

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



Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

March 15, 2026

We are glad you are here!

“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained your praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.” Psalm 8:1-2

Morning Worship

Message: Like a Little Child

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16

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Children’s worship meets today. Children ages 3-6 are dismissed to go downstairs during the offering.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we continue our journey with Jesus to the cross, watching and listening as He foreshadows so many different truths regarding His upcoming work at the cross and how people will benefit from it by faith. As He brings little children to Himself to give them His blessing, He uses them as a model for the kind of people who will enter the benefits of God’s eternal kingdom.

Second Offering this morning is for Celebration Fellowship, a Christian Reformed Church meeting at Bellamy Creek, one of the buildings which makes up the Ionia Prison complex. Our own Steve Werdon is a volunteer for this ministry.

Children’s Worship (ages 3-6) are dismissed to go downstairs during the morning offering.

The Sacrament of Baptism will be administered this morning to Maverick Nicholas Berens, son of Nick and Emily. “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

Community Groups are meeting in various homes this weekend as we are on the third Sunday of the month. If you would like to be a part of one such group or would like more information on them, contact Pastor Ridder.

Coffee Break for women meets on Wednesday at 9:00. We’ll be looking at chapter 7 of our study guides *The Power of a Woman’s Words*, by Sharon Jaynes. If you need a copy of the lesson, please contact the church office. All women are always welcome to attend at any time.

Help Decorate the Stage for Easter Sunday by purchasing flowers. Sign up on the wall by the kitchen. For every flower purchased, \$3 will go to the ARO Mission Trip. Checks can be made out to Harvest Community Church.

Fellowship Bowling— The Fellowship Team is planning a bowling night at Buddy’s Lake Odessa Lanes. There are two options for dates - April 11 or April 18. Plans will be made according to the date preferred by most, so it’s important that you sign with your preference as soon as possible on the back table by the mailboxes.

Area-Wide Vacation Bible School will be held this summer from July 14th thru July 16th, 6:00-8:30 pm at the Lake Odessa Fairgrounds. The theme is “What a Mess!” and will include teachings on how Jesus loves the mess that you are, what He did on the cross to clean up the mess that we are, and what we must do to receive the big clean up! There is a sign up sheet on the back table for volunteers for various tasks. The more planning taking place, the more volunteers the task force is realizing will be needed!

Summer Ministry Work Trip to Appalachia Reach Out: Dates are August 29th thru September 4 for ages 18 and above. The cost is \$450 per person, which includes food and lodging and \$180 for construction materials. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. If you need further information, please see Mike or Lynnette Nagelkirk.

World Renew. Help Families Affected by Spring Storms - As spring approaches, severe storms are already impacting North American communities, including the recent tornadoes in southwest Michigan. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is preparing to walk alongside communities in the weeks and months ahead as more storms are forecasted this season. You can share Christ’s hope with vulnerable families by giving at worldrenew.net/springstorms, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with “North American Disasters 2026” in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.

Kids Corner Devotions: Jesus Cried - Check out this week’s kids’ devotion, “Jesus Cried,” at www.kidscorner.net. Everyone has big feelings, and learning to notice how others feel helps us be kinder friends. Just like Jesus, we can listen, care, and show love when someone is sad or happy. Prepare for Easter with all the great content at kidscorner.net, like Kids Corner’s Lent Devotional.

Severe weather reminder. With Spring comes possible tornado weather in our area. Tune in to Wood TV channel 8 or *TV 8 weather closings* on your smart phone for any church service cancellations due to tornado warnings.

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 Various Times—Community Small Groups
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break for Women

From the Deacons—Offerings Received

March 8 General Fund \$2,683.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

Greeters Today Joyce Mearns
March 22 Ken & Evie David

Nursery Today Joann Gerke, Erika Leazier
March 22 Audrey Mason, Jessica Kastanek
March 29 Lisa Nurenberg, Jaelyn Duits

Coffee Time Today Noah Garn
March 22 Mike & Lynnette Nagelkirk
March 29 Joann Gerke

Children’s Worship
Today Audrey Mason, Jaelyn Duits
March 22 Lisa Nurenberg, Sarah Oosterhouse,
Jackson Nurenberg
March 29 Sue Hansbarger, Erika Leazier

Prayer Ministry
Today Sue Hansbarger
March 22 Lynnette Nagelkirk

Prayer Family:
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.
This week: David and Julie Kastanek