

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 have
purified
your souls
by your
obedience
to the truth...
love one another
deeply
from the heart.

1 Peter 1:22, NRSV

Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

January 8, 2023

We are happy you are here!

“We love because He first loved us. If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.”

I John 4:19-21

Morning Worship

Message: Love One Another (2)

Scripture: I John 4:7-12

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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

Last week we began the new year together with a new series of messages entitled **One Another**. When God, by His Holy Spirit created this wonderful thing called the church, He knew we would need specific instructions as how to live with each other in a way that glorified Him and gave testimony of Him to the world around us. This morning we are taking a second look at the most foundational and fundamental of the **One Anothers: Love One Another**.

Second Offering next Sunday will be for Alpha Women’s Center.

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

Exodus Bible Study will meet this evening at 5:00. Please read and think on Exodus 14 in preparation.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be partaken in as

part of our worship time next Sunday.

Outreach Purpose Group meets tomorrow night at 6:30 pm in the church library room.

Pastor’s Class will begin next Sunday during the Sunday School hour. We will begin meeting in the Prayer Room located off the west side of the auditorium. This class is for anyone who would like to know more about the Christian faith, especially the reformed expression of the Christian faith. There is a sign up sheet on the back table.

Coffee Break Bible Study meets on Wednesday at 9:00 am. This week we are beginning a new study on the book of James. All women are always welcome. We also offer nursery/Little Lambs for preschool age children. Invite your friends! Our first lesson will be an overview of the entire book.

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 on Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 pm to discuss the book *The Six, The Lives of the Mitford Sisters* by Laura Thompson.

Pancake Breakfast Rescheduled! There will be a free pancake breakfast sponsored by the Fellowship Purpose Group on Saturday, January 21 from 9—11 am here at Harvest. A new sign up sheet is on the back table. Please indicate how many from your family will be attending.

Church Family: We extend our condolences to Bob and Cindi Green in the recent passing of Bob’s mother. We are held tight in the middle of sorrow by the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.

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.

From Reframe Ministries. Groundwork: God Is Still Working - Life is messy. Sometimes that mess is our own doing and sometimes it is not. Join Our Groundwork conversation as we study the story of Rahab and the spies in Joshua 2 and see how God remains active, even in the messiness of our lives. We’ll discuss his providence and learn to look for it in the most unlikely circumstances of our lives. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

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 Study
Monday	6:30 pm—Outreach Purpose Group
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 1
General Fund \$ 5,910.00
Benevolent Fund \$ 382.00

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 15 Mike and Karie Hilley

Children’s Worship Today Karilynn Ridder
January 15 Felicia Vanderkooi

Nursery Today Marshann Ludema, Gabe Flohr
January 15 Harlene Westendorp, Joe Kastanek
January 22 Audrey Mason, Joshua Flohr

Coffee Time Today Joyce Tuitman
January 15 Teresa Renkema
January 22 Noah Garn

Prayer Ministry
Today Gail Pepper January 15 Joel Pepper

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