

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

[ENCOURAGE]
ONE ANOTHER,
AND ALL THE
MORE AS YOU
SEE THE DAY
DRAWING NEAR.

HEBREWS 10:25, ESV



Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

January 22, 2023

We are happy you are here!

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity amongst yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus.”
Romans 15:4-5

Morning Worship

Message: Be an Encourager

Scripture: Hebrews 10:24-25

Page 851 in the blue Bibles

Children’s Worship meets this morning. Children ages 3-6 are dismissed to go downstairs during the offering.

Please join us for coffee/fellowship time following the service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we continue in our **One Another** series of messages, today we take a second look at Encouragement. The author of the book of Hebrews makes a smooth transition in chapter 10 from our being encouraged by God to our ministry of encouraging **One Another**. What does it mean to be an encourager and what different forms does that ministry take? We might be a little surprised.

Sunday School classes for all ages meet this morning at 11:00.

The Book of Exodus Bible Study meets tonight at 5:00. Please read and consider Exodus 15 in preparation for our time together.

Pastor’s Class continues this morning following the service. We will be meeting in the prayer room together for the next few weeks. Elder Bob DeJong will be

leading the adult Sunday School class in the auditorium during Pastor’s absence.

Coffee Break Bible Study meets on Wednesday at 9:00 am. Our lesson this week is from James 1:9-18 *Trial or Temptation?* We also offer nursery/Little Lambs for pre-school age children. All women are always welcome.

Moms in Prayer meets on Wednesday at 11:30 am. This is a time when moms and grandmas join together to pray for our children/grandchildren and their schools.

Harvest Book Readers will meet this Thursday at 6:30 pm to discuss *The Six* by Laura Thompson.

Advanced Notice: A Fund Raising Spaghetti Dinner for Mark and Lisa Nurenberg is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, from 4:00-8:00, at the Central United Methodist Church fellowship hall. More information will be given as the date gets closer. Mark your calendars.

Church Golf Outing: The Fellowship Purpose Group is gauging interest in a possible golf outing for the spring. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the back for anyone interested.

Weather Closing Information. In the event of bad weather please tune in to WOOD TV8 for any information about cancellation of Sunday worship services and other meetings during the week.

Faith Formation. At-home Faith Formation Tip - “Marking faith milestones makes us sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst and helps us identify and share our stories of faith. As we celebrate milestones, we become a community of seekers as well as believers, always on the lookout for God’s hand at work, always expecting to join in God’s mission.” —from Celebrating the Milestones of Faith, available from FaithAliveResources.org. How might you mark faith milestones in your family or household this year? (Tip from Faith Formation; bit.ly/CRCFaithFormation)

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 Bible Study
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Bible Study 11:30 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings received on January 15
General Fund \$ 3,445.00

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 January 29 Jeff Lindsey

Children’s Worship Today Mycah Ridder
January 29 Rachel Ridder

Nursery Today Audrey Mason, Joshua Flohr
January 29 Joyce Mearns, Peighton Reser
February 5 Mary Flohr, Erika Leazier

Coffee Time Today Noah Garn
January 29 Tamara Reser
February 5 Wayne Moak

Prayer Ministry
Today Cindi Green January 29 Marshann Ludema

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