

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

December 4, 2022

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand." Joel 2:1

Morning Worship

Message: The Day of the Lord

Scripture: Malachi 4

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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 approach the final chapter of Malachi's prophecy as the mouthpiece of the LORD Almighty, this morning we will take a wide angle look at the "Day of the Lord." It is a day mentioned 4 times in these final 6 verses; it is a day mentioned throughout the Old and New Testaments. Next week we will look at the particulars as Malachi gives them to us and discover a great lead-in to the Christmas season before us.

Second Offering this morning is for World Renew. This is the denomination's ministry branch to those affected by natural disasters, economic hardships, developmental challenges-worldwide. Formerly known as Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC).

Dust to Glory study will take place this evening at 5:00. Tonight's study will be on the triumphal entry of Jesus on what we know as Palm Sunday.

Coffee Break Bible Study meets this week. Our discussion will be lesson 4 of our Philippians study from chapter 2:12-30, Shining Like Stars. All women are always invited to join us at any time. If you need a copy of the lesson emailed to you, contact the church office. Little Lambs and nursery are available for children under school age.

Moms in Prayer will meet on Wednesday at 11:30. Be in prayer with others for your children and/or grandchildren and their schools with us.

Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 following the service. Purpose of the meeting is to vote on the proposed 2023 budget. Budget copies are in your mailboxes this morning.

Ornament Tree. You will notice the Christmas tree next to the coat room is filled with glass ornaments that are made in Egypt. These ornaments are for sale with all proceeds going to Women at Risk to aid in their ongoing quest to save women from the bonds of sex trafficking. Prices are marked on each ornament, paper work and instructions are on the shelf in the coat room. If you have questions, please 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.

Lakewood Community Council Christmas Basket Program. Please have your gifts here at church **by Tuesday this week.** Thank you to all who have taken part in this effort to provide gifts to local children who may not otherwise receive one this Christmas. Any monetary gifts you would like to contribute, which will be used to cover cost of meat for the baskets, should be sent to Lakewood Community Council, c/o Kay Barcroft, 2291 E. M-43 Hwy, Hastings, MI 49058.

ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

* Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00

* Christmas Morning Worship 9:30

Sunday School Classes will not meet on the Sundays of December 25 and January 1.

Harvest Book Readers have chosen the next book we'll be reading, *The Six: The Lives of the Mitford Sisters* by Laura Thompson. Discussion will take place on Thursday, January 19 at 6:30, church library. Anyone is welcome to join us, you just have to have read the book.

Weather Closings. Tune to Wood TV channel 8 for updated information about church closings: worship services or weekday 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 5:00 pm—Dust to Glory Bible Study
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Women's Bible Study 11:30 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings received on November 27

General Fund \$ 3,898.00

Benevolent Fund \$175.00

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 December 11 Wayne & Carrie Moak

Children's Worship Today Mycah Ridder

December 11 Karilynn Ridder

December 18 Val Livingston

Nursery Today Joyce Mearns, Peighton Reser

December 11 Mary Flohr, Erika Leazier

December 18 Jenny Reynolds, Jessica Kastanek

Coffee Time Today Wayne Moak

December 11 Joann Gerke

December 18 Cindi Green

Prayer Ministry

Today Joel Pepper

December 11 Cindi Green

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Teresa Renkema