

## 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

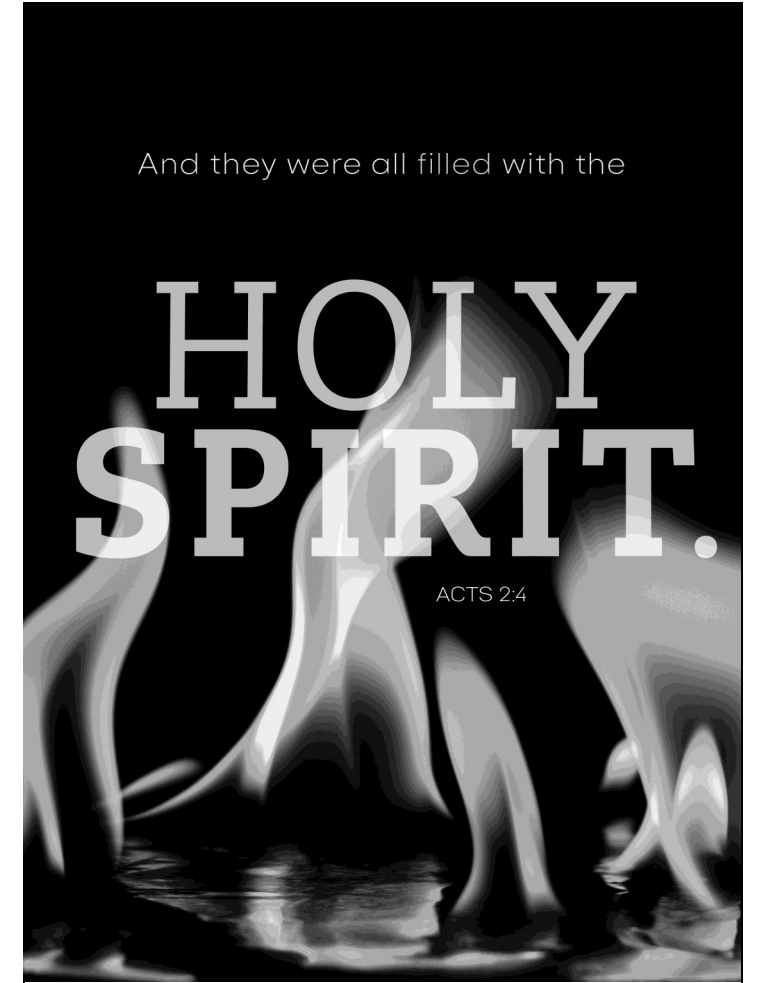
Bob DeJong—2024

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, September 17, 2023

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

*"Be very careful then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity for the days are evil. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:15-16,18*

## Morning Worship

**Message: A Man Who is Full**

**Scripture** Acts 6:8-15

Page 774 in the blue chair Bibles

Children's Worship and Preschool thru High School Sunday School resumes this morning.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**When Stephen** from the book of Acts is mentioned, people with even a basic Biblical knowledge, know him to be the first Christian martyr. While Stephen was indeed the first Christian martyr, there is so much more to be said about him. Luke describes him repeatedly as a man who was 'full of \_\_\_\_.' How that sentence gets completed says a lot about a person. How would people complete that sentence about you? What fullness would you like to be known and remembered by?

**Second Offering** is for Women at Risk (WAR) International. This ministry is geared toward helping those trapped in human trafficking. The office for this ministry is in Grandville, Michigan.

**Sunday School Classes** begin this morning for ages PK thru Adult. The following people have volunteered to be teachers this year: Anita Duits, Mary Flohr, Tina Leazier, Brent Merritt, and Ben Ridder. We will take time this morning to pray specifically for them as the new church year begins.

**Children's Worship** also begins this morning. Children ages

3 thru 6 are dismissed during the offering to the classroom in the basement. Please accompany your child to the basement or release him/her to Mrs. Ridder's care in the back of church.

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be received next week as part of our time together.

**Dust to Glory study** will be held this evening at 5:00. Join us as R.C. Sproul reflects on what are known as the General Epistles: James, 1 and II Peter, and I, II, III John.

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

**Consistory** will meet this Wednesday at 7:00. Both the retiring officers and ones to be installed are requested to be in attendance for the meeting.

**Harvest Book Readers** will meet on Thursday at 6:30 pm in the church library. Anyone who has read the book "The Fire and The Ore" by Olivia Hawker is welcome to come and take part in the discussion.

## Church Family

-Ann Snyder, a long time member here at Harvest recently went home to be with her Lord. There is a memorial scheduled for her next Sunday, September 24, 1-3, at the Clarksville Village Hall.

-New address for Aaron Russell: 2900 Killems Dr., Hastings, MI 49058

**Church Directory.** Over the next few weeks our church directory will be updated. Please take a minute to check your page in your directory at home and contact the church office with any changes that should be made. Also if you would like a new picture, Evie David is available each Sunday to take your photograph or you can submit a digital one to marshann@harvestcrc.com.

**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.

**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 PK through adult 5:00 pm—Dust to Glory Study
Wednesday	9:00 am—Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm—Consistory 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting
Thursday	6:30 pm—Harvest Book Readers Discussion

**From the Deacons—Offering received on September 10**

**General Fund \$3,798.00**

## ASSIGNMENTS

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

**Greeters** Today Bob and Cindi Green  
September 24 Jason and Mary Flohr

**Children's Worship** meets this morning. Children ages 3-6 are dismissed to go downstairs during the offering.

**Nursery** Today Julie Kastanek, Gabe Flohr  
September 24 Mary Flohr, Joe Kastanek  
October 1 Jenny Reynolds, Joshua Flohr

**Coffee Time** Today Cindi Green  
September 24 Teresa Renkema  
October 1 Noah Garn

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Joel Pepper September 24 Cindi Green

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