

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.)

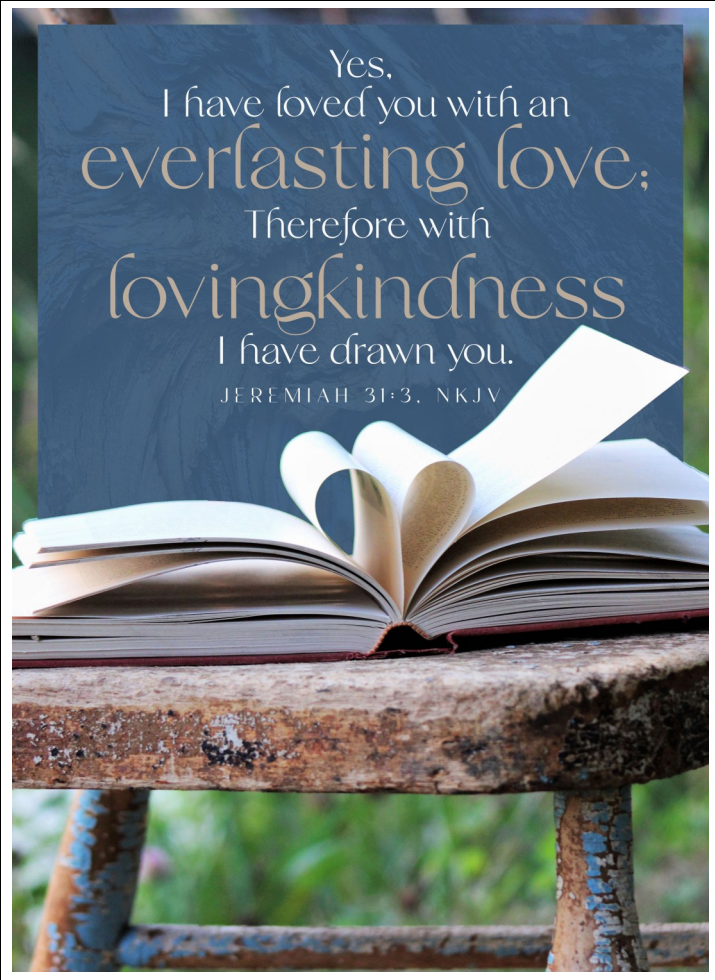
Weekday Ministries

- 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 30, 2026

We are glad you are here!

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.” Ephesians 2:6-7

Morning Worship

Message: The Lovingkindness of God

Scripture: II Samuel 9

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Children’s worship will not meet today.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As we continue our look at the fruit of the Spirit, we move to that portion of the cluster known as kindness. As with each fruit, the best way to understand it is to show it in action. In II Samuel 9 we find King David, overwhelmed by the kindness of God to him, wondering if there was anyone available to show that same kindness to in his life. What follows is one of the clearest expressions of God’s lovingkindness found in the Old Testament.

Second Offerings for the Month of September:

- Next Sunday: Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church
- 9/21: Women At Risk (WAR) International. A ministry geared toward helping those victimized by human trafficking around the world.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated together next Sunday during the worship service.

Adult Sunday School meets this morning at 11:00.

Installation of New Officers: The recently affirmed new officers will be installed into their respected offices on Sunday, September 13 during the church service; Bob Green as deacon and Jason Flohr as elder.

Sunday School for all ages will resume on Sunday, September

20th.

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 and other interested ones 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 meet here at Harvest at 11:30 am during the school year.

Church Family:

—As several of our members are engaged in the service projects through Appalachia Reach Out this week, let’s keep them in our prayers, that God’s glory will be manifested in their words and deeds.

—From Joyce Brinningstaull:"Thank you for the visit from Pastor Ben, Karilynn and Marshann. It was wonderful to have you bring me communion. Thank you to Joy for the visit, the flowers, and the card. Thank you also to all in the congregation who sent me a card to help celebrate my 95th birthday. God bless and thank you, Joyce Brinningstaull "

Outreach Purpose Group (committee) is looking for people to join us in planning and working out different evangelism efforts. Contact Pastor Ben if you have any questions.

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>

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - The late United States congressman John Lewis believed in the nonviolent resistance techniques he learned from Martin Luther King, Jr., and others. He grew up with the gospel teaching that everyone is made in the image of God. To honor that image, we just need to slow down and see others through the lenses of grace and forgiveness. Humanizing people—even one’s enemy (Matt. 5:44-45)—according to Lewis, is the first step toward reconciliation and social change. Whom might God be asking you to forgive this week? How can you recognize and honor the image of God in everyone you encounter this week? Brought to you by Thrive: cena.org/Thrive

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	11:00 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings Received

August 23 General Fund -no information yet

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
September 6 Ken and Evie David

Nursery Today Joann Gerke, Erika Leazier
September 6 Harlene Westendorp, Jaelynn Duits
September 13 Audrey Mason, Jessica Kastanek

Coffee Time Today Tamara Reser
September 6 Mike and Lynnette Nagelkirk
September 13 Joann Gerke

Children’s Worship has recessed for the summer

Prayer Ministry Today Sue Hansbarger
September 6 Calien Richardson

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Charlie Reiser