

## 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

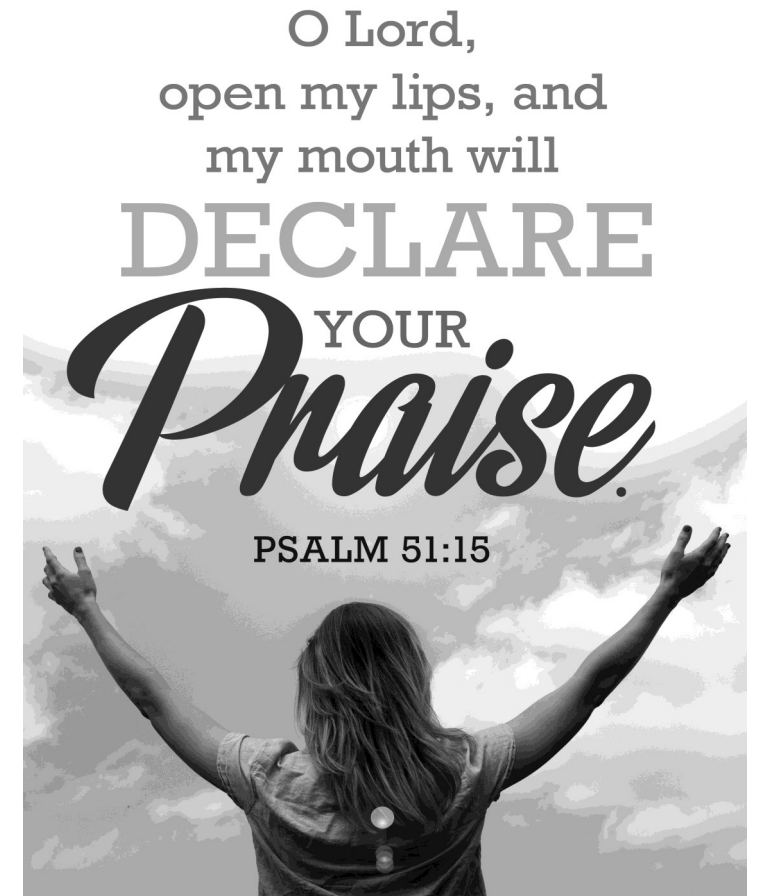
Bob DeJong—2024

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, July 9, 2023

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

*"Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD." Psalm 117*

## Morning Worship

Message

Scripture

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.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This morning** our own elder, Jason Flohr will be sharing with us from God's Word. Pastor Ben is preaching at Gun Lake Chapel today.

**There will be** no evening Bible Study today.

**Special offering** next Sunday, July 16 is designated for Joshua and Emily Jiang, missionaries serving in Asia.

**Service of Baptism** is scheduled for Sunday, August 20, in Jordan Lake on the property of Dick and Robin Barnett. So far, we have two people who will be receiving that sacrament and thereby publicly identifying themselves by faith with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. If there is anyone who would like to be baptized that morning, contact Pastor Ben.

**Fellowship Purpose Group** meets this Tuesday, July 11 at 6:00 pm in the church library downstairs.

**Harvest Co-ed Softball Team** plays double header games on Tuesday this week at Hastings Free Methodist Church field at 6:30 pm. Opponent is Hastings Free Methodist for both games.

**Church Family-**

—Steve Werdon is recovering at home following his open heart

surgery. He appreciates your cards and prayers, but prefers no visits at this time as he tires quickly.

—"I would like to thank you all at Harvest for the thoughts, prayers, the lovely cards and the beautiful plant we received as peace and strength during our time of mourning the death of my father. To the wonderful families of Harvest, thank you and God bless." Tammie and Tim Zook

—"Thank you for all the prayers, visits, cards and encouragement. Everyday I get a little better. God has been so faithful to me." Joyce Tuitman

**Praise in the Park**, an annual event here in Lake Odessa, will be held on Saturday, July 22 from 6-8 pm. Church musicians from area churches will be participating, however, because of scheduling conflicts Harvest worship team will not be a part of the service this time.

**Back to School Bash.** Plans are in place for the 'Back to School Bash' to be held August 6 from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Lake Odessa Fairgrounds. This event is sponsored by Lakewood Community Women. Theme: 'Sharing God's Love with our Community'. This is a FREE family friendly event which includes hotdogs and sides, ice cream, firetrucks, police cars, and games for all ages and much more. The Lake Odessa Lions will be there for a kid sight vision screening and a Pickleball Clinic will be available for ages 12-18 (requires pre-registration at 616-902-4299. Volunteers will be needed for the various activities and an online sign up is in the works. More on that later.

**Church Picnic.** 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.

**From ReFrame Ministries.** Groundwork: Lead Us Not into Temptation, but Deliver Us from the Evil One - Perhaps you've wondered, "Does God lead us into temptation?" Join our Groundwork conversation on the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:13 and Scripture passages that assure us that God does not lead us into temptation. We'll discuss the nature of sin, what temptation is, how it plays out in our lives, and how praying this petition helps us remember our own identity and purpose. 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 5:00 pm—No Bible Study
Tuesday	6:00 pm—Fellowship Purpose Group Meeting 6:30 pm—Harvest ball games at Hastings Free Methodist
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

**From the Deacons—Offering received on June 25**

**General Fund** \$3,519.00

## 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 July 16 Mike and Karie Hilley

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

**Nursery** Today Lisa Nurenberg, Jeremiah Flohr  
July 16 Harlene Westendorp, Gabe Flohr  
July 23 Audrey Mason, Joe Kastanek

**Coffee Time** Today Noah Garn  
July 16 Cindi Green  
July 23 Teresa Renkema

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Cindi Green July 16 Karilynn Ridder

**Prayer Family:**

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

**This week:** Bob and Marilyn DeJong