

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

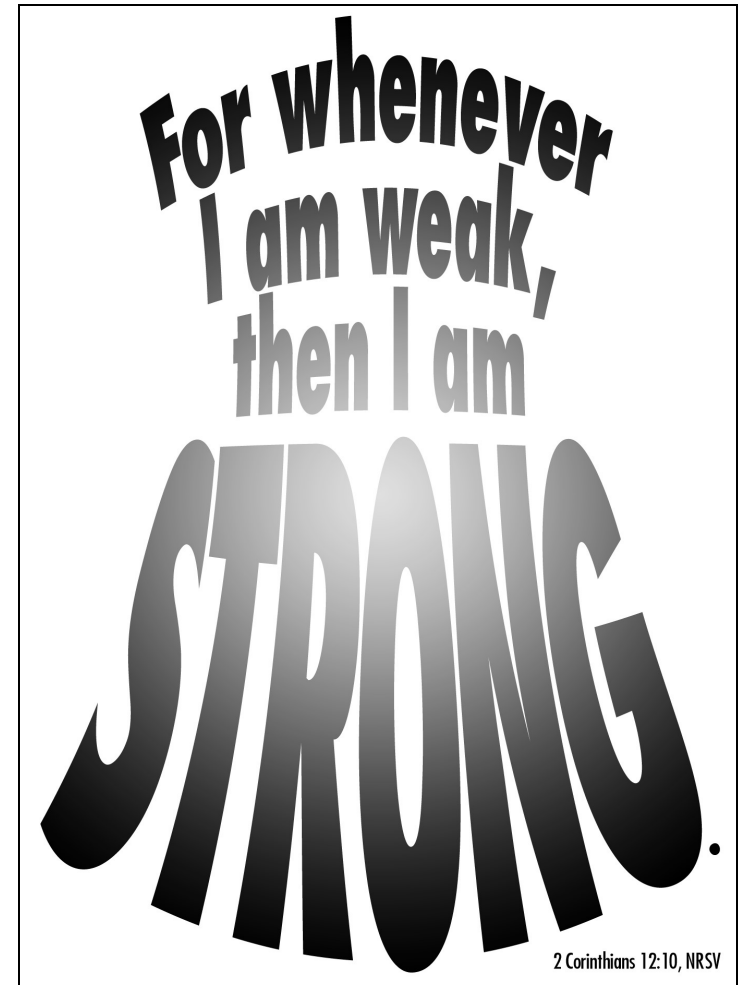
Bob DeJong—2024

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

February 26, 2023

We are happy you are here!

“For this is what the Lord says, ‘I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.’” Isaiah 66:12-13

Morning Worship

Message: Comfort One Another (2)

Scripture: II Corinthians 1:3-7

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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 this morning

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We continue in our **One Another** series this morning with a second look at **Comfort One Another**. As grateful as we are for the kinds of comfort God grants us in the middle of our ills and afflictions, we ought not consider that comfort as an end in itself. The comfort we receive from God is always a means to an end—the end being to comfort someone else with the comfort we have received. By our afflictions and His presence therein, God is equipping us for this vital **One Another** ministry.

Second Offerings for March

- Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church
- Celebration Fellowship (Ionia Prison Complex Church)

Exodus Bible Study will meet this evening at 5:00. Please read chapter 17 in preparation for our time together.

Pastor’s Class continues this morning following the service, meeting in the prayer room at 11:00 am. 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. Since the meeting was canceled last week due to weather, our passage this week is still on James 3:1-12—*Controlling the Tongue*. We also offer nursery/Little Lambs for preschool 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.

Outreach Purpose Group Reminder: We will be meeting Monday evening, March 6th at 6:30. We will again be talking about summer ministries.

A Fund Raising Spaghetti and Meatball 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. There will also be a prize raffle and Take Out will be available. Harvest will be providing desserts for the dinner. Please see the sheet on the back table if you can help.

Appalachia Reach Out needs your used plastic bags, the ones that you get when you shop for groceries, etc. Also on the wish list: Exterior and interior doors, kitchen cabinets, couches, living room chairs, dressers, working appliances—stoves, fridges, washers and dryers. Contact Marilyn DeJong: lohome1981@gmail.com or 616-292-3671 with any questions that you have.

WinSome Women Spring Retreat will hold two identical sessions on May 4 & 5 and May 5 & 6 at the Great Lakes Center for the Arts. Musical guest will be Aaron Shust; Speakers are Karen Abercrombie, Karen Ehman, and Carol Weaver. The theme for the retreat is “Victory in Jesus”. To register go to www.wswretreats.org.

Cards for Others. On the table by the coat room there is a box of greeting cards for several different occasions. Please take a card to send to someone you would like to encourage, in church or otherwise. Church directory with addresses and stamps are also found there. Let’s use this as a way of responding to Christ’s command to love one another!

Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

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 February 19
General Fund \$ 1,933.00
Barry County Christian School \$447.00

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 March 5 Bob and Cindi Green

Children’s Worship Today Felicia Vanderkooi
March 5 Rachel Ridder

Nursery Today Joann Gerke, Gabe Flohr
March 5 Lisa Nurenberg, Mark Nurenberg
March 12 Harlene Westendorp, Joshua Flohr

Coffee Time Today Harlene Westendorp
March 5 Steve Werdon
March 12 Joyce Tuitman

Prayer Ministry
Today Joel Pepper March 5 Cindi Green

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