

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

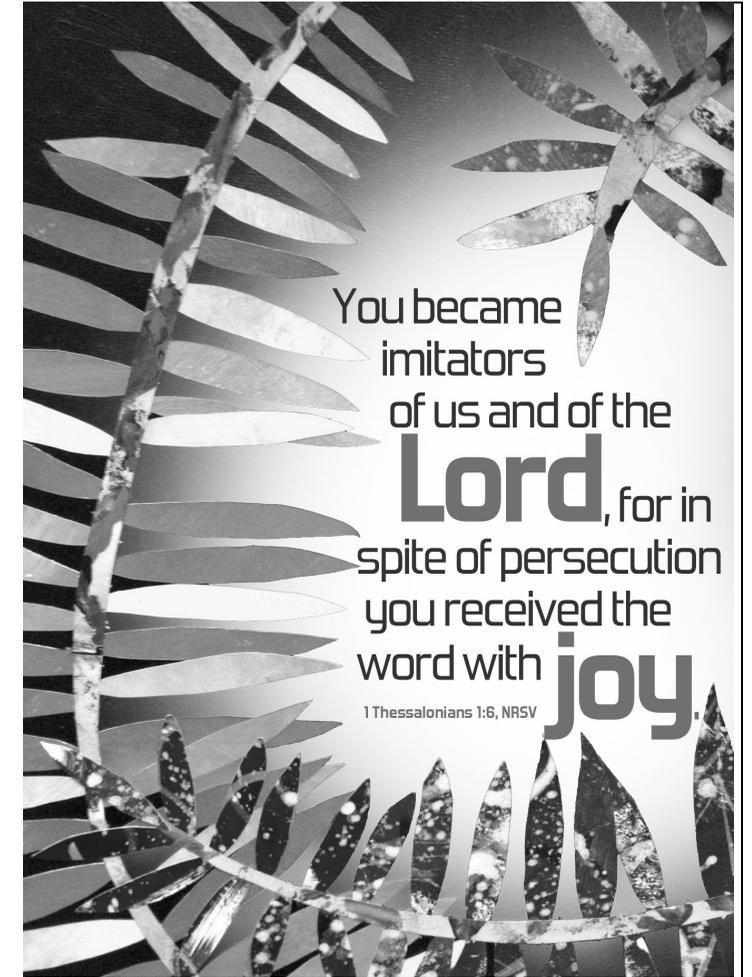
Bob DeJong—2024

Jason Flohr—2025

Deacons Bob Green—2023

Richard Duits—2024

Seth Oosterhouse—2025



You became imitators of us and of the **Lord**, for in spite of persecution you received the word with **joy**.

1 Thessalonians 1:6, NRSV

Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

November 6, 2022

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"If you belonged to the world, it would love you as it own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I have spoken to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also." John 15:19-20

Morning Worship

Message: Persecuted? Rejoice and Be Glad!

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

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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

This morning we take a break from Malachi to join our brothers and sisters in this country to remember and pray for the persecuted church worldwide. In so doing we will be looking at the words which invite us to rejoice and be glad in the middle of being persecuted for the sake of one's Christian faith. Who connects persecution with rejoicing and being glad? Well, Jesus does, as well as many of His followers around the world.

Second Offering this morning is for Open Doors Ministry, a ministry which concentrates its efforts on getting Bibles into parts of the world where God's Word is typically outlawed. Any money we donate will go towards paying for and getting Bibles into the hands of those who do not have one.

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. This evening we will be studying the the **Transfiguration** of Jesus.

Advanced Notice: Harvest Church will be hosting a community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening, November 20 at 7:00.

This event is sponsored by the Lakewood Area Ministerial Association. As part of the service, an offering will be received for the community benevolence fund, administered by the minister's group. Pastor Ben will be bringing the Thanksgiving message for the evening.

Coffee Break Bible Study for women will not meet this week. We will resume our study of Philippians next week.

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.

Harvest's Prayer Chain has been updated and is in all of the church mailboxes this morning. Please take one home, replace the one you have and use it if you or someone you know has a prayer need. There are also some extra copies on the back table.

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). There will be a 'packing party' on November 13 to fill boxes with all the donated items. 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.

THANK YOU! "Thank you so much for all the different expressions of love and friendship we received upon the celebration of 40 years here at Harvest together with you. It was a time of joy and wonderful memories of so many different people God has placed in our lives over the years. We are glad to be a part of the Family of God here at Harvest Church!"

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—Sunday School for all ages 5:00 pm—Dust to Glory Study
Wednesday	9:00 am— <u>No Coffee Break</u> this week 11:30 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings received on October 30

General Fund \$ 4,723.00

Christmas Child Shoeboxes \$100.00

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 13 Ken and Sandy Stoel

Children's Worship Today Karilynn Ridder
November 13 Felicia Vanderkooi

Nursery Today Marshann Ludema, Joe Kastanek
November 13 Lisa Nurenberg, Jessica Kastanek
November 20 Harlene Westendorp, Gabe Flohr

Coffee Time Today Joyce Tuitman
November 13 Teresa Renkema
November 20 Noah Garn

Prayer Ministry
Today Karilynn Ridder November 13 Sandy Stoel

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

This week: Joel and Gail Pepper