

## 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

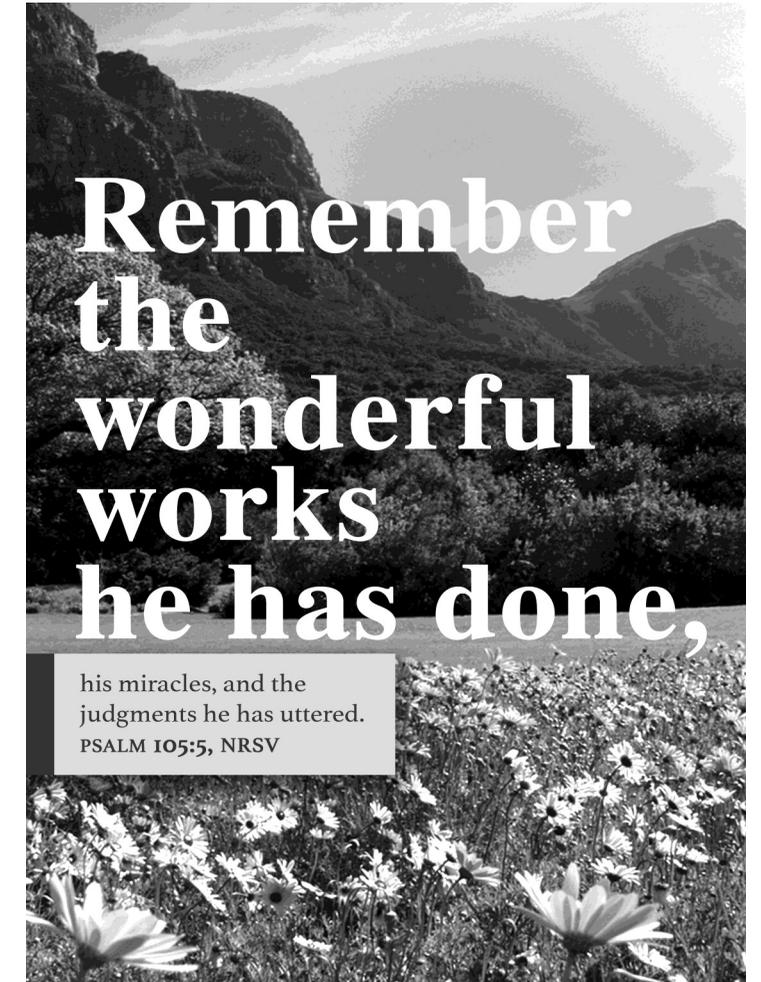
**Prayer Meeting**

Wednesdays—7:00 pm

\*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, September 11, 2022

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

*"My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, and the heights of Hermon-from Mount Mizar." Psalm 42:5b*

## Morning Worship

**Message: Remember!**

**Scripture:** Esther 9: 18-10:3

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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

**This morning we conclude** our look at the book of Esther. My! How we have witnessed the hand of God in His providential work during this period of the history of His chosen people-Israel. How fitting it is that some 2500 years later the orthodox Jews still remember and celebrate "the great reversal" with the annual feast of Purim. The salvation from God should always be celebrated. The early church had it right in instituting one day a week to gather in remembrance and celebration of the "great reversal" of our own lives, accomplished by God's Spirit: from death to life and from darkness to light.

**This morning we witness the installation** of Seth Oosterhouse into the office of deacon here at Harvest Church. Thank you to Joe Leazier for serving well over the past three years!

**Second Offering** next Sunday morning will be for Women at Risk (WAR International). WAR is a ministry aimed at rescuing women from sex trafficking and helping them establish an existence of dignity and self-sufficiency.

**Adult Sunday School** meets this morning at 11:00 in the auditorium for a discussion of today's sermon. Children's Sunday School begins again on October 2.

**Exodus Bible Study** will meet tonight at 5:00. Please read and

reflect on Exodus 8 in preparation for our time together.

**Sunday School Teachers**—please meet with Ken Oosterhouse following the service this morning in the library downstairs.

**Children's Worship and Sunday School** will begin again on October 2.

**Infant Baptisms.** Next Sunday we will witness the covenant claim of God the Father upon Halle Joy Pennington, daughter of Bryce and Hannah, and Titus Burdette Oosterhouse, son of Ryan and Sarah, through the sacrament of Infant Baptism.

**Outreach Purpose Group** will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30.

**The new season** of Coffee Break Women's Bible Study begins this Wednesday at 9:00 am. Our first session will be a review of the Book of Isaiah as we have studied it so far. All women are invited to join us at any time. Little Lambs and nursery are offered for pre-school age children.

**Harvest Book Readers** will meet on Thursday at 6:30 pm in the church library for a discussion of the book "The Huntress" by Kate Quinn.

**Shared Dinner/Kick-Off/Information Sharing.** Mark your calendars for a shared dinner to follow the service of Sunday, September 25. It will also be a time when opportunity to be a part of a Purpose Group, as well as information shared about different ministries here at Harvest that you may not be aware of!

**From the Consistory: FOUR MONTH CHALLENGE!** From September thru December, be purposeful in getting to know someone of Harvest Church that you don't know well or at all! Invite them over for coffee or a meal; meet somewhere for coffee or a meal. Get out of your comfort zone to meet someone that God has placed in your orbit by virtue of being a part of the same local body of Christ. The goal is at least one such contact per month from now through December.

**The Lakewood Community Women's Group** is again hosting their **free** conference for women on Saturday, October 1 from 9 am to 1 pm at Outreach Christian Church, 7831 N. Jordan Lake Rd., Lake Odessa. The theme for this year's conference is 'Celebrate Friendship'. Speaker will be Jennie Afman Dimkoff. Pre-register by calling 517-281-3860. See Cindi Green with any questions you may have.

**THANK YOU!** "Thank you to all who gave shoes and socks to the poor and needy children of Kentucky. Many children were blessed by your generosity." Royce and Joyce Wilcox

**Are you or someone you know** in need of extra focused pray-

er? There are prayer cards on the greeter table. Please fill them in and leave in the offering basket or in the Prayer Room bowl. The needs will be prayed for on Wednesday during the evening prayer gathering.

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service and Installation of officers
	11:00 am—Adult Sunday School
	5:00 pm—Exodus Study
Monday	6:30 pm—Outreach Purpose Group Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Women's Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 pm—Harvest Book Readers Discussion

**From the Deacons—Offerings received on September 4**

**General Fund** \$ 2,730.00

**Capital Improvement Fund** \$ 514.00

## 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 September 18 Darl and Diane Redder

**Children's Worship** Children's Worship will begin meeting on Sunday, October 2 for the new season.

**Nursery** Today Audrey Mason, Jonathan Kastanek  
September 18 Lisa Nurenberg, Gabe Flohr  
September 25 Harlene Westendorp, Joe Kastanek

**Coffee Time** Today Teresa Renkema  
September 18 Noah Garn  
September 25 Tamara Reser

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Cindi Green September 18 Marshann Ludema

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

**This week:** Wayne and Carrie Moak