

## 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

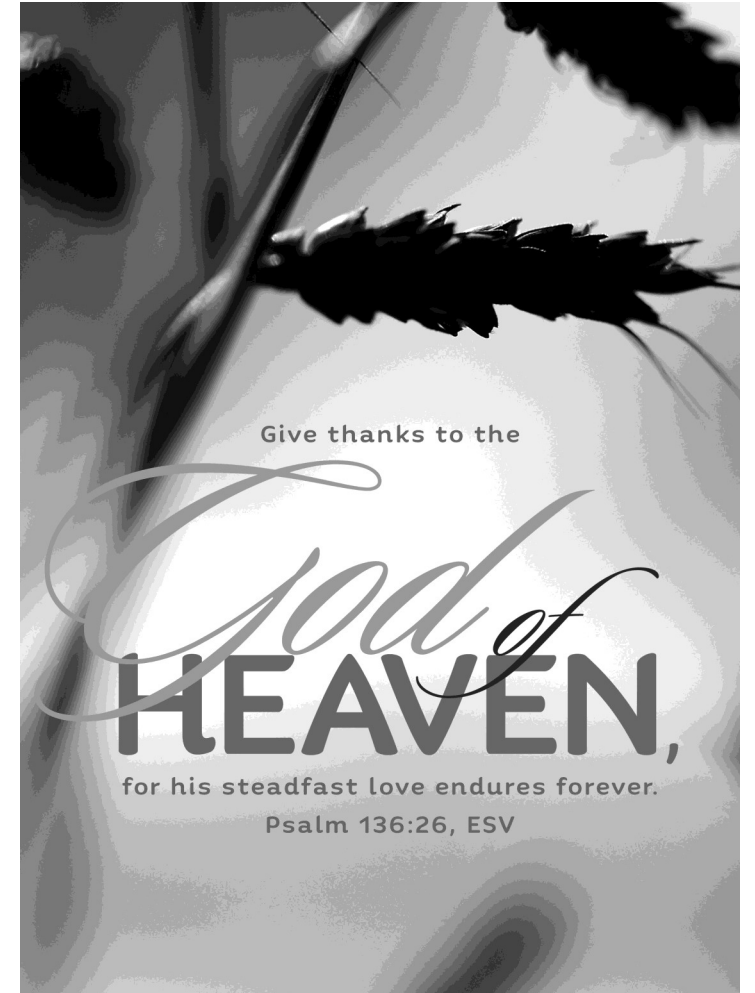
**Prayer Meeting**

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 18, 2022

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

*"Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!" Psalm 117:1-2*

## Morning Worship

**Message: I Have Loved You**

**Scripture:** Malachi 1:1-5

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Children's Worship will meet beginning Sunday, October 2

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This morning** we begin a new series based on the Biblical book of Malachi. Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament both in its placement and time of its writing. After this prophecy, God communicates nothing more to Israel until the coming of John the Baptist, a period of around 400 years. The prophecy addresses the apathy and indifference which seemed to take the place of the joy of coming back out of exile some 50 years previous. Apathy and indifference gave birth to disobedience from the top on down. The prophet is burdened by this, and the burden is especially great because of the declaration of God: "I have loved you."

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

**Infant Baptism.** Ours is the blessing of witnessing God's claim on the lives of Halle Joy, daughter of Bryce and Hannah Pennington; and Titus Burdette, son of Ryan and Sarah Oosterhouse, through the administration of infant baptism. As these two little ones are brought into the covenant community of God, our prayer for them is that the day will come when they receive the covenant promises of Jesus Christ as their Savior for themselves.

**Adult Sunday School** meets this morning at 11:00 in the auditor-

ium for a discussion of today's sermon. Children's Sunday School begins again on October 2.

**Dust to Glory study** will take place this evening at 5:00. Tonight's lesson will focus on the teaching of Jesus and His use of parables.

**Sunday School Teachers**—please communicate this week with the church office of any lesson material or supplies needed for your classrooms.

**Children's Worship and Sunday School** for preschool thru high school will begin again on October 2.

**Coffee Break meets** this Wednesday at 9:00 am. We will be looking at Isaiah 52:13-53:12. All women are invited to join us at any time. Little Lambs and nursery are offered for pre-school age children.

**Consistory meets** this Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00. Pastor Ben will be the host.

**Operation Christmas Child** Shoebox collection is beginning! There are boxes available beneath the church mailboxes for you to take and begin filling with items. See the 'shoebox wall' for items requested for donations if you would rather do that (take the donation paper with you). See bulletin insert for more information. Thank you for your involvement!

**Harvest Book Readers** have chosen our next book for reading and discussion "Blackwater Rising" by Attica Locke. Our discussion will take place on October 20 at 6:30.

**Shared Dinner/Kick-Off/Information Sharing.** Next Sunday, September 25, we are planning a shared dinner to follow the service. 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.

**Prayer Help.** Are you or someone you know in need of extra focused prayer? 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 11:00 am—Adult Sunday School 5:00 pm—Dust to Glory Study
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm—Consistory Meeting 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

**From the Deacons—Offerings received on September 11**

**General Fund** \$ 3,285.00

## 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 25 Jason and Mary Flohr

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

**Nursery** Today Lisa Nurenberg, Gabe Flohr  
September 25 Harlene Westendorp, Joe Kastanek  
October 2 Audrey Mason, Peighton Reser

**Coffee Time** Today Noah Garn  
September 25 Tamara Reser  
October 2 Wayne Moak

## Prayer Ministry

Today Marshann Ludema September 25 Karilynn Ridder

## Prayer Family:

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

**This week:** Jeremy and Micaela Moore family