

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 23, 2026

We are glad you are here!

“But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.” Psalm 126:2-3

Morning Worship

Message: Fruit of Patience

Scripture: II Peter 3:8-15

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Children’s worship will not meet today.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we continue in our series in the Fruit of the Spirit. As God, by His Holy Spirit works to conform us to the image of His Son, one of the attributes He looks to produce in us is patience. Even though patience is illustrated by God Himself throughout His redemptive history, maybe we’ve not shed enough light on it as an attribute of God and therefore, haven’t considered it as important a part of our Christian living as we ought.

Adult Sunday School will not meet this morning.

Church Picnic takes place this morning following the service at the residence of Dick and Robin Barnett (650 Lakeview Dr.). The parking space is somewhat limited, but if you have to drive yourself, please do so. Shuttle service will be provided as well, otherwise it’s a nice walk down the hill! Meat, drink and table service will be provided. Please join us even if you did not plan on it, there will be plenty of food to share.

Baptism. Our time at the Barnett’s today will begin with the baptism of Kristin Dubuque.

Prayer at the Flag Poles: Christians from our community are invited to participate in a time of prayer for the upcoming school year this evening at 6:30. Choose your location: West El, Junior High, or High School.

Outreach Purpose Group will be meeting tomorrow evening, August 24 at 6:30.

Harvest Book Readers will meet this Thursday, August 27 at the home of Teresa Renkema—6:30 pm.

Sunday School classes for Preschool thru high school age will resume on September 20.

Coffee Break Women’s Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, September 23rd at 9:00 am. This study is for women of all ages and backgrounds, including neighbors and friends. No previous Bible knowledge is necessary. Please plan on joining us for this new season!

Moms in Prayer. With the start of a new school year, there is an opportunity for moms, grandmas, etc to gather together to pray for the students, staff, and school boards of all the area schools, as well as those represented by our children/grandchildren. We will be meeting here at Harvest at 11:30 am on Wednesdays.

The September/October edition of the TODAY devotional is in your mailboxes this morning.

Sermon Reminder— if you miss a church service, sermons are posted on the church website: www.harvestcrc.com on Monday morning normally. Weekly bulletins are also posted there.

The Annual Starfysh Banquet will be held on September 22 at 6:00 pm at Berkley Hills Church in Grand Rapids. Dr. Dan Irvine will share Stories of Hope from the island of La Gonave, Haiti. Dinner is free but an RSVP is required because space is limited. To register visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/starfysh-benefit-dinner-stories-of-hope-from-la-gonave-haiti-tickets-1997159396517?aff=oddtcreator>

Pine Rest Pediatric Center of Behavioral Health is seeking volunteers to greet visitors and provide directions and wayfinding assistance at their facility located at 300 68th St. SE Building H in Grand Rapids. Learn more and apply at pinerest.org/welcome-volunteer.

From ReFrame Ministries. Kids Corner Devotions: A New School Year: What Can I Offer? - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “A New School Year: What Can I Offer?” at www.kidscorner.net. Choose the best ways this school year to show love to God. Maybe it’s by helping a classmate, working hard in school, or being kind when it’s not easy. Maybe it’s all of these and more! Check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

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 11:15 am (approximate)—Baptism 12:00 pm (approximate)—Church Picnic
Wednesday	7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings Received

August 16	General Fund	\$1,461.00
	ARO Mission Trip	\$1,722.00
	Starfysh	\$567.00

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 August 30** Joyce Mearns

Nursery **Today** Lisa Nurenberg, Joshua Flohr
August 30 Joann Gerke, Erika Leazier
September 6 Harlene Westendorp, Jaelynn Duits

Coffee Time **Today** Noah Garn
August 30 Tamara Reser
September 6 Mike and Lynnette Nagelkirk

Children’s Worship has recessed for the summer

Prayer Ministry
Today Joel Pepper
August 30 Sue Hansbarger

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