

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 July 24, 2022

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the sins of the whole world. I John 2:1-2

Morning Worship

Message: A Better Mediator

Scripture: Esther 4

Page 356 in the blue Bibles

Children's Worship **will not meet** during the summer months

Please join us for coffee/fellowship time following the service this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we continue on the book of Esther, we arrive in the section where the two most often quoted statements of the book are found: Mordecai's 'Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?' and Esther's 'If I perish, I perish.' We'll look at the setting for both of these statements and discover their present-day applications for all God's people.

Adult Sunday School meets this morning at 11:00 in the auditorium for a discussion of today's sermon. Children's Sunday School does not meet during the summer.

Second Offerings for the month of August

—August 7 Capital Improvement Fund

—August 21 Starfysh Ministry in Haiti

Sunday Evening Study in the book of Exodus meets this evening at 5:00. Please read and think about Exodus 5 and 6 in preparation.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated this morning as part of our worship. All are invited to participate who:

- Humble themselves in repentance before God, considering their own sin.
- Trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, believing their sins are forgiven wholly by grace for the sake of our Lord's sacrifice on the cross.
- Resolve to live in faith and obedience with his neighbor.

Children who profess a faith in Jesus as their Savior are also welcomed

From the Consistory: At our last meeting we accepted Jason Flohr's volunteering to serve another term as elder, and Seth Oosterhouse was nominated as a single nomination for deacon. Seth has since accepted the nomination. A vote of affirmation will take place August 28 after the service.

Harvest's softball team will be playing against Vermontville Bible at 6:30 pm at Freeport field # 2 on Tuesday this week. Come out and support the team!

Church Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 6. There are several tasks to be accomplished so many hands will be utilized and appreciated! (Painting, constructing of parsonage patio and steps, deep cleaning of kitchen, gutter clean-out, etc).

We are asking for your help in supplying new shoes and socks for the school age children in the Inez area of Eastern Kentucky. There is a very urgent need at this time before school begins. The shoe sizes are 10 1/2 to 3 for ages 4 to 7 and sizes 3 1/2-7 for ages 7 to 12. Socks are child size medium and large. Youth and adult sizes may be sent too. You may leave them at church or if you use Amazon, you may send them to Haven of Rest, 58 Haven Place, Debord, KY 41214. See Royce and Joyce Wilcox if you have questions. Thank you so much.

Alpha Care Center of Lowell and Lake Odessa is sponsoring a Run for Your Life Family Walk and 5K on Saturday, August 13. 5K Run/Walk is \$25 with \$60 maximum for a family. Registration is at 8:45 am, start time is 9:00 am. The Walk/Run will be held on the Jordan Lake Trail and Lake Odessa Park. Pre-register online at www.alphacarecenter.org/get-involved/events-campaigns or the church office has one registration blank that can be copied.

Maranatha Summer Concert Series will feature Charles Billingsley for their free concert this Saturday, July 16 at Maranatha Conference Center (4759 Lake Harbor Rd., Norton Shores, MI). Concert begins at 7:00 pm. Dinner is available before the concert for a charge, which includes early concert seating. For dinner tickets and more information visit vacationwithpurpose.org.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Communion Worship Service 11:00 am—Adult Sunday School 5:00 pm—Exodus Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 pm—Harvest ball game in Freeport
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings received on July 17

General Fund \$ 3,041.00

Resonate Global for Joshua Jiang family in S. Korea \$1,586.00

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 July 31 Wayne and Carrie Moak

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Nursery Today Harlene Westendorp, Gabe Flohr
July 31 Audrey Mason, Jessica Kastanek
August 7 Joyce Mearns, Peighton Reser

Coffee Time Today Tamara Reser
July 31 Marshann Ludema
August 7 Joann Gerke

Prayer Ministry
Today Joel Pepper July 31 Cindi Green

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Lyle and Val Livingston