

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
Church website: www.harvestcrc.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 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

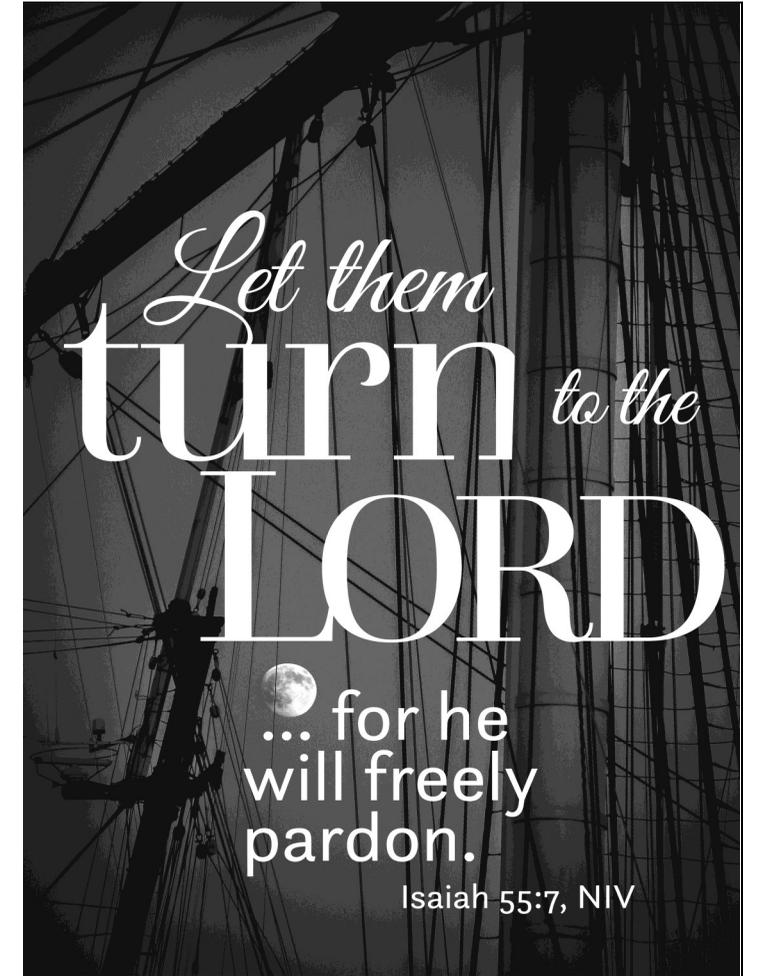
Bob DeJong—2024

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

November 13, 2022

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged." Hebrews 6:17-18

Morning Worship

Message: Our Unchanging God

Scripture: Malachi 3:6-7

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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

This morning we continue in our look at the prophesy of Malachi which continues to speak to us as the living Word of God. Today, we find one of the most assuring AND threatening word God has spoken: "I the Lord do not change." In the context we find these words, they bring comfort and encouragement to anyone who has walked away and desires to return. He is ever the Father of the prodigal who, at first sight of a returning child, runs to greet that child with the embrace of forgiveness.

Second Offering next Sunday is for Benevolent Fund of Harvest Church. This is a fund used to help out people with physical and material needs.

Exodus Study will meet this evening at 5:00. Please read and think on Exodus 12:29-50.

Community Thanksgiving Service will be held here at Harvest next Sunday evening at 7:00. This is a service sponsored by the Lakewood Ministerial Association with area ministers participating in the service. Pastor Ridder will be giving the message.

If you would like to furnish cookies for the Thanksgiving Service, please sign up on the sheet on the back table. We would like to have about 6 dozen.

Coffee Break Bible Study for women will meet on Wednesday at 9:00. We'll be looking at the second study in our study guide from Philippians. All women invited. Child care is available for children under school age.

Fellowship Purpose Team will meet on Wednesday at 6:00 in the church Library.

Consistory meets this Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Jason Flohr will be hosting us.

Harvest Book Reader's Club will meet for our discussion on the book *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* on Thursday at 6:30 in the church library.

From the Fellowship Purpose Team—A Pancake Breakfast is being planned for Saturday, November 19 from 9-11 am. Please sign the sheet on the back table today if you will be attending.

Church Directory Updates. There are some new pages in your mailboxes today. Please take them home and add or exchange to your church directories. More will be upcoming so if you have any changes you would like made to your page...new picture, change of information etc., please contact church office.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection. Please bring in any shoeboxes you have packed at home this week. There will be a 'packing party' today to fill boxes with all the donated items during the Sunday School hour. Shoeboxes and the gospel message will be sent to locations around the world. If you would like to contribute toward the \$10 postage for each box, please put your donation in the offering along with a note about what it is for. Thank you for participating in this ministry to kids around the world.

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 are prayed for on Wednesday during evening prayer gathering.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service 11:00 am—Sunday School for all ages 5:00 pm—Exodus Study
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Women's Bible Study 11:30 am—Moms and Grandmas in Prayer 6:00 pm—Fellowship Purpose Team 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm—Consistory
Thursday	6:30 pm—Harvest Book Readers Discussion
Saturday	9-11:00 am—Fellowship Pancake Breakfast

From the Deacons—Offerings received on November 6

General Fund \$ 5,580.00

Open Doors—\$629.00

Christmas Child Shoeboxes \$150.00

ASSIGNMENTS

Thank you to all our volunteers who care for the children, and help with other ministries during the worship service today!

Greeters Today Ken and Sandy Stoel
November 20 Royce and Joyce Wilcox

Children's Worship Today Felicia Vanderkooi
November 20 Lisa Nurenberg

Nursery Today Lisa Nurenberg, Jessica Kastanek
November 20 Harlene Westendorp, Gabe Flohr

Coffee Time Today Teresa Renkema
November 20 Noah Garn

Prayer Ministry

Today Sandy Stoel November 20 Gail Pepper

Prayer Family:

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

This week: John Phillips