

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:

D. Redder/W. Moak—A-I

M. Nagelkirk/R.Oosterhouse—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

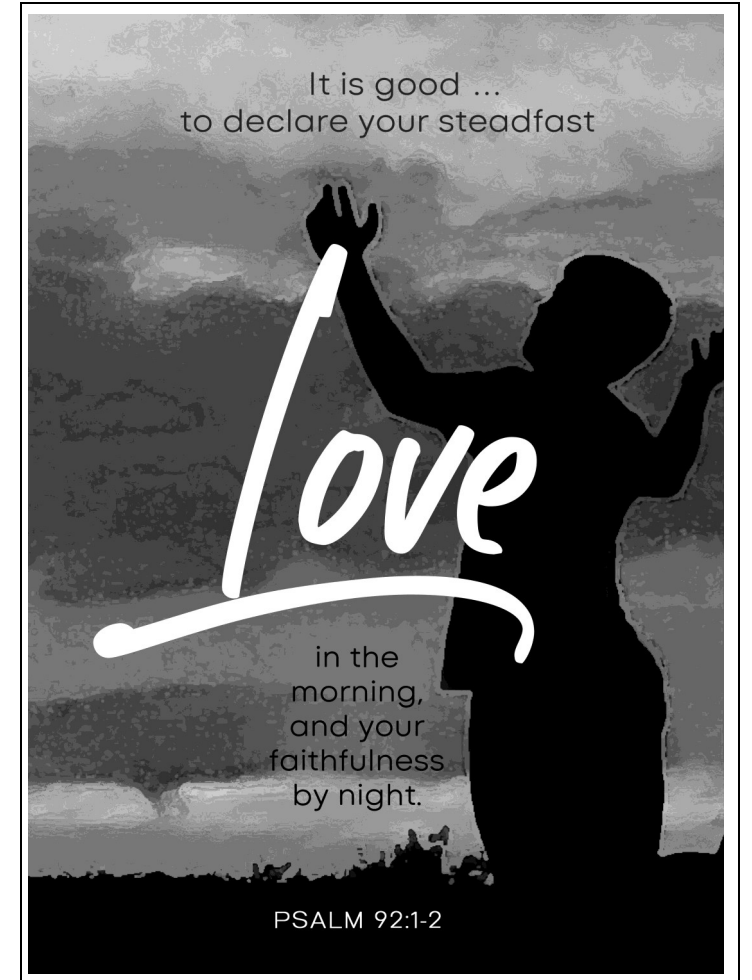
*CHEERS (Caring, Hope, Encouragement, Enlightenment, Respect, Support)

CONSISTORY:

Pastor Ben Ridder

Elders Dick Barnett—2026
Mike Nagelkirk—2027
Darl Redder—2028

Deacons Joe Leazier—2026
Ryan Oosterhouse—2027
Wayne Moak—2028



Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

April 12, 2026

We are glad you are here!

“It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High. To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.” Psalm 92:1-4

Morning Worship

Message: Influencer or Nachfolge

Scripture: John 21:1-23

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Children’s worship meets today. Children ages 3-6 are dismissed to go downstairs during the offering.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome Tom DeVries, a former minister in the Christian Reformed Church now living in Middleville, Michigan. Tom will be leading us in worship as Pastor Ben and Karilynn are on a tour in Greece featuring Paul’s Second Missionary Journey.

Sunday School for ages 3 through high school meets at 11:00 this morning. There will be no adult Sunday School today.

Second Offering next Sunday will be Resonate Global Ministry (missions arm of the denomination).

Coffee Break meets on Wednesday at 9:00 am. This week we will work on lesson 10 in our study guides ‘The Power of a Woman’s Words– You’re Not in This Alone’. All women are welcome to join us. Contact the church office if you need a copy of the lesson.

Consistory meets on Wednesday this week at 7:00 pm. Joe Leazier will be hosting.

By the Love of the Lamb, a new ministry at Harvest, will meet this Friday (6:30-8:30 pm) here at Harvest. Would you like to learn to knit or crochet? Now is a good time! We’ll kick things off with a

brief informational overview, then jump into a fun, beginner-friendly workshop. Everyone is invited, regardless of skill level. Contact Kris Dubuque with your questions 616-916-9468 or email kndubuque115@gmail.com.

Annual Harvest Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 3:00-6:00. There is a sign up sheet on the back table. There will be more information coming if there is enough interest.

Summer Ministry Work Trip to Appalachia Reach Out: Dates are August 29th thru September 4 for ages 18 and above. The cost is \$450 per person, which includes food and lodging and \$180 for construction materials. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. If you need further information, see Mike or Lynnette Nagelkirk.

Hanging basket and patio plants for sale. Please see the poster on the wall by the kitchen for the details of a sale of patio plants and hanging baskets as a fundraiser for the group going to Kentucky in August. A portion of what is raised will go to help pay expenses for the ministry trip to Appalachia Reach Out.

Area-Wide Vacation Bible School will be held this summer from July 14th thru July 16th, 6:00-8:30 pm at the Lake Odessa Fairgrounds. The theme is “What a Mess!” and will include teachings on how Jesus loves the mess that you are, what He did on the cross to clean up the mess that we are, and what we must do to receive the big clean up! There is a sign up sheet on the back table for volunteers for various tasks. The more planning taking place, the more volunteers the task force is realizing will be needed!

The May/June Today devotional is in your mailbox this morning. There are a few extra copies on the back table also.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The practice of gratitude, rooted in recognizing and responding to God’s constant goodness, moves us to respond fully to God’s generosity. Each day this week take some time to write down one thing for which you are grateful. At the end of the week share your list with your family or friends in celebration of God’s goodness and provision in your life. For more ways to practice gratitude, see crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject/gratitude. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

From ReFrame Ministries. Groundwork: Salvation Through Jesus Christ Alone - As the Christian faith spread, the Apostle Paul often wrote letters to churches he planted to help clarify and solidify his teachings. Join Groundwork as we begin a study of his letter to the church in Galatia by studying Galatians 1. Together, we’ll study Paul’s teaching about salvation and let it continue to encourage our faith and strengthen our commitment to Christ today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

Severe weather reminder. With Spring comes possible tornado weather in our area. Tune in to Wood TV channel 8 or *TV 8 weather closings* on your smart phone for any church service cancellations due to tornado warnings.

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—Morning Worship 11:00 am—Sunday School
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break for Women 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting
Friday	7:00 pm—Consistory Meeting 6:30 pm—For the Love of the Lamb

From the Deacons—Offerings Received

April 5 General Fund \$4,277.00
Benevolent Fund \$ 572.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters Today Ken and Sandy Stoel
April 19 Mike and Lynnette Nagelkirk

Nursery Today Mary Flohr, Jessica Kastanek
April 19 Jenny Reynolds, Erika Leazier
April 26 Julie Kastanek, Joshua Flohr

Coffee Time Today Steve Werdon
April 19 Wayne Moak
April 26 Harlene Westendorp

Children’s Worship
Today Val Livingston, Asher Oosterhouse
April 19 Audrey Mason, Aaliyah Duits
April 26 Lisa Nurenberg, Sara Oosterhouse

Prayer Ministry
Today Marshann Ludema
April 19 Karilynn Ridder

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