

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. Pepper/R. Duits—Baum thru Griffin

K. Oosterhouse/T. Zook—Hilley thru Pepper

D. Beach/S. Oosterhouse—Redder thru T. Zook

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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

Small 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—10:45 a.m. Sept.—May

Moms in Touch Prayer

Wednesdays—11:30 a.m. Sept-May

*CHEERS (Caring, Hope, Encouragement, Enlightenment, Respect, Support)

Consistory-

Pastor Ben Ridder

Elders Joel Pepper—2019

David Beach—2020


Ken Oosterhouse—2021

Deacons Tyler Zook—2019

Seth Oosterhouse—2020

Richard Duits—2021

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Psalm 119:105



*Harvest Community
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A Christian Reformed Ministry

620 Sixth Avenue

Lake Odessa, Michigan 48849

Welcome

October 28, 2018

We are happy you are here!

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Psalm 119:105

Morning Worship

Message: “To Tell the Truth” (1)

Scripture: II Peter 1:16-21

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Tonight: 5:00 Hebrews Study

*Please join us for coffee and fellowship time
following the service this morning*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we move to the second defense that Peter gives the church for fighting untruths and heresies that would creep into the fellowship of believers: The truth as given in God’s Word. More and more one’s experiences and tastes and preferences are being used to interpret what Scripture is saying. That’s just backwards, as our experiences do not confirm Scripture, rather, Scripture confirms (or denies as falsehoods) our experiences. In a day and age where everyone would define their own “truth,” there must be an absolute standard.

Second Offering this morning is for the Benevolent Fund of Harvest Church.

Hebrews Study meets tonight at 5:00. Please read Hebrews 4:1-13 in preparation for this evening’s discussion.

Pulpit Supply for November 4 and 11. Pastor Ben and Karilynn will be in Maryland the next two weeks taking care of their grandchildren while mom and dad are vacationing. Pastor’s good friend, Tom DeVries (recently retired from Middleville CRC) will be preaching here on both of those Sundays.

Updated prayer chain—Today is your last opportunity to sign up for the new updated prayer chain before it is printed and handed out. There is a sheet on the back table and you must sign up even if you are on the current chain if you would like to continue.

Outreach Purpose Group will meet tomorrow evening at 6:30.

Coffee Break/Little Lambs meets this Wednesday at 9:00 am. This week our study will center on the seventh beatitude “Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called sons of God.” All women and their preschool age children are welcome to join us. We will not meet on November 7.

From the Deacons. The parsonage repair project which includes siding, soffits, some windows, and enclosing the screen porch as an indoor living area will begin soon. Total project cost is \$35,000. We have budgeted some of the cost in Capital Improvement Fund and we have received about \$9500 in offerings. Through your generous giving we are hoping for another \$5500 to meet our goal of \$15,000. Please consider how you may be able to help. Any donations can be noted and put in the offering plate or sent to the church office. Thank you!

Advance Notice: We will be remembering our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world during our worship service on Sunday, November 18. There will be a shared dinner following the service made up of recipes which are authentic to 14 of the most persecuted countries on the World Watch List. See the back table for the recipes and sign up sheet.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes—The Sunday School kids will be packing shoeboxes in their classrooms during the Sunday School hour on November 18. We are looking for donations for the boxes. You can choose items needed from the green slips on the side wall, from the back table, or by going online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094EA5AA2AA4FA7-operation1>, or if you prefer, you can pack your own box(es) at home. There are boxes in the library room downstairs.

Voice of the Martyrs is sponsoring the Advance Conference on Saturday, November 17, 9 am—4 pm at Kentwood Community Church in Kentwood Michigan. You can register for this Free conference at VOMAdvance.com or call 800-747-0085. Walk ins will also be welcomed. Featured speakers will be Brother Bennie from India, Gracia Burnham (*In the Presence of My Enemies*) from Philippines and Bob Fu from China.

Grieving? Know someone who is? Surviving the Holidays Grief Seminar is being offered at Mount Hope Church in Portland on Tuesday, November 13, 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration is \$5, child-care provided. Call April Norcross at 231-649-3407 or visit www.griefshare.org/holiday.

From Back to God Ministries International—FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him for he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:6,7

Please pray for _____

Date _____ (tear off and place in offering or prayer room bowl.)

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

Today	9:30 am—Worship Service 11:00 am—Sunday School 5:00 pm—Hebrews Study
Monday	7:00 pm—Worship Team
Wednesday	9:00 am—Coffee Break/Little Lambs 7:00 pm—Prayer Meeting

From the Deacons: Offerings Received

October 21	General Fund	\$ 4,439.78
	Parsonage	\$1,500.00
	Hermon House Orphanage	\$125.00

ASSIGNMENTS

Nursery

Today: Karilynn Ridder, Jenny Reynolds, Ainsley Reser
November 4: Marshann Ludema, Harlene Westendorp,
Jessica Kastanek

Greeters

Today and November 4: Lee and Carole Jackson

Prayer Family this week

Keep in your prayers this week: Ben Zook Family

Prayer Ministry

Today: Jackie Sheldon November 4: Sandie Stoel

Coffee Host/Hostess:

Today: Carole Jackson

November 4: Sandie Burke *Snacks—Open

*Sign up sheet to provide snacks is on the back table