

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

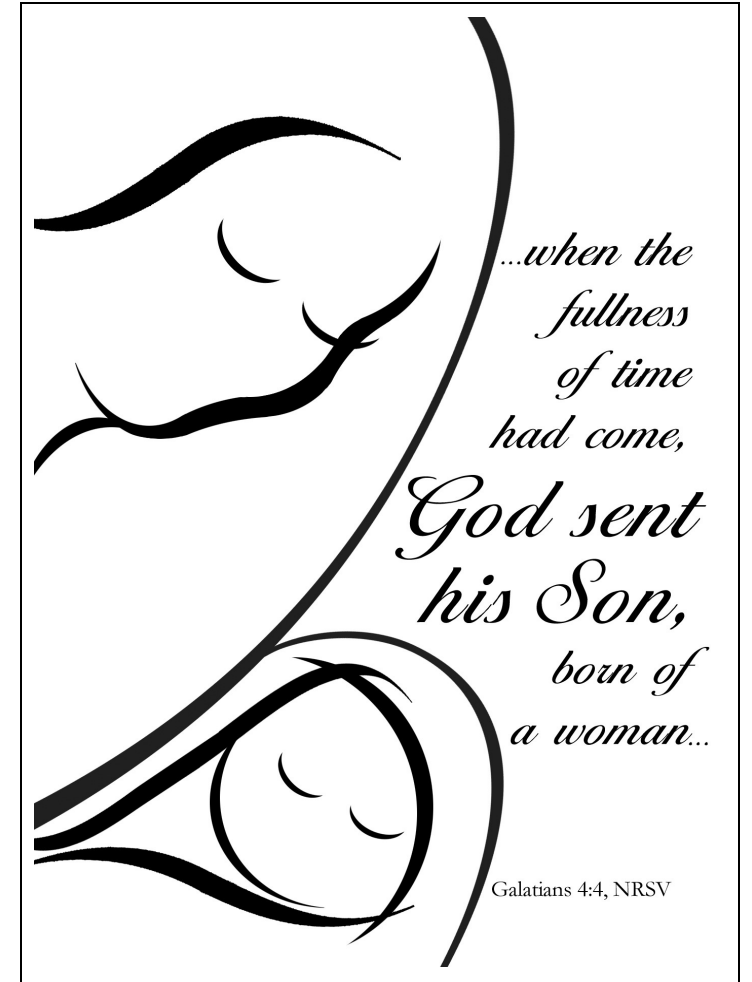
Bob DeJong—2024

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

December 25, 2022

Christ the Savior is Born!

“But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, that we might receive the full rights as sons.” Galatians 4:4-5

Morning Worship

Message: Born of a Woman, Born Under the Law

Scripture: Galatians 4:4-5

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Children’s Worship will not meet this morning

Please join us for coffee/fellowship time following the service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On this day when we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus onto this earth, we rejoice in His appearing, we marvel at His death and resurrection, and look forward with a sure hope to His coming again. In this season of gift giving, before us is the greatest gift imaginable. It is a gift of such proportion, that we could spend years and years unwrapping it, and still not see it in all its wonder and glory. As the gospels reveal Jesus to us, the epistles explain Him. We keep that in mind as we look at one of Paul’s explanations of the appearance of Jesus-born of a woman, born under law.

Second Offerings for January

- January 1st—Benevolent Fund of Harvest Church
- January 15th - Alpha Family Center

Sunday School will not meet today or next Sunday.

Pastor’s Class: Beginning Sunday, January 15th, and running for about 2 months, Pastor Ridder will be offering a

class for anyone who would like to know more about the Christian faith, especially the reformed expression of the Christian Faith. The class will meet during the Sunday School hour. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Ridder. There is a sign up sheet on the back table for anyone who would like to be a part of this class.

Coffee Break Bible Study will not meet this week. We’ll meet again in the new year on January 4 and finish up our study of Philipians.

Moms in Prayer and Wednesday night prayer will not meet this week.

An update newsletter from Joshua and Emily Jiang is in your mailboxes this morning. Joshua and Emily are serving as missionaries in Asia through Resonate Global Mission and are supported by special offerings here at Harvest. There are a few extra copies on the back table also.

Ornament Tree. The hand made ornaments on the tree by the coat room are from Egypt and are for sale. All proceeds go to Women at Risk (WAR), an organization in Grand Rapids which is engaged in helping women around the world who are caught in human trafficking. Prices are marked on each ornament, paper work and instructions are on the shelf in the coat room. Questions? Contact Marilyn DeJong.

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.

Weather Closing Information. In the event of bad weather please tune in to WOOD TV-8 for any information about cancellation of worship services or mid-week meetings.

Meeting Reminders:

- Outreach Purpose Group—Monday, January 9th, 6:30 pm.
- Consistory—Wednesday, January 18th, 7:00 pm.

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

From the Deacons—Offerings received on December 18
General Fund \$ 3,540.00
Benevolent Fund \$100.00
Guiding Light Mission \$349.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters Today Bob and Cindi Green
January 1 Mike and Karie Hilley

Children’s Worship Today No children’s Worship
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Nursery Today Julie Kastanek, Jeremiah Flohr
January 1 Lisa Nurenberg, Peighton Reser
January 8 Marshann Ludema, Gabe Flohr

Coffee Time Today Harlene Westendorp
January 1 Steve Werdon

Prayer Ministry
Today Karilynn Ridder January 1 Sandy Stoel

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