

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

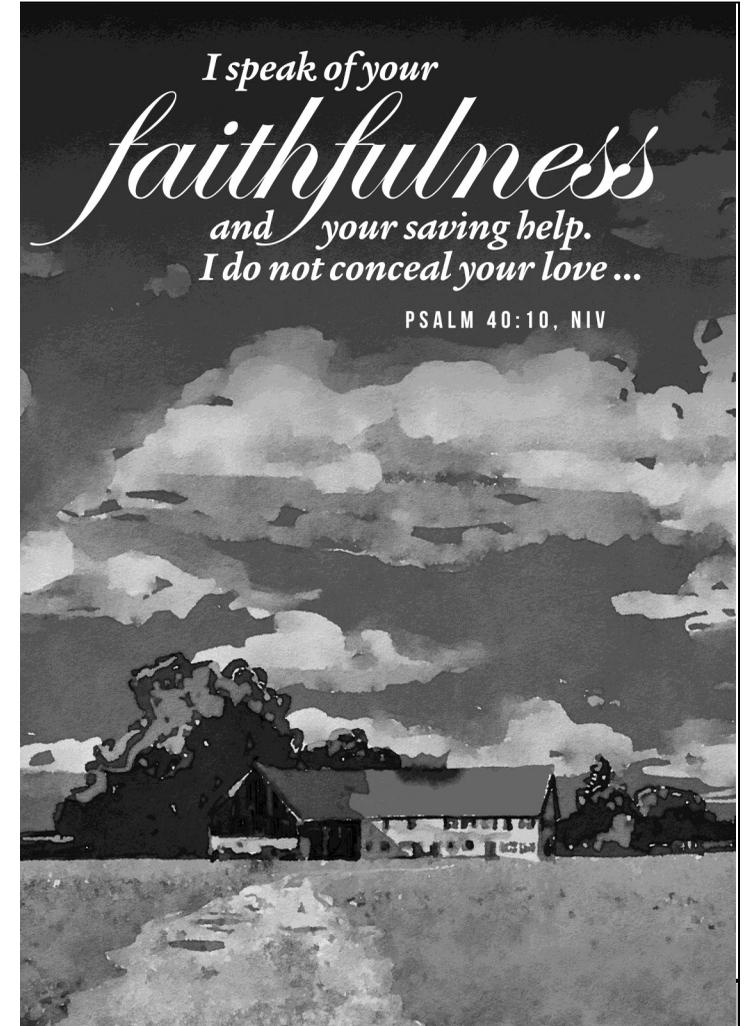
Bob DeJong—2024

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

March 5, 2023

We are happy you are here!

“When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we have done, but because of his mercy. He has saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior....” Titus 3:4,6

Morning Worship

Message: Do Not Slander One Another

Scripture: James 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 this morning

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we conclude our **One Another** series with a warning as to how we use our tongues, especially in the sin of slander. As the wise man of the book of Proverbs tells us, “the tongue has the power of life and death” (Proverbs 18:21). Slander is the kind of sin that can seem relatively innocent and even respectable, and therefore one of the enemy’s biggest tools of division within the church of Christ.

Second Offering this morning is for the Capitol Improvement fund of this church. This is the fund out of which we pay for major projects concerning the church and parsonage properties.

Pastor’s Class has concluded. However, will the students please meet with Pastor Ridder immediately following the service this morning.

Dust to Glory meets this evening at 5:00. Join us as we sit under the teaching of RC Sproul concerning the expansion of the early church following its birth on the day of Pentecost.

Outreach Purpose Group will meet tomorrow night at 7:00 pm in the library room downstairs.

Coffee Break Bible Study meets on Wednesday at 9:00 am. 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.

Consistory meets on Wednesday evening at 7:00. Bob Green will be serving as host.

A Fund Raising Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner for Mark and Lisa Nurenberg is scheduled for this 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.

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!

Church Family: Kay Beach underwent surgery for kidney stone removal this past Friday. Pray for continued healing and returned strength.

From our missionaries: “Dear Church family at Harvest Community Church, Thank you so much for your faithfulness in supporting our mission work! With your support and prayers, we are blessed to carry out our vision to make Christ known to the many that are lost. Emily and I will continue to work hard to bring quality leadership training and Christian education to the churches in China. May our loving Father bless you all for your support for missions.” Respectfully, Joshua, Emily and Annika Jiang (Harvest will receive a special offering for Joshua and Emily’s mission work in July).

Volunteer opportunities: If you would like to be added to the rotation for helping with Coffee/Fellowship time or praying during the service on Sundays please contact the church office. Also, a new sign up sheet for donations of cookies, etc for Sunday fellowship times is on the back table.

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 Study
Monday	6:30 p m—Outreach Purpose Group
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Bible Study 11:30 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm—Consistory Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings received on February 26
General Fund \$ 4,895.00

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 12 Jason and Mary Flohr

Children’s Worship Today Karilynn Ridder

March 12 Karilynn Ridder

March 19 Val Livingston

Nursery Today Lisa Nurenberg, Mark Nurenberg
March 12 Harlene Westendorp, Joshua Flohr
March 19 Audrey Mason, Peighton Reser

Coffee Time Today Steve Werdon

March 12 Joyce Tuitman

March 19 Teresa Renkema

Prayer Ministry

Today Cindi Green **March 12** Marshann Ludema

Prayer Family:

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

This Week: Joyce Tuitman