

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 website: www.harvesterc.com

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

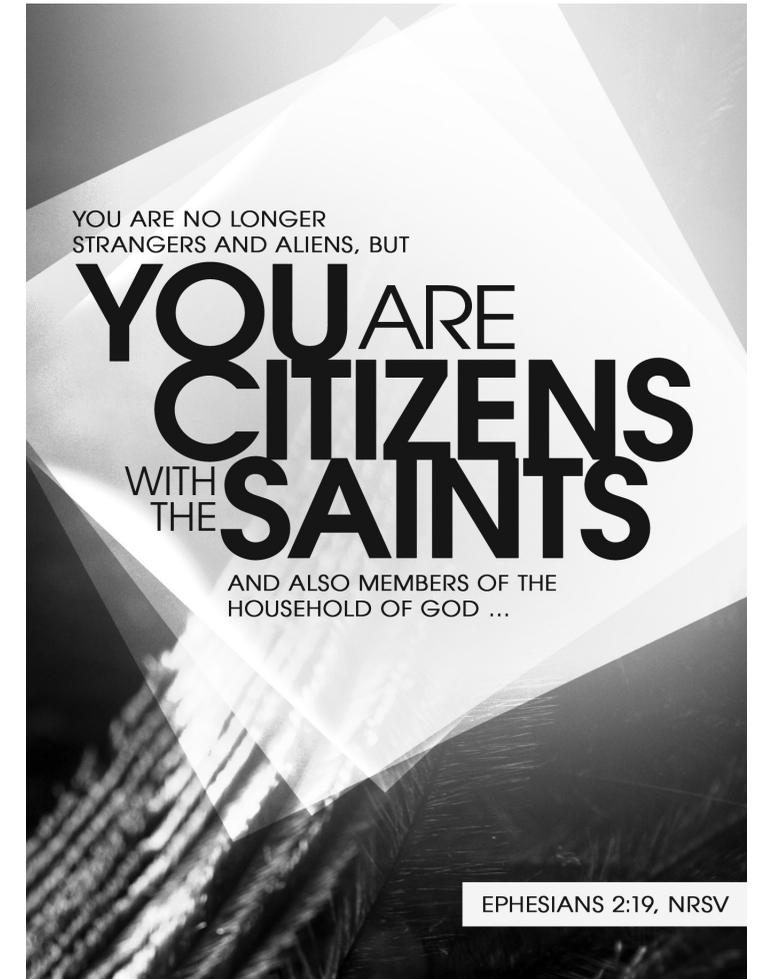
Moms in Touch Prayer

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, August 14, 2022

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, so that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are a people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." 1 Peter 1:9-10

Morning Worship

Message: Part of the People of God

Scripture: Esther 6:14-7:10

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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 our journey through the book of Esther, we come to what many would consider the climax of the book. Esther reveals herself as a Hebrew as she responds to the king's question: "What can I do for you?" with "you can make sure I am not killed." She publicly aligns herself with the people of God who have been scheduled for total annihilation. The drama that follows is intense and instructive.

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 Offering this morning is for Starfysh Ministy, a ministry in La Gonave, an island which is part of Haiti. Stafysh's ministry goal is to help the islanders be self-sufficient in their economy.

No Evening study tonight as Pastor Ridder will be out of town.

Consistory Meeting date has been changed from this Wednesday (17th) to the following Wednesday, August 24th. Ryan Oosterhouse will be hosting.

Thank you. "We're thankful to all for your prayers, and those who have shown great generosity in preparing and bringing delicious meals! You are very thoughtful, helpful and encouraging. Very much appreciated." The Russells

There is a new Sunday morning snack sign up sheet on the back table if you would like furnish snacks for fellowship time after a Sunday service.

From the Consistory: On Sunday, August 28 there will be a congregational meeting following the service to take a vote of affirmation for our next deacon and elder. Jason Flohr has volunteered to serve another term as elder and Seth Oosterhouse has accepted the single nomination for deacon.

Lyle Livingston's band 'Jacob's Journey' will be playing at Bob's Barn in Lake Odessa this afternoon from 3-4 pm.

Maranatha Summer Concert Series will feature The Martins for their free concert this Saturday, August 20 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.

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.

Appalachia Reach Out is helping with flood relief in Perry County Kentucky. Volunteers are needed to help now and in the months to come. If interested see Bob or Marilyn DeJong for info or contact Dwayne from ARO to schedule a time: dwayne.p.mills@gmail.com to show Christ's Love in Action!

Groundwork: Discipleship During Life's Tragedies - What happens to our discipleship while we experience grief, pain, frustration, anger, and the many other emotions we experience during these times? Join Groundwork as we study Job 1:13-22, Psalm 56:8, 1 Peter 5:7, and Job 42:10-11 to stay the course of discipleship during life's tragedies. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service
	11:00 am—Adult Sunday School
	5:00 pm—No evening study today
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings received on August 7

General Fund \$3,330.00

Capital Improvement Fund \$200.00

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 21 Bob and Cindi Green

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Nursery Today Mary Flohr, Joe Kastanek
August 21 Jenny Reynolds, Jeremiah Flohr
August 28 Julie Kastanek, Erika Leazier

Coffee Time Today Marshann Ludema
August 21 Harlene Westendorp
August 28 Steve Werdon

Prayer Ministry
Today Karilynn Ridder August 21 Sandy Stoel

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

This week: Tori Martinez