

## 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

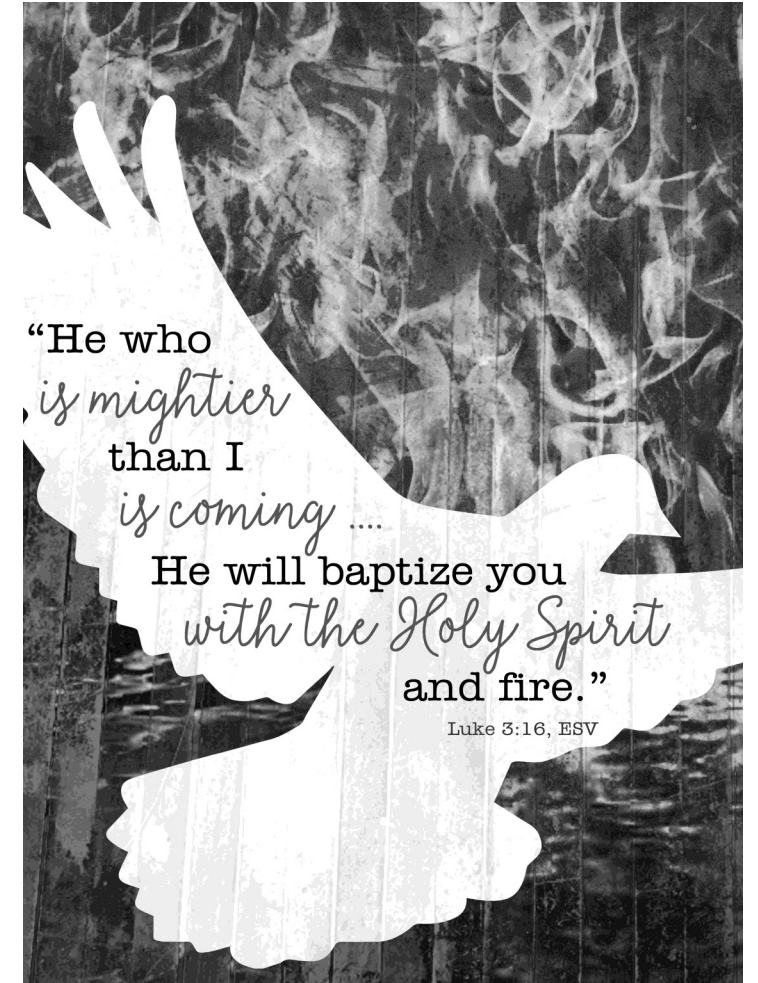
Bob DeJong—2024

Jason Flohr—2025

Deacons Bob Green—2023

Richard Duits—2024

Seth Oosterhouse—2025



“He who  
is mightier  
than I  
is coming ....  
He will baptize you  
with the Holy Spirit  
and fire.”

Luke 3:16, ESV

## Harvest Community Church

*A Christian Reformed Ministry*

*620 Sixth Avenue*

*Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849*

# Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, June 18, 2023

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

*"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-with great patience and careful instruction." I Timothy 4:1-2*

## Morning Worship

**Message: the First Christian Sermon**

**Scripture:** Acts 2:22-41

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Children's Worship and Preschool thru High School Sunday School do not meet during the summer months.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**As we continue** in our series in the book of Acts and more specifically on the day of Pentecost, we discover the first Christian sermon. In a day and age where preaching is getting shoved aside by music, liturgies, and home discussion groups, perhaps we need to be reminded of its centrality in God's ways and means of salvation: "how then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them (Romans 10:14)?"

**Second Offering** this morning is for the Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated as part of our time together this morning. All are invited to participate who:

- Humble themselves in repentance before God, considering their own sin.

- Trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, believing their sins are forgiven wholly by grace for the sake of our Lord's sacrifice on the cross.
- Resolve to live in faith and obedience with his neighbor.

Children who profess a faith in Jesus as their Savior are also welcomed.

**Adult Sunday School** meets in the auditorium following the service this morning at 11:00 am. Discussion will be on this morning's sermon.

**Dust to Glory Study** will meet this evening at 5:00. Join us as Dr. RC Sproul leads in a teaching on the so called Prison Epistles: Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.

**Outreach Purpose Group** will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30.

**Harvest Co-ed Softball Team** will play double header games at Bob King Park in Hastings on Tuesday at 6:30 and 7:30 pm, opponent this week is Journey Church.

**Consistory** will be meeting this Wednesday at 7:00. Pastor Ben will be serving as host.

**Extended Time.** A Fellowship outing to a Whitecaps ball-game in Grand Rapids is planned for Friday, July 14. Time for signing up has been extended so write your name on the sheet on the back table if you can go. Cost per ticket is \$14 and can be given to Bob Green or brought to the church office.

**On Sunday, August 20,** Harvest Church will be holding its annual church picnic at the home of the Barnett's. As part of our time together, we will also be baptizing those who desire to be baptized. Please contact Pastor Ridder at least a month prior if that is your desire.

**Zion Lutheran Church** is hosting a one-day VBS 'Pets Unleashed' on Tuesday, June 27 from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm. Preschool—6th Grade (year just finished). Registration and lunch from 11:30—12:30 –parents welcome. Family Dinner and Fun Time is at 5:00. You can register early to make sure the kids get the right t-shirt size at [myvbs.org/zionwoodlandmi/](http://myvbs.org/zionwoodlandmi/) or you can call 517-230-9274 or 269-838-6552.

**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 5:00 pm—Dust to Glory Study
Monday	6:30 pm—Outreach Purpose Group
Tuesday	6:30 pm—Harvest Softball games at Bob King Park in Hastings
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm—Consistory Meeting

**From the Deacons—Offering received on June 11**

**General Fund** \$2,882.00  
**Benevolent Fund** \$400.00

## ASSIGNMENTS

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

**Greeters** Today Royce and Joyce Wilcox  
June 25 Wayne and Carrie Moak

**Children's Worship** will not meet for the summer

**Nursery** Today Jenny Reynolds, Joshua Flohr  
June 25 Marshann Ludema, Jessica Kastanek  
July 2 Joann Gerke, Erika Leazier

**Coffee Time** Today Joann Gerke  
June 25 Cindi Green  
July 2 Harlene Westendorp

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Sandy Stoel June 25 Gail Pepper

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

**This week:** Phil and Sandie Burke