

## 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

His intent was that now,  
through the church,  
**the manifold  
wisdom of God**  
should be made known  
to the **rulers** and  
authorities in the  
heavenly realms.

**Ephesians 3:10, NIV**

*Harvest Community  
Church*

*A Christian Reformed Ministry*

*620 Sixth Avenue*

*Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849*

# Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, September 10, 2023

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

*"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and His glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." Isaiah 60:1-3*

## Morning Worship

**Message: Attending to Business**

**Scripture** Acts 6:1-7

Page 774 in the blue chair Bibles

Children's Worship and Preschool thru High School Sunday School will begin meeting again on Sunday, September 17. Adult Sunday School meets this morning in the auditorium at 11:00.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today we continue** in our series in the book of Acts with a look at a practical matter that gets dealt with in a spiritual way. As the early church continued to grow, there was a need for some structure in handling some everyday affairs. Thus, was born the office of deacon, to be followed a short time later by the office of elder. And here we are, over 2000 years later with elders and deacons in Harvest Community Church.

**Second Offering** next Sunday morning will be for Women at Risk (WAR) International, a ministry geared towards helping formerly trafficked women into a life of freedom and productivity. The office for this ministry is in Grandville, Michigan, and several ladies from this church have worked for them and with them in the past.

**Exodus Study** meets tonight at 5:00. Our topic of discussion will be commandment #6 from Exodus 20:13, "You shall not murder."

**Congregational Meeting** will take place following the

morning service today. The purpose of the meeting is to take a vote of affirmation for the men who have been placed before you for their respective church offices: For elder—Dick Barnett, and for deacon— Joe Leazier. All communicant members 18 and above are invited to vote.

**Sunday Classes** for ages pre-K thru adult begins next Sunday following the service. This year's teachers include Anita Duits, Mary Flohr, Tina Leazier, Ryan Oosterhouse, and Ben Ridder. We'll take some time next Sunday to specifically pray for them as the new church year begins.

**Sunday School Teachers** please meet in the Library downstairs at 11:00 am this morning.

**The Wednesday morning** Bible study for women (Coffee Break) will begin on September 20 at 9:00 am. Our first meeting will be an introduction to the book of Esther. All women are invited to join us.

**Church Family:** as most of you know, Ken and Calien were involved in a motorcycle accident last Sunday afternoon. Lots of bruises and road rash along with both submitting to surgery for broken bones. They will be going through extensive rehabilitation and will let us know when they are home and what needs they have from their church family. We thank God for His mercy and ongoing healing work.

**Joyce Brinningstaull** wishes to extend her greetings and her thanksgiving for the sweet cards and phone calls she received in celebration of her birthday.

**Appalachia Reach Out (ARO)** is in need of plastic grocery type bags and cardboard tubes from paper towels and toilet paper for crafts. Please have to church by next Sunday, September 17. A box and basket are provided for your donations—near the downstairs entrance.

**Beginning Roots Child Development Center** of Lake Odessa is looking for people who enjoy working with children. Contact Sheila Veitch at 616-723-6791 for more information.

**From ReFrame ministries. Family Fire** - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with Family Fire on Facebook.

**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 Teacher's Meeting in Library
	11:00 am—Adult Sunday School
	5:00 pm—Exodus Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

**From the Deacons—Offering received on September 3**

**General Fund** \$3400.00  
**Capital Improvement Fund** \$540.00

## 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 September 17 Bob and Cindi Green

**Children's Worship** begins meeting again next Sunday, Sept. 17

**Nursery** Today Harlene Westendorp, Jessica Kastanek  
September 17 Audrey Mason, Gabe Flohr  
September 24 Mary Flohr, Joe Kastanek

**Coffee Time** Today Steve Werdon  
September 17 Joyce Tuitman  
September 24 Teresa Renkema

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Gail Pepper September 17 Joel Pepper

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

**This week:** Bob and Cindi Green