

## 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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## 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

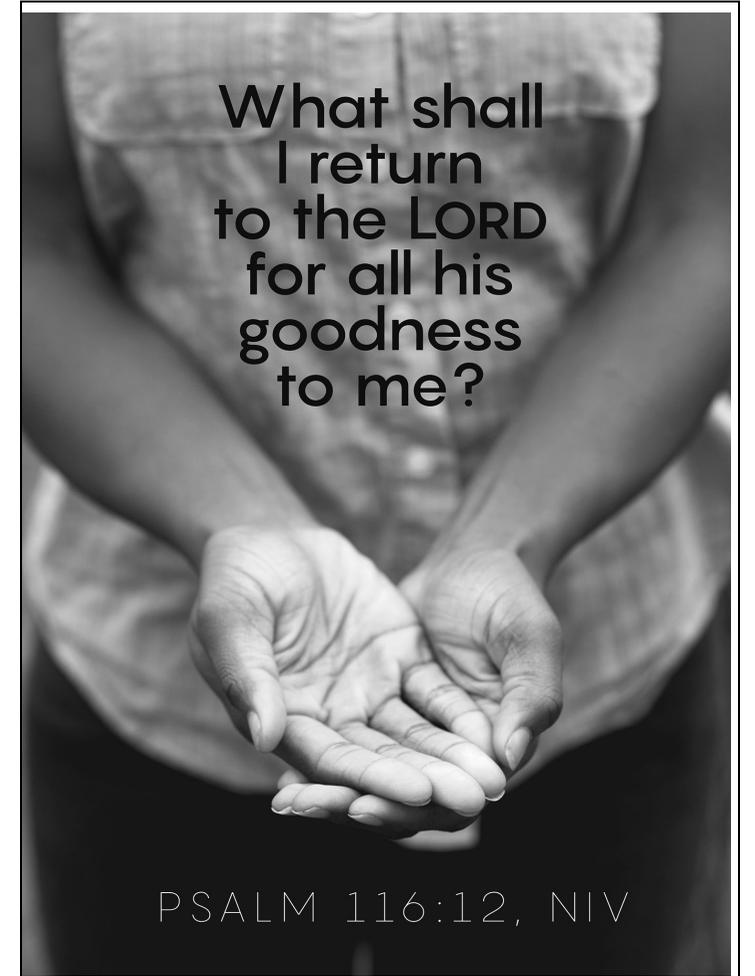
Bob DeJong—2024

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 20, 2022

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

*“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us, your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”*

II Corinthians 9:10-11

## Morning Worship

**Message:** The Grace of Giving

**Scripture:** Malachi 3:8-12

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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 our series on the book of Malachi, we come to perhaps the most familiar part of the prophecy where the people are charged with robbing God by not giving the tithes and offerings they were expected to give. This morning we will ask and answer the question of whether tithing is the expected guide for giving in the Church. If not, what is?

**Second Offering** this morning is for the benevolent fund of Harvest Church, monies used to help people with immediate and physical needs. Half of what we collect gets sent to the Lakewood Ministerial Community Benevolent Fund.

**Community Thanksgiving Service** will take place tonight at 7:00, here at Harvest. Pastors from 6 different Christian churches will take part in the service. Pastor Ben will be giving the Thanksgiving message. There will be an offering received, also for the Lakewood Ministerial Community Fund.

**Coffee Break Bible Study** for women will not meet this week because of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will meet again on November 30.

**There will be no** Moms in Prayer or Wednesday night prayer meeting this week.

**Harvest Book Reader's Club** was postponed because of weather. We will meet for our discussion on the book *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* on Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 in the church library.

**From the Fellowship Purpose Team**—The pancake breakfast planned for yesterday morning will be re-scheduled so watch the bulletin for an update.

## **Church Family**

Joyce Brinningstaull has moved to an assisted living home in Portland. Her address is 102 Rindlehaven Commons, Apt. 5B, Portland, MI. 48875. She appreciates cards and visits.

**Operation Christmas Child** Shoebox collection. Thank you to all who donated toward the shoebox ministry this season through gifts of packed shoeboxes and items, postage for the boxes, buying of extra items needed and help with packing. We have 50 boxes to send to children somewhere around the world, along with the gospel message. Please pray that those who receive the boxes will come to know Jesus as their Savior.

**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.**

There is a sign up sheet on the back table for this local ministry to children who may otherwise not receive a gift this Christmas season....still needed: 3 \$10-\$12 gifts for boys age 13-14 and 2 \$10-\$12 gifts for girls age 3. Also, warm winter hats, socks, mittens/gloves are always needed. This year the supply is low. If you prefer to send a monetary gift which will be used to cover cost of meat for the baskets, please send to Lakewood Community Council, c/o Kay Barcroft, 2291 E. M-43 Hwy, Hastings, MI 49058. **Bagged and tagged gifts are due here at Harvest by Tuesday, December 6.**

**Advanced Notice:** A congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on the proposed budget for 2023 will take place following the Sunday worship service on December 18th.

**Weather Closings.** Tune to Wood TV channel 8 for updated information about church closings— worship services or week-day meetings, due to inclement weather.

**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
	7:00 pm—Community Thanksgiving Service here

**From the Deacons—Offerings received on November 13**  
**General Fund** \$ 3,106.00  
**Open Doors**—\$25.00  
**Christmas Child Shoeboxes** \$160.00

## 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 27 Royce and Joyce Wilcox

**Children's Worship** Today Karilynn Ridder  
November 27 Rachel Ridder

**Nursery** Today Harlene Westendorp, Gabe Flohr  
November 27 Audrey Mason, Joe Kastanek  
December 4 Joyce Mearns, Peighton Reser

**Coffee Time** Today Noah Garn  
November 27 Tamara Reser  
December 4 Wayne Moak

**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:** Randy and Jamie Rabideau family