

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

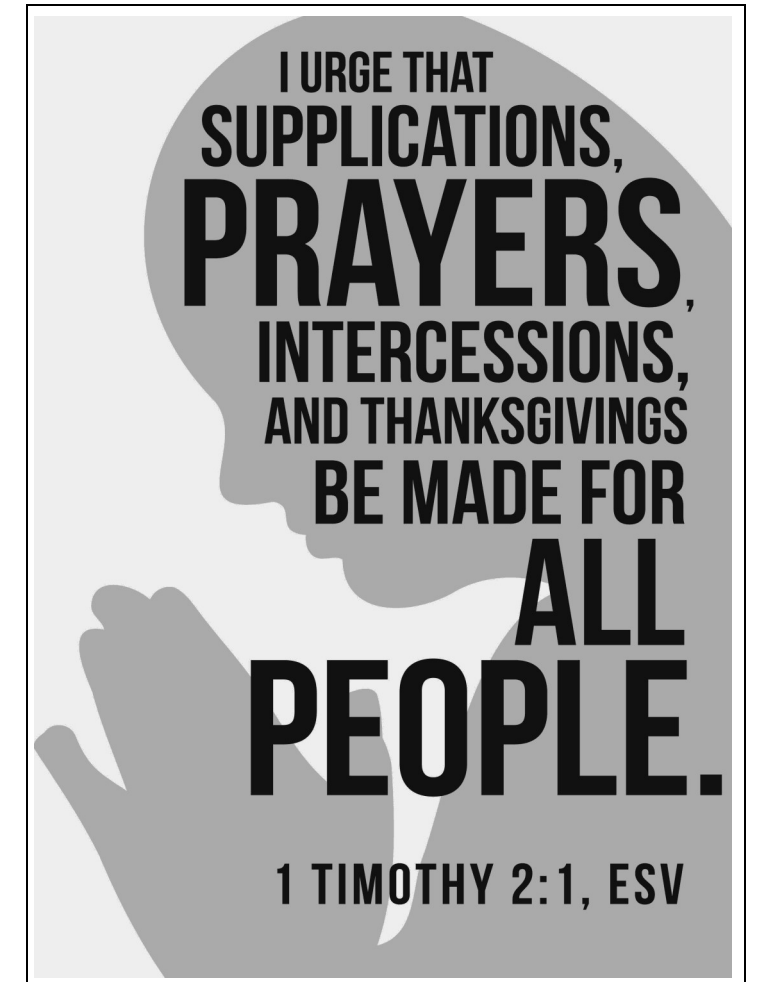
Jason Flohr—2025

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

Sunday, March 17, 2024

It's a blessing to gather together today!

"Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my sighing. Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray. In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation." Psalm 5: 1-3

Morning Worship

Message: A Model for Prayer

Scripture: I Kings 18:36-46

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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

This morning we welcome to bring us the Word of God, Pastor Duane Nieuwsma. Pastor Nieuwsma is a retired Christian Reformed Pastor who stays active in the church through various means. He recently finished a stint at Restoration Christian Reformed Church in Middleville while their pastor was on sabbatical.

Pastor Duane is currently organizing a Bible land pilgrimage: Journeys of Paul in Turkey and Greece. It is scheduled for October 21—November 2, 2024 and includes round trip airfare from Grand Rapids. If you would like more information or a brochure, please contact him in person or by email (dnieuw@hotmail.com).

Second offering this morning is for Celebration Fellowship, a Christian Reformed Church meeting within the prison complex in Ionia.

Community Groups are meeting this evening in several homes. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or just want to know more about it, contact Pastor Ben.

Good Friday Communion Service will be held here, Friday

evening, March 29 at 7:00.

Coffee Break Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesday at 9:00 am. Our lesson this week from a study of the twelve apostles will be on Simon Peter. Scripture is from the book of Mark, chapter 1:16-20 and chapter 8:27-38. 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.

Wednesday Night Prayer meets this week at 7:00 pm in the Nursery room. Join us, or fill out a prayer card from the greeter table to request prayer for specific needs.

The Fellowship Purpose group is planning a bowling night on Saturday, March 30 at Buddy's in Lake Odessa from 4-6 pm. The cost will include shoes, bowling lane, pizza and a soft drink. We need to know how many are interested because that will determine the price. Please sign the sheet on the back table at church.

Colorado Challenge. Harvest's high school youth will be traveling to Woodland Park, Colorado to take part in the 'Colorado Challenge' camp (June 8-16). There are still 10 spots available if you or someone you know would be interested in participating in camp or serving as an adult leader. Please see Brent Merritt with questions or to get your name on the list.

Church Lawn Care. We are looking for someone to take comprehensive care of the church and parsonage lawns this season. Duties include at least the following: mowing, edging, fertilizing and weed killing, trimming. Contact Richard Duits with any questions you may have.

Have you been heard? Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2024 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit cena.org/survey/ <<Church File Number (from Yearbook)>> to answer the survey questions by **March 31**.

From Pastor Marilyn Danielson— Good Friday Choir. You are invited to join a 'walk on' choir for the Good Friday Service on March 29th at Central Methodist Church, 1:00 pm. There are two practices for the choir—Wednesday, March 20th at 6 pm at Central and at noon on Good Friday before the service. If you enjoy singing, come and MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!! No previous choir experience needed, no note reading required. Come and sing with us under the direction of Pastor Kathy Smith.

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

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| Today | 9:30 am—Worship Service |
| | 11:00 am— Sunday School for all ages |
| Wednesday | 9:00 am—Coffee Break Bible Study |
| | 11:30 am—Moms in Prayer |
| | 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting |

From the Deacons—Offerings received on March 10
General Fund \$1,815.00

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
March 24 Nick and Emily Berens

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

Today Audrey Mason
March 24 Karilynn Ridder

Nursery Today Harlene Westendorp, Jaelynn Duits
March 24 Audrey Mason, Jeremiah Flohr, Maggie Mosher
March 31 Lisa Nurenberg, Erika Leazier

Coffee Time Today Steve Werdon
March 24 Joyce Tuitman
March 31 Harlene Westendorp

Prayer Ministry
Today Marshann Ludema March 31 Karilynn Ridder

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