

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

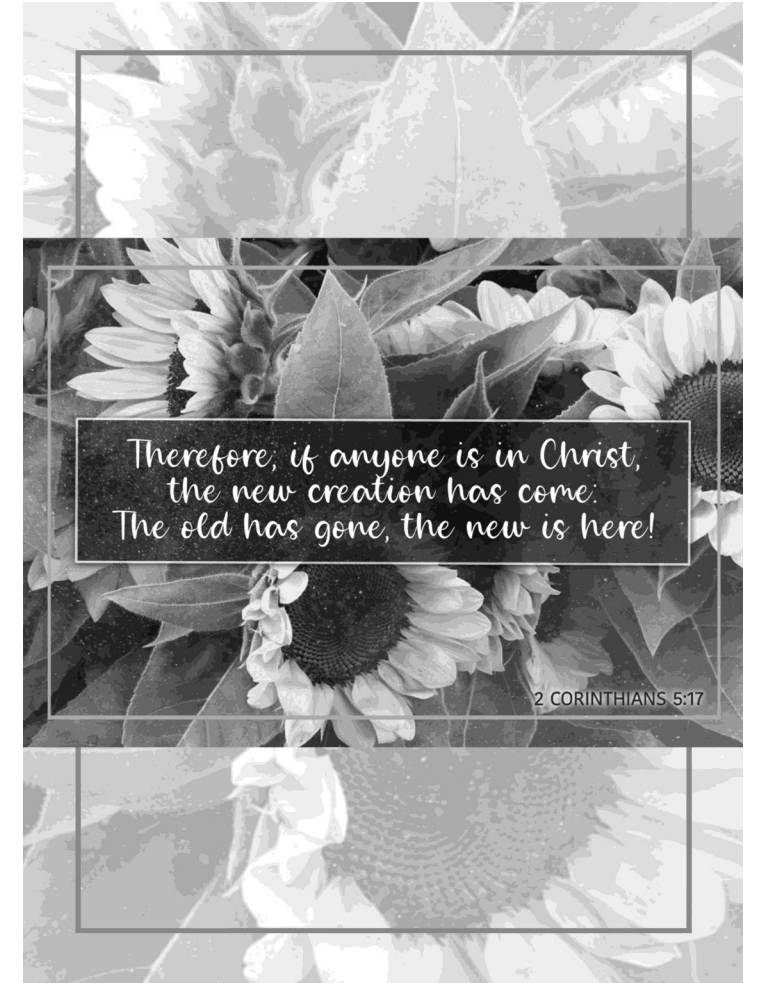
Moms in Touch Prayer

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 31, 2022

It's a blessing to gather together today!

“So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.” II Corinthians 5:16-17

Morning Worship

Message: Who Are You?

Scripture: Esther 5

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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 in our series on the book of Esther, we come to the subject of identity. We see two distinct identities rising from two distinct individuals: Esther and Haman. As it turns out, one's identity is typically born from what/who is placed first in one's life. What/who is the lord of your life-ready?

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 of Harvest Church

—August 21 Starfish Ministry to Haiti

No Sunday Evening study as it is the 5th Sunday of the month.

From the Outreach Group: On August 10, 7:00 pm, there will be a gathering of kids and young people at M-43 Auto Body and Mechanical (100 Willits Rd, Hastings) for the purpose of teaching some hands on ways of basic car maintenance tasks. Don't wear your Sunday best, as you might get a little dirty! Invite your friends! Parents are welcomed to come hang out at the shop

and watch!

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.

Church Work Day is scheduled for this Saturday, August 6 at 9 am. 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).

The next book chosen by the Harvest Book Readers Club is *The Huntress*, by Kate Quinn. Discussion will take place on Thursday, August 18.

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 Theatre for the Thirsty 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.

Faith Formation Ministries . At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Remembering: Read Hebrews 11:1–12:2 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What do the actions of the people mentioned—such as Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses—have in common? What does it mean to act “by faith”? Do you have family “faith stories” that you tell about your parents or other ancestors? If so, what are they? How do you share them with younger generations? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service 11:00 am—Adult Sunday School
Tuesday	6:30 pm—Harvest Ball game?
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer meeting
Saturday	9:00 am—Church Work Day

From the Deacons—Offerings received on July 24

General Fund \$ 2,140.00

Resonate Global for Joshua Jiang family \$121.00

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 August 7 Wayne and Carrie Moak

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

Nursery Today Audrey Mason, Jessica Kastanek
August 7 Joyce Mearns, Peighton Reser
August 14 Mary Flohr, Joe Kastanek

Coffee Time Today Cindi Green
August 7 Joann Gerke
August 14 Wayne Moak

Prayer Ministry
Today Cindi Green August 7 Marshann Ludema

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