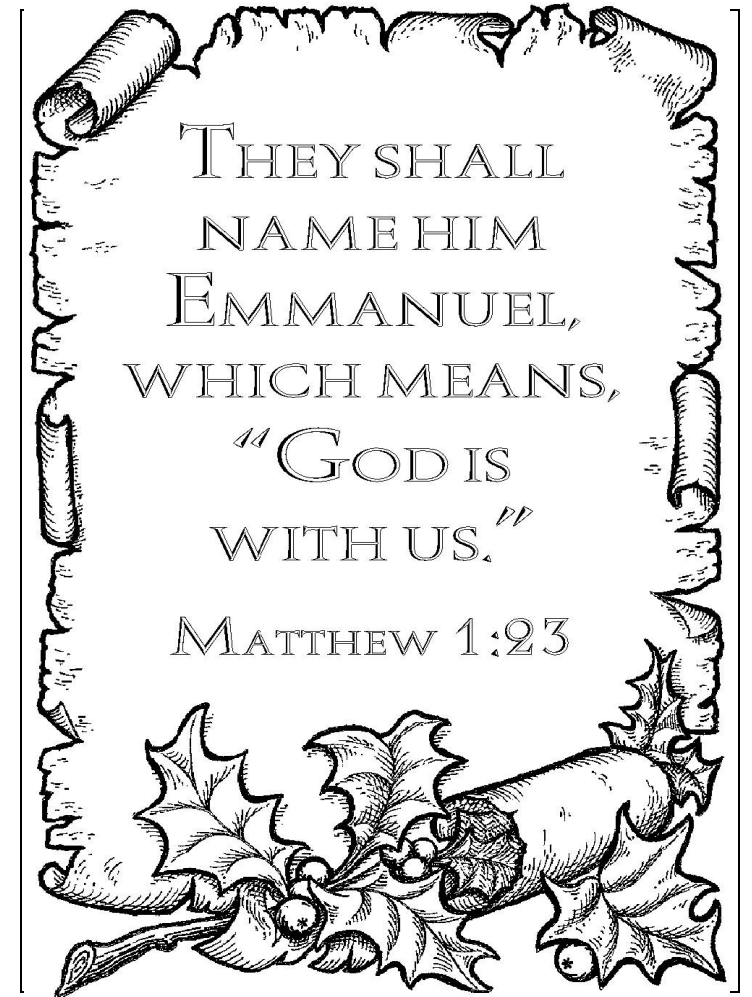
**Moms in Touch Prayer**

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, December 19, 2021

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

*"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people and God himself will be with them and be their God.'" Revelation 21:3*

## Morning Worship

**Message: God. With. Us.**

**Scripture:** Matthew 1:18-25

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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

**This morning** we take another look at Matthew's record of the coming of Jesus to earth. Having pondered the wonder of the incarnation and contemplated the giving of the name of Jesus, we turn today to the prophesied title Immanuel, which means "God With Us." Each word is heavier than the whole earth and will last forever and ever.

**Second Offering** this morning is for Guiding Light Mission, a ministry in the inner city of Grand Rapids geared towards helping the homeless get back on their feet.

**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.

**Dust to Glory Bible Study** will meet this evening at 5:00. The study will focus on the character and prophecy of Daniel.

### Church Family

- This morning we are privileged to hear the public profession of faith of Wayne and Carrie Moak, as well as witness the baptism

of their children Will and Elsie.

- We have received the memberships of Dick and Robin Barnett into our fellowship this past week.
- Congratulations to Betsy Reynolds (daughter of Bill and Jenny) who was united in marriage to Jake Gaberdiel yesterday.

**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. Adults meet in the auditorium.

**Women's Coffee Break** will not meet this week or next. Our next gathering will be on January 5 at 9:00 a.m.

**From the Deacons.** New carpet has been ordered for the church and will be installed, downstairs and upstairs, within the next few months. If you would like to make a contribution toward the project, just make a notation on your check or envelope. There are extra offering envelopes on the back table near the mail boxes.

**Women at Risk ornament tree** here at Harvest. Beautiful hand blown glass ornaments are for sale with all proceeds going to support the Women at Risk efforts to combat human trafficking. Each ornament is marked with the price. Please fill out a form when you purchase any of the ornaments—located on the shelf in the coat room next to the tree.

**Appalachia Reach Out (ARO)** is in need of gently used blankets, comforters and quilts. You can leave your donations in the church office and they will be delivered along with other donated items to Kentucky in January.

**Winter weather information.** With the winter season upon us, if there is bad weather that requires us to cancel services or events here at Harvest, the information will be announced on TV channels 8 and 6. If you don't have access to these network TV stations you can text or call 616-307-0858 for that information.

### Advent Schedule

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24th, 7:00. We will be celebrating the portion of having a candle and singing outdoors as we did last year, so dress accordingly.
- There will be Sunday School or Sunday evening activities for the weeks of December 26th and January 2nd.



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 Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting
Friday	7:00 pm—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**From the Deacons—Offering received on December 12**

**General Fund** \$ 2,653.00

### ASSIGNMENTS

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

**Greeters** Today Jason and Mary Flohr  
December 26 Joyce Mearns

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

Today Anita Duits  
December 26 Joann Gerke  
January 2 Audrey Mason

**Nursery** Today Joann Gerke, Jeremiah Flohr  
December 26 Julie Kastanek, Marshann Ludema  
January 2 Marilyn and Bob DeJong

**Coffee Time** Today Cindi Green  
December 26 Harlene Westendorp  
January 2 Steve Werdon

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Sandy Stoel January 2 Gail Pepper

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

**This week:** Mary Zook