

## 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



**The  
Sovereign LORD  
is my strength ...  
He enables  
me to go on  
the heights ...**

**Habakkuk 3:19**

*Harvest Community  
Church*

*A Christian Reformed Ministry*

*620 Sixth Avenue*

*Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849*

# Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, August 7, 2022

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

*"This is what the Lord says: 'In the time of my favor, I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, to say to the captives, 'Come out.' And to those in darkness, 'Be Free!'"*  
Isaiah 49:8-9

## Morning Worship

**Message: God's Providence: Assume It!**

**Scripture:** Esther 6

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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.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**As we continue** in our study of the book of Esther, we are blessed with a story that highlights the providence of God. The providence of God is one of the most neglected theological truths, which is especially ironic for a Christian living with so many questions and experiencing the doubt about the existence and/or care of God. Paul speaks volumes through the Holy Spirit inspiration when he writes to the Roman Christians: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him..." (Romans 8:28).

**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**

- This Morning: Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church
- August 21: Starfysh Ministry in Haiti

**Dust to Glory Bible Study** will meet this evening at 5:00. Join us as we look at Jesus' inaugural address and public ministry, as taught by R.C. Sproul.

**Car Maintenance Event** for kids and young people. Seth Oosterhouse will be providing a Car Maintenance Event at his shop at M43 Auto Body and Mechanical (100 Willits Rd, Hastings) on Wednesday, August 10 at 7 pm. The purpose is to teach 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 welcome to come hang out at the shop and watch!

**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.

**Thank you to** all who came yesterday to help with the Church Work Day tasks!

**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](mailto:dwayne.p.mills@gmail.com) to show Christ's Love in Action!

**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](http://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 Michael Card for their free concert this Saturday, August 13 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](http://vacationwithpurpose.org).

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service 11:00 am—Adult Sunday School 5:00 pm—Dust to Glory Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer meeting 7:00 pm—Car Maintenance Event at M43 Auto Body & Mechanical

**From the Deacons—Offerings received on July 31**

**General Fund** \$ 4,310.00

## 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 14 Bob and Cindi Green

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

**Nursery** Today Joyce Mearns, Peighton Reser  
August 14 Mary Flohr, Joe Kastanek  
August 21 Jenny Reynolds, Jeremiah Flohr

**Coffee Time** Today Joann Gerke  
August 14 Wayne Moak  
August 21 Harlene Westendorp

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Marshann Ludema August 14 Karilynn Ridder

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

**This week:** Ray and Gloria Martinez