

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:

- J. Flohr/S. Oosterhouse—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.)

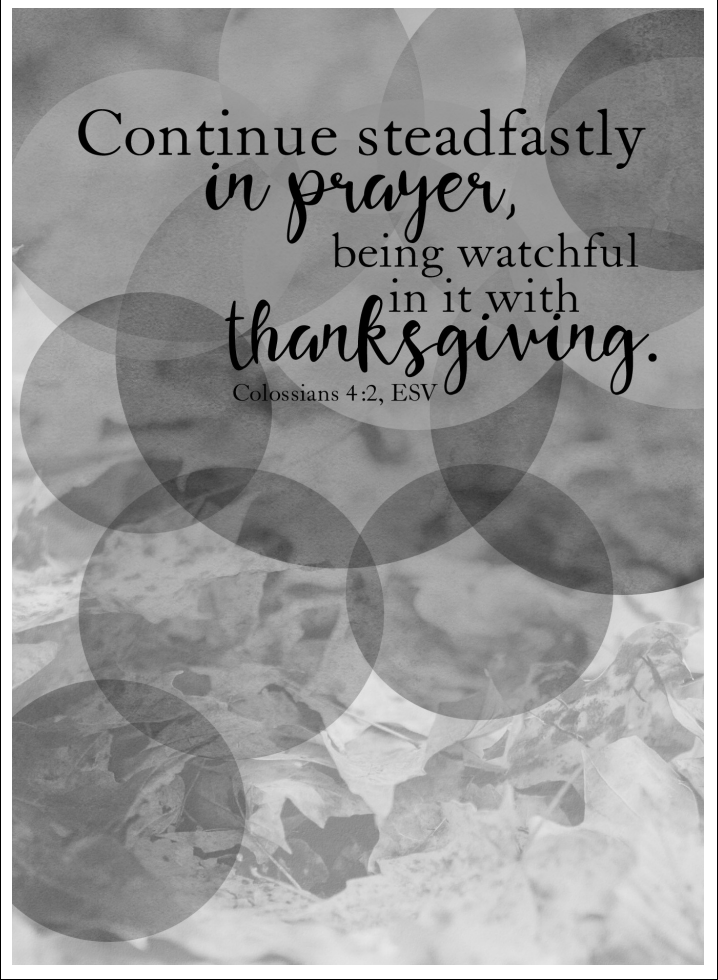
Weekday Ministries

- 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 Jason Flohr—2025
Dick Barnett—2026
Mike Nagelkirk—2027
- Deacons Seth Oosterhouse—2025
Joe Leazier—2026
Ryan Oosterhouse—2027



Harvest Community Church

A Christian Reformed Ministry
620 Sixth Avenue
Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome to Harvest Church

September 14, 2025

We are glad you are here!

"I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer. Show the wonder of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you from their foes." Psalm 17:6-7

Morning Worship

Message: The Prayer of Hannah

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:1-20

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we begin a new series on the topic of prayer. As we venture off into the series, we recognize from the beginning that the Christian church has always held that there are two ultimate tests of true spirituality: the study of God's Word and the practice of prayer. The two go hand in hand as we realize that we won't know how to pray unless we know what the Bible teaches about God, His will, our lives, and how to pray.

Second Offering next Sunday: Women at Risk (WAR International). This is a ministry towards those who have come out of and are still involved in being trafficked.

Adult Sunday School meets today following the worship service at 11:00.

Sunday School Classes for all ages will begin again next Sunday.

New Officer Nominations: Your current church Council has nominated Wayne Moak for the office of deacon, and Darl Redder for the office of elder. There will be a congregational meeting next Sunday following the worship service for the purpose of taking a vote of affirmation for these two men to their respective offices. All communicant members of Harvest Church 18 years and older are invited to participate in this vote.

Consistory Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, September 17. Ryan Oosterhouse will serve as host.

Harvest Book Readers will be meeting this Thursday, September 18, at 6:30 pm to discuss the last two books we read: *Ladies of the Lake* by Cathy Gohlke and *Heartwood* by Amity Gaige.

Operation Christmas Child-Samaritan Purse. Suggested items for donations are on the western wall in the auditorium. Thank you for your help in getting the gospel message into the hands of children around the world.

Christian Book Give Away: Again today there are tables outside on the east side of the building filled with Christian books. They are there for the taking! Peruse the wide variety of subject matter and help yourself.

Coffee Break for women will be resuming in October. Think about who you could invite to this outreach focused time for women to gather around God's Word. More information will be coming.

Prayer Volunteers. Would you like to volunteer to be on a rotation for praying for our Sunday morning worship service? Contact the church office for more information.

Suicide Prevention Seminar: Representatives from Starlight Ministries will be here on Tuesday evening, September 23rd, 6:00-7:30 to present to us a suicide awareness prevention program known as QPR (question, persuade, refer). Share this information with others as well, please. This is a free event. Please register at my-cah@starlighmin.org.

Once again, we will be handing out Gideon Bibles and other Christian material (along with candy) on the evening of October 31st. You can be a part of this ministry by donating some candy, helping to set up and/or take down, making hot chocolate and passing stuff out during the event. You can just drop the candy off in the kitchen and let Karilynn know if you would like to help that evening. Thanks!

Updates to Church Directory: Take a look at your picture in the church directory. If it needs to be updated please provide the church office with a digital copy or contact Evie David, who will take a photo here at church on a Sunday. Also, if your information has changed, please update that with the church office.

World Renew: Support Earthquake Survivors in Afghanistan - Thousands of families are still experiencing urgent need from the devastating 6.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Afghanistan on August 31, followed by multiple aftershocks across remote, mountainous regions in several eastern provinces. More than 2,200 lives have been lost, and entire villages have been leveled—leaving families without shelter as winter approaches. We pray for God's comfort for grieving families, healing for the injured, and provision for

those displaced. World Renew is responding to meet urgent needs among the most vulnerable. Please give generously at worldrenew.net/afghanistan-earthquake or by calling 1-800-552-7972.

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 offer-ing 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—Adult Sunday School
Wednesday	10:00 am—Moms in Prayer 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm—Consistory Meeting
Thursday	6:30 pm—Book Readers Discussion

From the Deacons—Offerings Received
September 7 General Fund \$ 4,607.00
Capital Improvement Fund \$ 523.00

ASSIGNMENTS

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

<u>Greeters</u>	Today Ken and Evie David September 21 Ken and Calien Richardson
<u>Nursery</u>	Today Joann Gerke, Jessica Kastanek September 21 Julie Kastanek, Joshua Flohr September 28 Marshann Ludema , Erika Leazier
<u>Coffee Time</u>	Today Tamara Reser September 21 Marshann Ludema September 28 Mike and Lynnette Nagelkirk

Prayer Ministry

Today Marshann Ludema **September 21** Karilynn Ridder

Prayer Family:

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

This week: Royce and Joyce Wilcox