

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/S. Oosterhouse—A-I

B. DeJong/R. Duits—J-O

R. Oosterhouse/B. Green—P-Z

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Pastor's email—ben@harvestcrc.com
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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 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 Ryan Oosterhouse—2023

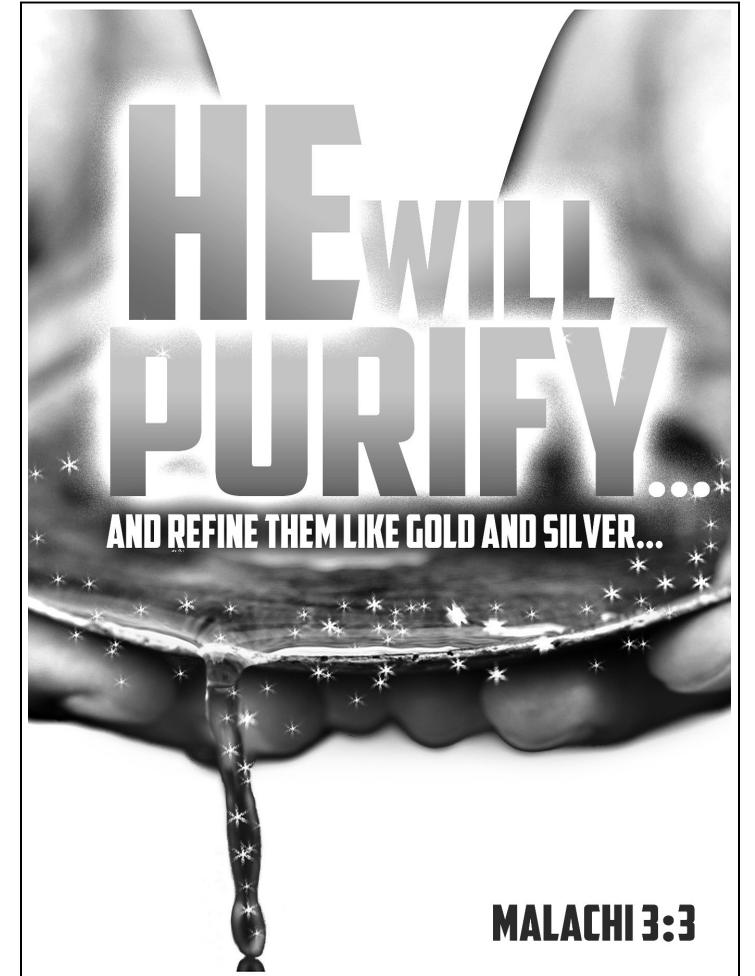
Bob DeJong—2024

Jason Flohr—2025

Deacons Bob Green—2023

Richard Duits—2024

Seth Oosterhouse—2025



Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, October 30, 2022

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus is revealed." I Peter 1:6-7

Morning Worship

Message: The Refiner's Fire

Scripture: Malachi 2:17-3:5

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Children's Worship meets this morning for ages 3-6. Children are dismissed to go downstairs during the offering.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we continue in the prophecy of Malachi, the prophet tells the people of God that the One they are waiting for will come, but his coming will not be as they expect it to be. He will come as the deliverer as promised, but before being the deliverer, he will be the refiner. The picture of God's people being refined as though with fire is not a very pleasant one. Refinement is unpleasant, it's hard, it's...hot. Yet the result is always to the glory of our Lord God, and for our growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Second Offering next Sunday will be for Open Doors Ministry. This is an organization that works hard to get Bibles into areas of the world which are not favorable to the Christian faith and witness. This offering will be a part of our remembrance next week of our persecuted brothers and sisters worldwide, as we participate in the **Persecuted Church Sunday**.

Children's Worship meets this morning during the sermon time for children ages 3-6. Children are dismissed to go downstairs during the offering.

Dust to Glory meets tonight at 5:00. Tonight's study will focus on the Caesarea-Philippi Confession.

Advanced Notice: Harvest Church will be hosting the community Thanksgiving service this year, to be held on Sunday evening, November 20. More information to follow.

Coffee Break meets this Wednesday at 9:00 am. A new study on Philippians begins this week! Read Philippians 1:1-11 in preparation. All women are invited to join us at any time. Little Lambs and nursery are offered for pre-school age children.

Moms and Grandmas—would you like to be in prayer for your children/grandchildren and their schools? Join us on Wednesday at 11:30 am in the Prayer Room.

The Prayer Chain will be reformulated this week. Please sign the sheet on the table near the mailboxes if you would like to be included on the new chain.— sign up even if you are on the current chain.

ART OF PARENTING begins next Saturday, November 5 at 5:00 pm. Child care and supper will be provided. Please sign the sheet on the back table by October 31 (tomorrow) so we know how many to plan on. You can also call or text Bob DeJong at 616-299-0253 with your RSVP or any questions you may have.

From the Fellowship Purpose Team—A Pancake Breakfast is being planned for Saturday, November 19 from 9-11 am. Please mark your calendars and sign the sheet on the back table if you will be attending. Questions can be answered by Richard Duits.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection. Boxes are available beneath the church mailboxes for you to take and begin filling, ideas and labels are inside. See the 'shoebox wall' for items requested for donations if you would rather do that (take the donation paper with you). Please be in prayer for where our Harvest boxes and the Gospel message will go. Destinations are world-wide.

From the Consistory: FOUR MONTH CHALLENGE! September through 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 through December.

Lakewood Community Council Christmas Basket Program. Harvest folks are asked to supply 11 gifts for boys and 8 gifts for girls in our community who may not otherwise receive anything for Christmas. Monetary donations to purchase meat and bulk food items are also appreciated. Please see the sheet on the back table for more information.

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

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| Today | 9:30 am—Worship Service 11:00 am—Sunday School for all ages 5:00 pm—Dust to Glory Study |
| Wednesday | 9:00 am—Coffee Break Women's Bible Study 11:30 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm—Art of Parenting first meeting |

From the Deacons—Offerings received on October 23

General Fund \$ 4,132.00

Christmas Child Shoeboxes \$180.00

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 November 6 Ken and Sandy Stoel

Children's Worship Today Audrey Mason
November 6 Felicia Vanderkooi

Nursery Today Marshann Ludema, Jonathan Kastanek
November 6 Marshann Ludema, Joe Kastanek
November 13 Lisa Nurenberg, Jessica Kastanek

Coffee Time Today Steve Werdon
November 6 Joyce Tuitman
November 13 Teresa Renkema

Prayer Ministry
Today Marshann Ludema November 6 Karlynn Ridder

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

This week: Bryce and Hannah Pennington