

## 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**

**D. Barnett/J. Leazier—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

**Community 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 Bob DeJong—2024

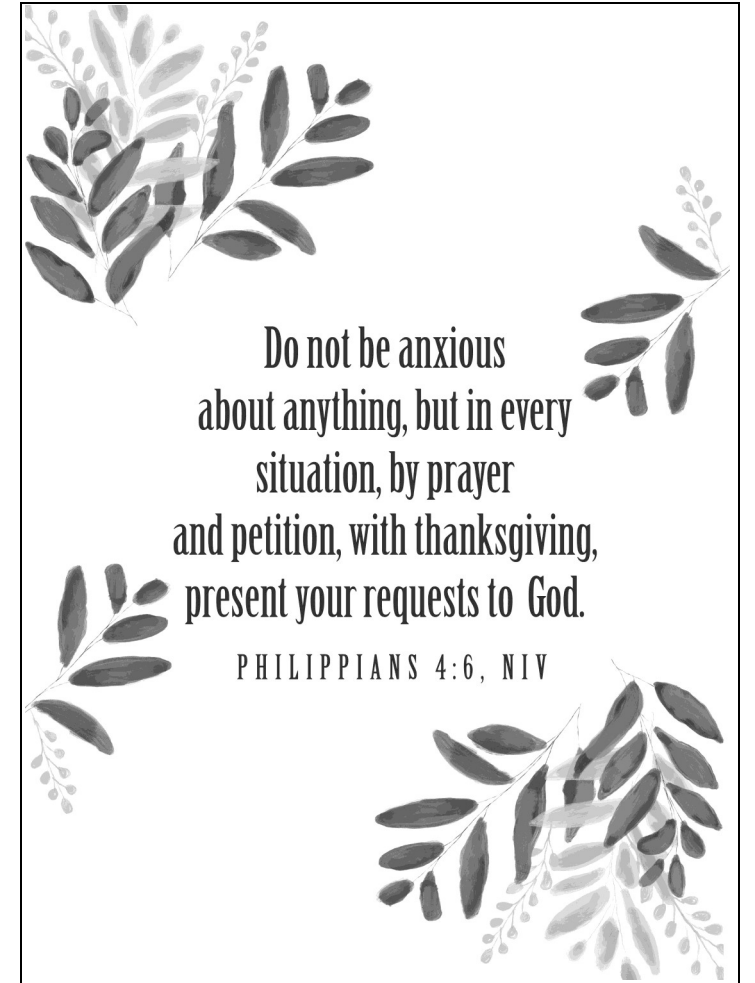
Jason Flohr—2025

Dick Barnett—2026

Deacons Richard Duits—2024

Seth Oosterhouse—2025

Joe Leazier—2026



## Harvest Community Church

*A Christian Reformed Ministry*

*620 Sixth Avenue*

*Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849*

# Welcome to Harvest Church

April 14, 2024

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

*"If you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, do not be frightened. But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." I Peter 3:14-15*

## Morning Worship

**Message: What You Need to Know**

**Scripture:** Acts 12:11-18

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Children's Worship meets today. Children ages 3-6 are dismissed to go downstairs during the offering. Parents, please accompany your child to the classroom.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**As we continue** in the book of Acts, we find Peter, newly escaped prisoner, knocking on the door of prayer warriors who are surprised their prayer has been answered in such a wonderful way. That's not the only surprise in the story. Perhaps the bigger surprise is why Peter takes the time to search these folks out before going into hiding to let things cool off a bit. In the midst of all the "humanness" found in this story we discover timeless principles of church body life.

**Second Offering** next Sunday will be for Resonate Global Ministry. This is the denominations world and home missions ministry.

**Sunday School Classes** meet this morning at 11:00. Adults meet in the auditorium, all other classrooms are marked downstairs.

**Romans Study** meets tonight at 5:00. Please read and reflect on Romans 11:1-16 in preparation for tonight's study. In this study we are getting closer to discover together God's revealed plan for the nation of Israel in the latter of the last days before the return of Christ.

**Map of Paul's Missionary Journeys:** coming up in the next week or so we will begin in the book of Acts our study of what is referred to as the Missionary Journeys of Paul. Maps of Paul's journey were placed in your church mailbox. If you don't have a mailbox, there are extras on the back table.

**Women's Coffee Break Bible** study meets on Wednesday at 9:00 am. This week our lesson will be from John 6:1-3 in our study of the Twelve Disciples, specifically Philip: Learning to Trust. All women are always welcome to join us.

**Moms in Prayer** meets on Wednesday at 11:30 am. This meeting is a time of prayer for our area schools, their students and staff, school boards and activities. All moms, grandmas and any interested women are invited. **Please bring a list of the schools your children/grandchildren attend.**

**Harvest Book Readers** will meet this Thursday at 6:30 pm to discuss the book *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. We'll be meeting in the church library downstairs.

**Church Family:** Upon her request, the membership of Teresa Renkema has been transferred to Caledonia Christian Reformed Church.

**The new TODAY** devotional book for May/June is in your church mailboxes this morning. There are also some extra copies on the back table.

**Fellowship Time.** There is a sign-up sheet on the back table if you would like to furnish treats for an upcoming Sunday for use during our fellowship time following the morning service. Usually about 7-8 dozen are needed. Thank you!

**2024 Starfysh Golf Classic** is set for Monday, June 17 at Stonewater Country Club in Caledonia. Join us for a fun day of golf and food, contests, and prizes! All in support of Starfysh's 2024 project efforts in Haiti. Foursome reservations and sponsorship opportunities are now open: <https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/2024-starfysh-golf-outing/store>

**Resonate Global Mission.** Double Your Gift to Support God's Mission - A generous donor will double any amount you give to Resonate's Where Most Needed fund, including through church offerings, through April 30! Visit [www.resonateglobalmission.org/double](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org/double) to find out more.

**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](http://familyfire.com). Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community 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 at Wednesday evening prayer gathering.

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service 11:00 am— Sunday School for all ages 5:00 pm—Romans Bible Study
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break Bible Study 11:30 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Evening Prayer Meeting
Thursday	6:30 pm—Harvest Book Readers

**From the Deacons—Offerings received on April 7**

**General Fund** \$4,458.00 **Benevolent Fund** \$ 517.00

## ASSIGNMENTS

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

**Greeters** Today Joyce Mearns  
April 21 Ken and Evie David

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

Today Val Livingston  
April 21 Karilynn Ridder  
April 28 Audrey Mason

**Nursery** Today Jenny Reynolds, Jessica Kastanek  
April 21 Julie Kastanek, Gabe Flohr  
April 28 Hannah Pennington, Jaelynn Duits

**Coffee Time** Today Tamara Reser  
April 21 Wayne Moak  
April 28 Joann Gerke

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Joel Pepper April 21 Cindi Green

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