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

Church phone—616-374-8697 Church email—info@harvestcrc.com Pastor's email—ben@harvestcrc.com Church website: www.harvestcrc.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 home1st 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

October 5, 2025

We are glad you are here!

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

Morning Worship

Message: Make Your Requests...with Thanksgiving!

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we continue our look at the prayer acrostic **A.C.T.S**. Having seen the importance of **A** (adoration) and **C** (confession of sin) as elements of our prayer life, we move this morning to the **T** (thanksgiving) and **S** (supplications/requests/petitions). In our passage, the Apostle Paul reveals a stunning connection between thanking God even as we are making our requests of Him, resulting in a peace that transcends all expectation and understanding.

Second Offerings in October:

- Today: Hermon House Orphanage in Myanmar. If you want more information about the ministry, you can go to bindingthread.org
- October 19: Benevolent Fund of Harvest Church

Sunday School for all ages follows the service this morning at 11:00. Adults meet in the auditorium. All other classrooms are marked downstairs.

From the Outreach Purpose Group

• On the evening of October 31st, we will be handing out candy, New Testaments, and other Christian booklets. If you would be willing to help set up or help with the candy and/or hot chocolate, contact Joe or Tina Leazier, or Karilynn Ridder. Also, candy contributions are also welcomed.

 Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child is right around the corner. Opportunity to help in this ministry is displayed on the west wall of the auditorium.

Coffee Break for women meets this Wednesday at 9:00 am. We will be looking at chapter 2 from the book entitled *Identity Theft* by various authors. All women are welcomed! If you need a book, see Marshann.

A new prayer chain is being formed. If you would like to be included, please sign the sheet on the table by the mailboxes with your name, email and phone number. You must sign up even if you have previously been on our prayer chain. When a specific request comes in to Pastor Ben or to the church office, the chain will be activated.

Church Family:

Please continue to pray for Nancy Oosterhouse. She underwent surgery this past Wednesday night for the amputation of her right leg above the knee. Send your encouragement cards to Ken and Nancy's home: 5480 Rush Rd., Freeport, MI 49325.

The Lakewood Soccer Moms group is hosting a benefit dinner for the Brent Merritt family on Friday, October 17th, 5-8 pm at Kilpatrick Church. Taco bar and MooVille sundae bar are on the menu, with some fun raffle prizes. Come join us for some fun and fellowship.

Dresses. Marilyn DeJong is still collecting all sizes of prom, bridesmaid, mother of the bride/groom, special occasion or not so fancy dresses until October 20. Also accessories (necklace, bracelet, hair clips, barrettes), which will be used by women ages 18-83 for a prom night for ladies in the recovery journey at White Oak Hill, an addiction recovery center that Bob and Marilyn partner with in Kentucky.

Festival of Tables. Lakewood Community Women will present Festival of Tables *Harvest of Blessings* on Saturday, November 8 at the Clarksville Bible Church Grace Center from 9am to 12 pm. Doors open at 8:30. Brunch will be served. This is a free event. No childcare available. Guest speakers will be Barbara Bosworth and Jessi Trierweiler. Sign up on the back table or by calling Bonnie Rush at 517-281-3860.

From ReFrame Ministries: Groundwork: Discipleship During Life's Tragedies - What happens to our discipleship while we experience grief, pain, frustration, anger, and the many other emotions we experience during these times? Join Groundwork as we study Job 1:13-22, Psalm 56:8, 1 Peter 5:7, and Job 42:10-11 to stay the course of discipleship during life's tragedies. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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 ages

Various Times—CHEERS Community Groups

Wednesday 9:00 am —Coffee Break for women

11:30 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons—Offerings Received September 28 General Fund \$ 3,036.00

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 October 12 Ken and Sandy Stoel

Nursery Today Marshann Ludema, Jaelynn Duits

October 12 Audrey Mason, Joshua Flohr

October 19 Marshann Ludema, Jessica Kastanek

Coffee Time Today Joann Gerke

October 12 Cindi Green
October 19 Wayne Moak

Prayer Ministry

Today Joel Pepper October 12 Cindi Green

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Joy Baum