

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 9, 2026

We are glad you are here!

“ We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God” yet hates his brother he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.” I John 4:19-21

Morning Worship

Message: The Fruit of Love

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 5:1-5

Pages 826 and 798 in the blue chair Bibles

Children’s worship will not meet today.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As God has determined to conform His own into the image of His only begotten Son Jesus, He has blessed us with the indwelling Holy Spirit who is ever at work in producing the character of Christ in us. A partial list of the kinds of attributes the Spirit is working in us is found in Galatians 5. We know them as the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. This morning we will look at the first attribute Paul lists there: Love.

Second Offering next week will be for Starfysh Ministry, a work begun by Dr. Steve Edmundson of Saranac, on the Haitian island of La Gonave.

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

Consistory will be meeting this Wednesday at 7:00. Darl Redder will be serving as host.

Congregational Meeting will be held next Sunday following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to take a vote of affirmation for the following men nominated for their respective offices: Bob Green for deacon and Jason Flohr for elder. Please remember to thank those whose terms have been faithfully

completed: Dick Barnett as elder and Joe Leazier as deacon.

Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 23rd following the worship service at the residence of Dick and Robin Barnett– 650 Lakeview Dr., Lake Odessa. Meat, beverages and tableware will be provided. Bring a dish or two to pass and a lawn chair. Our time together will begin with a service of baptism. So far, we have one person who will be baptized, with plenty of water left over for anyone else who would like to receive the sacrament! Believer baptism is the means of identifying oneself with Jesus and His work on the cross and the empty tomb. See Pastor Ridder if you are interested.

Prayer at the Flag Poles: Lakewood Community Women’s Group and Lakewood Area Ministerial Association are hosting an opportunity to pray for the upcoming school year, students, teachers, and staff. Day and time: Sunday, August 23 at 6:30 pm. Places: the flag poles of any of the three school buildings—West Elementary, High School, or Junior High School.

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.

ARO Mission Trip money, for those going with the group to Kentucky on August 29, needs to be in by next Sunday, August 16. Please make checks payable to Harvest Community Church marked for ARO and put in the offering plate or give to a deacon.

Planning Ahead. Now is the time to buy school supplies if you are planning to pack a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child this year. Stores are offering great discounts.

Church Family—Joyce Brinningstaull, a long-time member at Harvest Community, celebrates her 95th birthday today. Her address is 102 Rindlehaven Commons, Apt. 5B, Portland, MI 48875.

Maranatha Conference Center in Norton Shores is hosting their annual summer concert series. This week’s featured singer is Jason Gray on Saturday, August 15. 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 7:00 pm—Consistory Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings Received

August 2 General Fund \$5,690.00

ARO Mission Trip \$550.00

Capital Improvement \$5,647.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters Today Royce and Joyce Wilcox

Nursery Today Jenny Reynolds, Jaelynn Duits
August 16 Julie Kastanek, Jessica Kastanek
August 23 Lisa Nurenberg, Joshua Flohr

Coffee Time Today Steve Werdon
August 16 Harlene Westendorp
August 23 Noah Garn

Children’s Worship has recessed for the summer

Prayer Ministry
Today Gail Pepper
August 16 Sue Hansbarger

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Bryce and Hannah Pennington