

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

Blessed
is the
one
who
trusts in the LORD,
whose
confidence
is in
him.

JEREMIAH 17:7, NIV

Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

Sunday, September 3, 2023

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"I am the vine and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me who bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, He prunes so that it will be more fruitful." Jesus in John 15:2

Morning Worship

Message: Church Unstoppable!

Scripture Acts 5:12-42

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

As we look at the next passage in the book of Acts, we find elements necessary in the advancement of Christ's Church. Even as the persecution ante is raised by the religious leaders, the apostles continue in their stance of all in. Jesus promised that he would build His church. In this section of Scripture, we see some of the elements He employs to do so.

Second Offerings for the Month of September.

- This morning: Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church.
- September 14: Women at Risk (WAR) International. A ministry headquartered in Grandville which helps women and children caught in being trafficked to come to a place of freedom and dignity.

Dust to Glory study tonight at 5:00. Join us as we learn from R.C. Sproul concerning what are known as the General Epistles: James, 1-2 Peter, 1-3 John, and Jude.

From the Consistory: The following individuals have received and accepted the nominations as our next church officers: For Elder—Dick Barnett; for Deacon—Joe Leazier. A vote to affirm these two gentlemen will take place next Sunday, September 10 following the morning service.

Sunday Classes for ages PK through High School will resume for the season on Sunday, September 17. The following individuals have agreed to take up a role in educating our children, from the youngest to the oldest: Anita Duits, Mary Flohr, Tina Leazier, Ryan Oosterhouse, Ben Ridder.

Sunday School Teachers, please note—there will be a meeting next Sunday, September 10 at 11:00 am in the church library downstairs. Please review your materials and contact the church office if there is anything you need to have ordered.

The Wednesday morning Bible study for women (Coffee Break) will begin on September 20 at 9:00 am with a study on the book of Esther. Women, plan to join us and think about who you can invite.

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 Sunday, September 17. A box will be provided for your donations.

Lakewood Community Women will be hosting an event 'Breathe' for area women at Sunfield United Brethren on Saturday, September 9 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Special speaker will be Kelli Hillier. This is a free event, but register online at www.eventbrite.com/o/lakewood-community-women—17474716708

World Renew Plans Response to Hurricane Idalia - The Florida panhandle was hit by Category 3 Hurricane Idalia this week with 6 to 12 inches of rain, 120 mph winds, a 12-foot storm surge, and widespread power outages. World Renew Disaster Response Services is making plans for long-term response through our existing area partners to help homeowners in need recover as soon as possible. Please give to help low income, elderly, and under-insured Idalia survivors at worldrenew.net, call 800-552-7972, or send your check, made out to World Renew DRS with Hurricanes 2023 in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

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 Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offering received on August 27

General Fund \$ 6,073.00

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 10 Bob and Cindi Green

Children's Worship will not meet for the summer

Nursery Today Joann Gerke, Erika Leazier
September 10 Harlene Westendorp, Jessica Kastanek
September 17 Audrey Mason, Gabe Flohr

Coffee Time Today Noah Garn
September 10 Steve Werdon
September 17 Joyce Tuitman

Prayer Ministry
Today Sandy Stoel September 10 Gail Pepper

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

This week: Joann Gerke