

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**
- M. Nagelkirk/R.Oosterhouse—J-O**
- D. Barnett/J. Leazier—P-Z**

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Church website: www.harvesterc.com

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.)

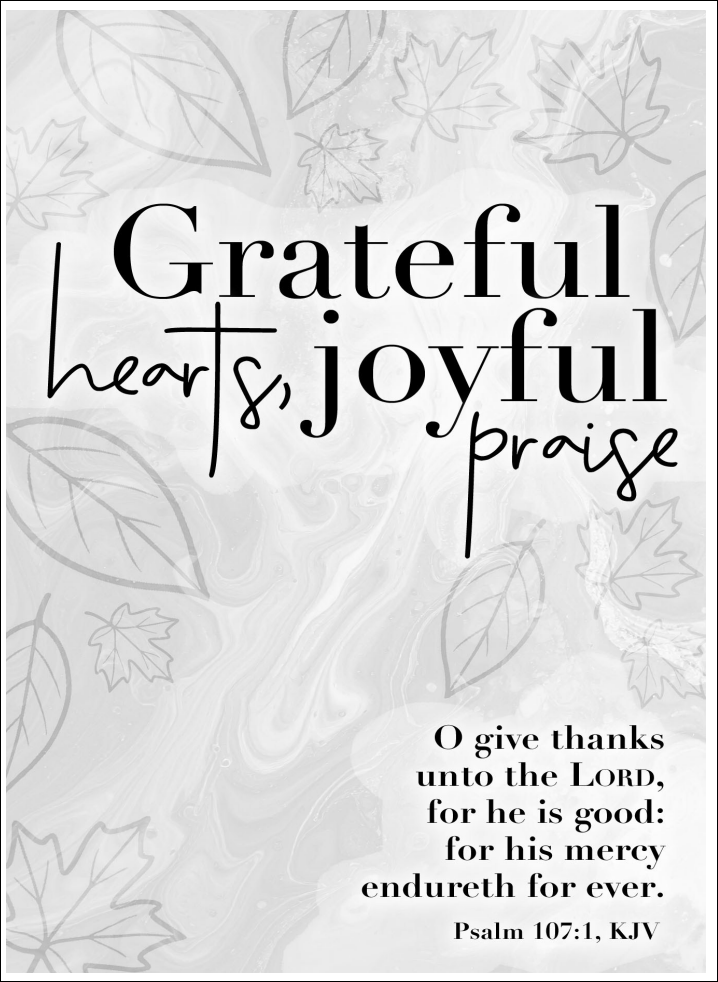
Weekday Ministries

- 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 Jason Flohr—2025
Dick Barnett—2026
Mike Nagelkirk—2027
- Deacons Seth Oosterhouse—2025
Joe Leazier—2026
Ryan Oosterhouse—2027



Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

August 31, 2025

We are glad you are here!

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.” Psalm 100:4-5

Morning Worship

Message: Thank God!...Why?

Scripture: Psalm 103:1-5

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday and next we’re going to look at a Christian practice that we are both commanded and encouraged to: giving thanks to God. What is the pattern of your gratitude expression? How conscious are we of the truth that every good and perfect gift comes from our heavenly Father? Do we live with a pattern of thanksgiving, or do we find ourselves thinking of such things only on special days and wonderful occasions? These are just some of the questions that we’ll consider before our Lord and His Word.

Second Offerings for the Month of September

- September 7: Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church
- September 21: Women at Risk (WAR International). This is a ministry aimed at helping women who are being or have been trafficked to discover or recover their identity in Jesus Christ.

Adult Sunday School meets this morning at 11:00.

Sunday School for All Ages will resume Sunday, September 21st. Teachers are Karilynn Ridder, Mary Flohr, Tina Leazier, Jason Flohr, and Ben Ridder.

The summer women’s group who have been studying *The Real Heaven* by Chip Ingram will meet this Wednesday, September 3 for lunch at 1:00 pm at Lynnette Nagelkirk’s home. All women invited! Come, even if you don’t have a book. Please let

Lynnette know if you plan to come- lynnettenagelkirk@yahoo.com or text 616-669-2369.

Outreach Purpose Group will be meeting on Monday, September 8th at 6:30 pm.

Joint Vacation Bible School Next Summer: Nine area Christian churches (including Harvest) will be holding a Joint Vacation Bible School next summer at the fairgrounds. There is a meeting scheduled on Thursday, September 11th, for representatives from each church to begin the process of planning. Harvest Church has yet to have someone step up to be our representative. If you are able and willing to serve in this capacity, please contact Pastor Ridder.

Operation Christmas Child-Samaritan Purse. Suggested items for donations are on the west auditorium wall again this year. We are starting a bit earlier than normal this year, looking for more participation. Thank you for your place in getting the gospel of Jesus Christ around the world through Samaritan’s Purse.

Church Family: We extend our Christian condolences to Joyce Wilcox in the passing of her sister this past week and Tammie Zook in the passing of her brother. “Praise be the God and Father of compassion and the God of all comfort...”

Check your church mailbox—There is a letter from Joshua and Emily Jiange, missionaries to southeast Asia supported through offerings and prayer by Harvest.

Old Fashioned Hymn Sing takes place this evening at Woodland United Methodist Church at 6:00. The church is located at 203 North Main Street in Woodland.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus replied, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matt. 22:37-39, NIV). How can you show love to God through loving your neighbors this week? Whether it be in helping someone carry groceries, bringing flowers to someone on your street, or buying a special treat for someone in your broader community, find a way to extend an act of love to one of your neighbors. Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

ReFrame Ministries Kids Corner Devotions: Praying for Someone Else - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Praying for Someone Else” at www.kidscorner.net. Prayer is a special way to show love to others. When you pray for someone, you’re helping them and growing closer to God at the same time! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the classic “Liz and Friends” podcast!

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—Adult Sunday School
Wednesday	10:00 am—Moms in Prayer 1:00 pm—Lunch and Learn Women’s Study at Lynnette’s 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings Received
August 24 General Fund \$2,830.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

<u>Greeters</u>	Today Joyce Mearns September 7 Ken and Evie David
<u>Nursery</u>	Today Jenny Reynolds, Joshua Flohr September 7 Lisa Nurenberg, Gabe Flohr September 14 Hannah Pennington, Erika Leazier
<u>Coffee Time</u>	Today Wayne Moak September 7 Noah Garn September 14 Tamara Reser

Prayer Ministry

Today Joel Pepper	September 7 Cindi Green
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Prayer Family:

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

This week: Steve and Pat Werdon