

## 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—11:00 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

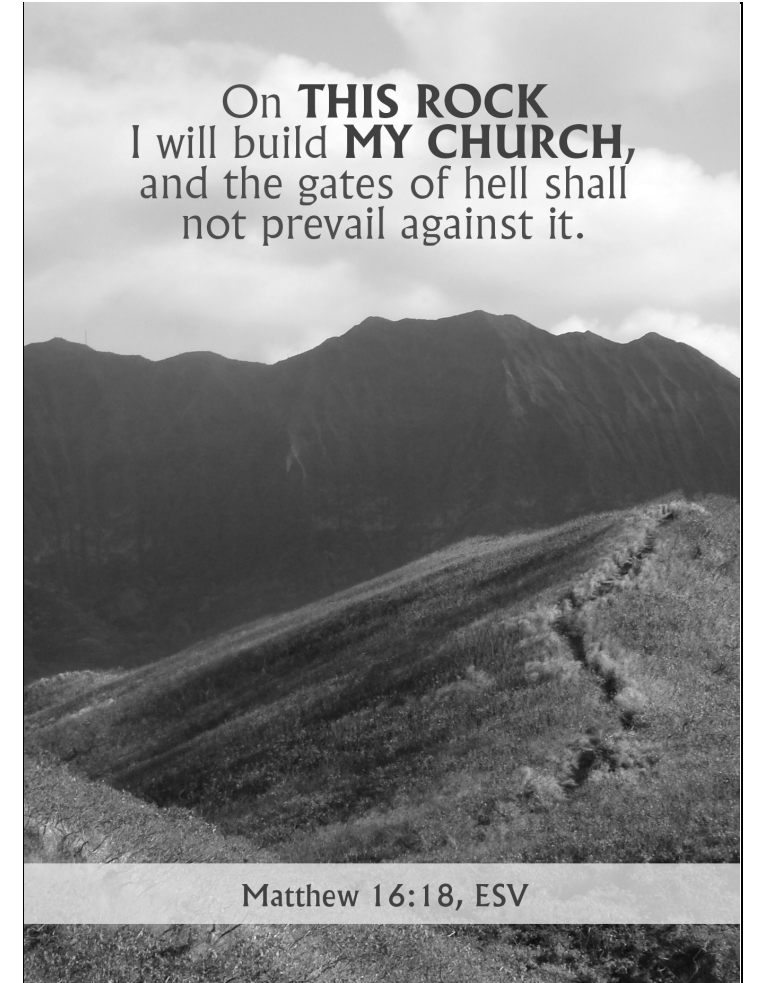
Bob DeJong—2024

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

Sunday, May 7, 2023

*It's a blessing to gather together today!*

*"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!  
It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the  
beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of  
his robes." Psalm 133:1-2*

## Morning Worship

**Message: The Beginning of Resurrection Community**

**Scripture:** Acts 1:12-26

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Children's Worship meets this morning. Children age 4-6 are dismissed to go downstairs right after the morning worship time.

*Please join us for coffee/fellowship time following the service this morning.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we continue in the book of Acts, we find a description of the beginning of Resurrection community. People with different backgrounds, temperaments, personalities coming together under the banner of the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ for a cause bigger than anyone and anything. This morning we will look at several things that characterized this community and ought to mark every community which comes together under the same banner.

### Second Offerings for May

- May 7 Capital Improvement Fund for Harvest Church
- May 21 Starlight Ministries—serving people in the midst of grieving the death of a loved one

**Dust to Glory** meets tonight at 5:00. Join us as we consider the Pauline letters of I and II Corinthians under the teaching of RC Sproul.

**The Sunday School classes** from Preschool thru High School will meet for the final time for the summer on May 21st. The

adult Sunday School class will continue through the summer months.

**Women's Coffee Break** meets on Wednesday at 9:00 am. This week our discussion will be on Lydia's continued support of Paul and Silas from Acts 16. All women are always welcome to join us. Little Lambs and nursery are offered for preschool age children.

**Appalachia Reach Out** is in need of **gently used** donations for their thrift store: windows and doors; kitchen and bath cabinets; large and small working appliances; household—dishes, pots, pans, bakeware, décor; furniture—couches, chairs, dressers, beds. Please have your donations to the church garage by May 26.

**Central Church in Lake Odessa** will hold their weekly free meal to community folks on Thursday —4-6 pm with Harvest helping this week. If you were contacted to furnish a dessert, please have it here at Harvest by noon on Thursday or bring to Central by 3:30 pm on Thursday.

**QPR Suicide Prevention Training.** QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) is an international organization which provides training for suicide prevention. The training will be offered here at Harvest on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 pm through Starlight Ministries. Instructors will be Mycah Ridder and Stephanie Hogan. Training points for the session include recognizing the warning signs of suicide, knowing how to offer hope and how to get help for those threatening suicide. There is a sign up sheet on the back table for this training.

**Lakewood High School** will hold a Baccalaureate service on Sunday, May 21 at 6:00 pm in the high school auditorium. Come and support the LHS seniors in this service designed to show them support and blessings from the area churches. We encourage you to attend even if you don't have a senior of your own.

**Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference** announces their Women's Summer Break Away, scheduled for July 20 and 21. Featured Bible Teacher/Speaker will be Trillia Newbell, author of several books including "A Great Cloud of Witnesses", "Sacred Endurance", and "If God Is For Us", as well as several children's books. Award winning artist Ginny Owens will lead worship. Purchase tickets online at vacationwithpurpose.org or call 231.798.2161.

## 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 Bible Study
	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

**From the Deacons—Offering received on April 30**

**General Fund** \$4,269.00

## ASSIGNMENTS

**Thank you to all our volunteers who care for the children, and help with other ministries during the worship service today!**

**Greeters** Today Darl and Diane Redder  
May 14 Joyce Mearns

**Children's Worship** Children ages 4-6 are dismissed to go downstairs following the worship time.

Today Mycah Ridder  
May 14 Val Livingston  
May 21 Felicia Vanderkooi

**Nursery** Today Joann Gerke, Jessica Kastanek  
May 14 Harlene Westendorp, Erika Leazier  
May 21 Audrey Mason, Jeremiah Flohr

**Coffee Time** Today Steve Werdon  
May 14 Joyce Tuitman  
May 21 Teresa Renkema

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Sandy Stoel May 14 Gail Pepper

**Prayer Family:**  
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.  
**This week:** Dick and Robin Barnett