

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 5, 2021

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"For to us a child is born; to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end." Isaiah 9:6-7a

Morning Worship

Message: The Virgin Birth (1)

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 continue in our look at Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus. He begins with such an unassuming statement: "this is how the birth of Jesus came about:" And yet from there goes on to relate facts that are more fanciful and stunning than the greatest fantasies created by the most imaginative minds of men and women. Let us again this year enter into the beauty and significance of our Lord God coming to earth with both a divine and human nature.

Second Offering this morning is for World Renew, our denomination's agency appointed to helping people in less developed countries as well as responding to the effects of natural disasters as they occur anywhere in the world. Check out the World Renew website to see what ministries they are currently involved with and what their plans for the future are.

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. Adults meet in the auditorium.

Dust to Glory Bible Study will meet this evening at 5:00. Tonight, we will look at the ministry and book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Women's Coffee Break. We will meet this Wednesday at 9:00 am to discuss and dig deeper into Psalm 23. All women are always welcome to join us. Child care is also available for preschool age and infant.

Congregational Meeting for the purpose of voting on the 2022 proposed budget will take place next Sunday following the morning worship service. You should all have received the proposal in your mailbox. There are also some extra copies on the back table. All communicant members ages 18 and older are eligible to vote.

Lakewood Community Council's Annual Christmas Basket Program. All gifts are due here at church by this Tuesday, December 7. Checks for meat for the baskets should be made out to Lakewood Community Council and sent to Kay Barcroft, 2291 E. M43 Hwy, Hastings, MI 49058. Thank you to all who are providing gifts for these baskets that go to families in the Lakewood area.

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.

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 3.

Advent Schedule

- Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Friday evening, December 24th, 7:00.
- Sunday School will not be meeting the Sundays 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

From the Deacons—Offering received on November 28

General Fund \$ 2,465.00

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 December 12 Jason and Mary Flohr

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

Today Karilynn Ridder

December 12 Chelsea Zook

December 19 Anita Duits

Nursery Today Kelly Duits, Mary Flohr

December 12 Jessica Kastanek, Harlene Westendorp

December 19 Joann Gerke, Marshann Ludema

Coffee Time Today Tamara Reser

December 12 Joann Gerke

December 19 Cindi Green

Prayer Ministry

Today Sandy Stoel **December 12** Karilynn Ridder

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Dave and Chelsea Zook