

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

August 2, 2026

We are glad you are here!

“Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.” - Jesus (John 15:4)

Morning Worship

Message: The Fruit of the Spirit: An Introduction

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-26

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Children’s worship will not meet today.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A couple weeks ago we saw together God’s purpose for each of His children: “...to be conformed to the likeness of His Son” (Romans 8:29) What does that look like practically? Paul answers that question in Galatians 5 where he introduces us to the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, evidence of God’s beginning to conform us to the image of Jesus. So today we begin a series of messages on the fruit of the Spirit with an introduction to this important subject and lifelong test.

Second Offerings for August:

- This Morning—Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church
- August 16th—Starfysh Ministry, serving the La Gonave Island of Haiti.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated this morning. All are invited to participate who:

- Humble themselves in repentance before God, considering their own sin.
- Trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation, believing their sins are forgiven wholly by grace for the sake of our Lord’s sacrifice on the cross.
- Resolve to live in faith and obedience with his neighbor with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Children who profess a faith in Jesus as Savior are also welcomed.

Adult Sunday School meets this morning at 11:00. All other classes have recessed for the summer.

Consistory Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, at 6:30 pm. Ryan Oosterhouse is scheduled to host the meeting.

Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, August 16th following the worship service. At this meeting we will be taking votes of affirmation for those who have been nominated as church officers: Jason Flohr for elder and Bob Green for deacon.

Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 23rd following the worship service at the residence of Dick and Robin Barnett. Meat, drinks and tableware will be provided. Bring a dish or two to share. Our time together will begin with a service of baptism! If you would like to be baptized, please contact Pastor Ben.

Needed: donations of blank journals, journaling stickers, cream/white tote bags, and fabric paint for an ARO (Appalachia Reachout) project, anticipated to be completed in August, more details to come. Bring your donations to the church office.

Appalachia Reach Out needs: Men’s hygiene items, new socks and underwear for both men and women, adult coloring books, especially Scripture based ones, twistable colored pencils, journals, spiral notebooks, water bottles/coffee with lids (straws optional), men’s gently used clothing—all sizes, but especially 2x, 3x, 4x, diaper bags, new or gently used.

Church Family—Aaron Russell will have four entries in the Art for Honor portion of Art Prize this year. The main title for his works is *Going With God*. The works will be displayed in downtown Grand Rapids across from the Kent Count Courthouse at Cal-dron Park. Art Prize runs from Sept. 17 to Oct. 3.

Lakewood Area Ministerial Association (LAMA) and Zion Lutheran Church are sponsoring a school supply/backpack give away to students in the Lakewood school district., If you would like to help in the preparation of the material and/or distribution (Lake Odessa Library: August 11, 4:00-7:00 pm; August 14, 11:00 am–3:00 pm) let Pastor Ben know and he’ll get you connected. More information about his give-away is on the poster by the stairwell.

Maranatha Conference Center in Norton Shores is hosting their annual summer concert series. This week’s featured singer is Huntley Brown on Saturday, August 1. Admission is free but an offering will be taken. Doors open 6:45 pm and concert at 7:00 pm.

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 our Wednesday evening prayer gathering.

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Morning Worship
	11:00 am—Adult Sunday School
Wednesday	7:-00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings Received

July 19 General Fund \$2,381.00

July 19 Joshua Jiang (missionary) \$2,877.00

July 26 General Fund \$5,990.48

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

Nursery Today Mary Flohr, Erika Leazier
August 9 Jenny Reynolds, Jaelynn Duits
August 16 Julie Kastanek, Jessica Kastanek

Coffee Time Today Wayne Moak
August 9 Steve Werdon
August 16 Harlene Westendorp

Children’s Worship has recessed for the summer

Prayer Ministry
Today Marshann Ludema
August 9 Gail Pepper

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Seth and Becky Oosterhouse