

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

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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)

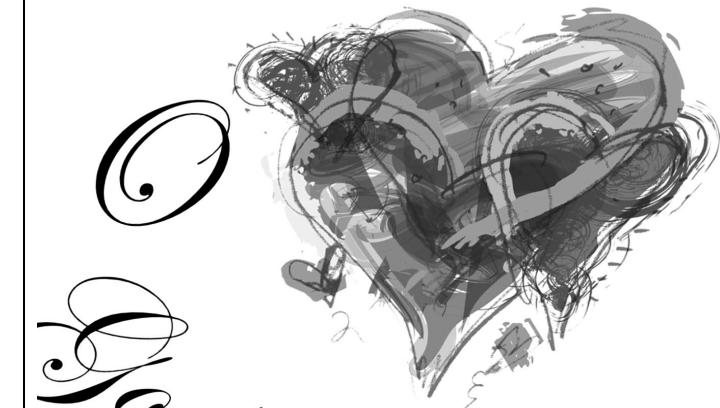
CONSISTORY:

Pastor Ben Ridder

Elders Dick Barnett—2026
 Mike Nagelkirk—2027
 Darl Redder—2028

Deacons Joe Leazier—2026
 Ryan Oosterhouse—2027
 Wayne Moak—2028

*Create in me a
pure heart,*



*and renew a
right spirit
within me.*

Psalm 51:10, ESV

**Harvest Community
Church**

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

February 22, 2026

We are glad you are here!

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me." Psalm 51:10-12

Morning Worship

Message: Why Outside In Never Works

Scripture: Mark 7:1-23

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we are taking a first of two looks at the episode of our passage, where Jesus is confronted by the clergy of his day about his disciples not observing all the ritual laws of cleansing. Jesus gives them an answer that we do well to remember and apply to ourselves: "Nothing that enters a man from the outside makes him 'unclean...What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean'."

Second Offerings for March:

- March 1: Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church
- March 15: Celebration Fellowship (Ionia Prison complex church located at the Bellamy Creek facility. (This is an official Christian Reformed Church)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is before us 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 their Savior are also welcomed.

Sunday School Classes for all ages meet today at 11:00 am.

II Thessalonians Study will meet this evening here at church at 5:00. Please read and consider II Thessalonians 2:7-17 in preparation as we continue our discussion on the "Man of Lawlessness"/"The Antichrist" as Paul addresses the church.

Coffee Break for women meets on Wednesday at 9:00. This week we will be discussing Lesson 6 from our study guide 'Come Sit by Me-The Power of a Woman's Words to Her Friends". All women are always welcome to attend.

Summer Ministry Work Trip to Appalachia Reach Out. Dates are August 29-September 4, for ages 18 and above. Cost—\$450 per participant, which includes food and lodging and \$180 for construction materials. There is a sign up sheet on the back table and if you need any additional information, please see Mike or Lynnette Nagelkirk.

The new March/April edition of the Today devotional is in your mailboxes this morning.

Area-Wide Vacation Bible School will be held July 14th thru 16th, 6:00-8:30, at the Lake Odessa Fairgrounds. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for volunteers for various tasks. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Ridder.

Church Family: Kay Hartzler went home to our Lord this past week. Many of you remember her and Daryl's presence with us a few years back. Funeral arrangements are in the making and we will let you know as soon as we get them. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15

Ladies Luncheon and Silent Auction. Clarksville Bible Church will be hosting a luncheon and silent auction on Saturday, March 14 (11:15 am) at The Grace Center, 191 S. Main St., Clarksville. Proceeds for each \$25 luncheon and silent auction ticket will support Alpha Care Center. Register online by March 1, 2026 at <https://givebutter.com/cACCLL26>

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - Today is the first Sunday of Lent. The forty days of Lent bring to mind the forty years of Israel's sojourn in the wilderness and the forty days of fasting that preceded Jesus' public ministry. During Lent, Christians around the world reflect on the weight of sin, the cost of salvation, and the love that motivated Jesus' earthly sojourn and sacrificial death. This year during Lent, find an object that reminds you of the wilderness (like a small stone or a container of sand) and place it in plain sight. Whenever you see it, pause and remember the depth of Jesus' love and how far he went to rescue you from sin and death. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

Weather closing reminder—tune in to WOOD TV channel 8 when weather could cause cancellation of church services and other Sunday events. You can also get the information by going to TV8 weather closings on your smart phone.

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—Sunday School for all ages 5:00 pm—II Thessalonians Study
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break for Women 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings Received

February 15 General Fund \$3,069.00
Barry County Christian School—\$554.00

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 March 1** Joyce Mearns

Nursery **Today** Jenny Reynolds, Jaelynn Duits

March 1 Julie Kastanek, Gabe Flohr

March 8 Harlene Westendorp, Jessica Kastanek

Coffee Time **Today** Steve Werdon

March 1 Harlene Westendorp

March 8 Noah Garn

Prayer Ministry

Today Karilynn Ridder **March 1** Gail Pepper

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Mike and Karie Hilley