

## 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

May 3, 2026

**We are glad you are here!**

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is— his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2

## Morning Worship

**Message: The Discipline of Christian Thinking**

**Scripture:** Matthew 6: 25-30

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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 under the care of our Great Physician as He treats us for the maladies of worry and anxiety. Having shown us possible causes for these afflictions and placing a prohibition on them both, He goes on to prescribe the cure: believing God. Not believing IN God, but believing God. If we believe that God is a God of lavish love towards His children, if we believe that God is sovereign over all things, why would we struggle with any anxiety? Let’s continue to put ourselves under His scrutiny and care!

### **Second Offerings in May**

- This morning: Capital Improvement Fund of Harvest Church.
- May 17th. Starlight Ministries: A ministry geared toward sharing the hope of Jesus to those who are grieving over the death of a loved one.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be celebrated as part of our worship 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 Savior are also welcomed.

**Sunday School** for all ages meets this morning at 11:00 am. Sunday School will **not** meet next Sunday, Mother’s Day. The final day of Sunday School for the season will be May 17th, however, the Adult Sunday School Class will continue to meet through the summer months.

**Pastor’s Class:** There has been some interest in having a Pastor’s Class this summer. This class would be for anyone who wants to know about the Christian faith, and in particular the reformed expression of the Christian faith. Pastor Ben will make arrangements if there is enough interest—sign up sheet on the back table.

**National Day of Prayer.** The insert in your bulletin today is a prayer guide to use for the National Day of Prayer, this Thursday, May 7. During this 250th anniversary year of the United States as a nation, prayer is needed more than ever. Please take time this week to pray on your own (along with people across the country) for the different areas mentioned in the guide.

**Coffee Break** meets on Wednesday at 9:00 am. This week we will look at lesson 12 ‘The Melody of Silence’ in our study “entitled *The Power of a Woman’s Words*. All women are welcome to join us. Contact the church office if you need a copy of the lesson.

**Lakewood High School Baccalaureate** will take place on Sunday, May 17, 6:00 pm in the LHS auditorium. Please be in prayer for this event and plan to attend in support of the seniors graduating, but also to ensure that this event can continue to happen. Anita Duits, as organizer, is asking for donations of finger snacks for the refreshment time and/or monetary donations to cover expenses. Email Anita at arduits@gmail.com.

**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 (includes food, lodging and construction materials). Sign up on the back table or contact Mike or Lynnette Nagelkirk if you need more information.

**Appalachia Reach Out** video will be shared following the service of May 17th. If you are still considering going on the work trip but haven’t yet committed to do so, make sure you stay to view the video and be ready to ask any questions you may still have.

**ARO Work Trip Donations.** In the middle of the “official” fund-raising efforts, please feel free to make any cash donation at any time to help support those heading out later this summer!

**Annual Golf Scramble.** Plans are being made by the Fellowship

Purpose Team for the Annual Harvest Golf Scramble for June 13, 3:00-6:00 at Centennial Acres if there is enough interest. Please sign up on the back table if you would like to participate.

**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
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break for Women 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

**From the Deacons—Offerings Received**  
April 26 General Fund \$2,608.00

## 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 May 10 Darl and Diane Redder

**Nursery** Today Lisa Nurenberg, Jackson Nurenberg  
May 10 Joann Gerke, Erika Leazier  
May 17 Marshann Ludema, Jaelynn Duits

**Coffee Time** Today Noah Garn  
May 10 Tamara Reser  
May 17 Mike and Lynnette Nagelkirk

**Children’s Worship**  
Today Sue Hansbarger, Erika Leazier  
May 10 Karilynn Ridder, Aalijah Duits  
May 17 Val Livingston, Asher Oosterhouse

**Prayer Ministry**  
Today Joel Pepper  
May 10 Sue Hansbarger

**Prayer Family:**  
Please be praying for this household over the next week. Each Harvest household is rotated through the schedule.  
**This week:** Lyle and Val Livingston