

## 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



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## *Harvest Community Church*

*A Christian Reformed Ministry*

*620 Sixth Avenue*

*Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849*

# Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, August 13, 2023

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

*“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work, so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4*

## Morning Worship

**Message Dealing With Persecution (2)**

**Scripture** Acts 4:13-41

Children's Worship and Preschool thru High School Sunday School do not meet during the summer months. Adult Sunday School meets this morning in the auditorium at 11:00.

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The church is literally** just weeks old when it is subject to persecution. Last Sunday we looked at three ways the apostles and the church dealt with being persecuted; this Sunday we discover three more ways. The early church had a perspective on being persecuted for its faith that the Christian church out here in the West seems to have lost. Is it a burden to be borne or a privilege to rejoice in?

**Second Offering** next Sunday will be for Starfysh, the ministry of Dr. Steve Edmondson on the island of La Gonave, Haiti

**Exodus Study** meets this evening at 5:00. We will be looking at the 4th commandment in the Mosaic covenant: “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.” We will look at this from the Israeli point of view as the original recipients, as well as from the Christian point of view as those who are in Christ. There is a lot of misunderstanding and debate yet today as to the meaning of this command from our Lord. God.

**Outreach Purpose Group** will meet tomorrow night at 6:30 in the church library.

**There will** be a Fellowship Purpose Group meeting this Wednesday, August 16 at 6:00 pm in the church library.

**Consistory meets** on Wednesday this week at 7:00 pm. Nominations for new office bearers will be made. If there is anyone you would like to nominate for the offices of deacon or elder, please give your nomination to a current officer.

**Cookie Sign up.** There is a new sign up sheet for Sunday morning fellowship cookies/treats on the back table. Please sign your name if you would like to furnish 3-4 dozen treats for our fellowship time following the morning service.

**New nursery, greeter and coffee server** schedules that begin in September are in your mailboxes this morning if you are a volunteer in one of those ministries.

## **Baptisms/Church Picnic: Sunday, August 20**

- The baptisms and picnic will take place at the residence of Dr. Dick and Robin Barnett: 650 Lakeview Dr.
- The Baptism Service will begin at 11:30.
- Nick Berens and Maggie Mosher will be baptized. Anyone else who would like to be baptized, contact Pastor Ben.
- Bring a dish or two to pass. Hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages and tableware will be provided.
- Bring lawn chairs
- A shuttle service will be provided for those who need it.

**Card ministry.** The greeting card box on the table by the coat room has been restocked. Please use the cards to encourage someone you know...friends, neighbors, family. There is a variety for many different occasions and stamps are also available there.

**Free Concert.** You are invited to enjoy a free concert at Maranatha Bible and Missionary Conference Center in Norton Shores this Saturday, August 19. Featured singers will be Gary and Martha Matthews. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Dinner is available before the concert by purchasing tickets at [vacationwithpurpose.org/Summer-Concert](http://vacationwithpurpose.org/Summer-Concert).

**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

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| Today     | 9:30 am—Worship Service<br>5:00 pm—Exodus Study                                  |
| Monday    | 6:30 pm—Outreach Purpose Group   |
| Wednesday | 6:00 pm—Fellowship Purpose Group<br>7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting<br>7:00 pm—Consistory |

**From the Deacons—Offering received on August 6**

**General Fund** \$ 2,689.00

## 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 August 20 Lyle and Val Livingston

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

**Nursery** Today Jennie Reynolds, Joshua Flohr  
August 20 Julie Kastanek, Erika Leazier  
August 27 Hannah Pennington, Jeremiah Flohr

**Coffee Time** Today Wayne Moak  
August 20 Joann Gerke  
August 27 Cindi Green

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Cindi Green August 20 Marshann Ludema

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