



HARVEST CHURCH
ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN

WALK GROUPS GUIDE



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Walk with one another in love.

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Harvest Church exists to . . .

MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

who **WORSHIP** God with joy,
WALK with one another in love,
and **WITNESS** to our neighbors
here and around the world.

If you have any questions about any of the groups listed in this booklet, or if you would like help finding the right fit, please contact Nikki Veurink, our Congregational Life Coordinator, at 616.261.0327 | nikki.veurink@harvestopc.org

KIDS

NURSERY

Time: Sunday | 9:30-11am & 5:30-6:45pm | year round

We look forward to the privilege of caring for your children. Safe childcare is available for infants through 3-year-olds during morning and evening worship services.

SINGING TIME

Time: Sunday | 11-11:15am | year round

All children age 2 through 6th grade are encouraged to join us at the front of the auditorium following the morning worship service to sing praises to our God.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Time: Sunday | 11:15am-12:00pm | starting September 8

Sunday School classes for children two-years old up to Grade 12. The Sunday School ministry is designed to give students a broad understanding of the Biblical story and basic instruction in the Westminster Shorter Catechism. (Using curriculum from Great Commissions Publications.)



KIDS



CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY

Time: Wednesday | 9:30-11am | starting October 2

The Children's Bible Study is designed for children of the participants of the Women's Wednesday morning Bible study. This ministry serves children from ages 0-7, and allows women and children to study God's word. We sing songs, do crafts, and learn about Moses and God's thrilling rescue of Israel from Egypt and how the Old Testament points to Jesus.

GIRLS OF GRACE

Time: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 7-8:30pm | starting October 2

Girls of Grace exhorts 4th-8th grade girls to know and believe that the promises of God are for them, and that youth is no barrier to knowing Christ and serving Him and His people. Girls experience the joy and fellowship of the body of Christ through regular Bible study and cross-generational interactions with women of the church. We will be studying 1 Samuel this year, in parallel with the women's ministry Bible studies.

CADETS

Time: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays | 7-8:30pm | starting October 2

Cadets teaches boys (4th-8th grade) how to become Christian men. We teach Scripture through the Bible study lessons. We also instill Godly values such as respect for authority, patience, kindness, and self-control. Other important character development and life skills are encouraged through activities that involve teamwork and leadership (derby cars, service learning, campouts, father-son bonding, etc.)

TEENS

ANCHORED YOUTH GROUP (GRADE 9-12)

Time: 2nd & 4th Sundays | 7:15-9:30pm | Kickoff on September 6-7

We meet for Christ-centered fellowship as a community of young people seeking to know and proclaim who Christ is and what He is doing in our lives. We desire to encourage and support one another in our walk of faith as each one of us is in a different spot.

During our time together on Sunday evenings we will eat, sing, fellowship and study God's Word together!

HIGH SCHOOL THEOLOGY CLASS

Time: Wednesday | 7-8:30pm | starting October 2

Harvest's High School Theology class aims to instruct students in sound doctrine, prepare them to respond to opposition to the Christian faith, and to challenge students to gladly embrace the Reformed faith and worship God as he has revealed himself in the Scriptures. The class will be taught by Pastor Dale and is open to all high school students.

YOUNG ADULTS

COLLEGE & CAREER GROUP

Time: 1st & 3rd Sundays | 7:45-9:30pm | year round

In 1 Peter 3:15, we're exhorted to "honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." This verse captures the focus of this coming year in our College and Careers ministry. Having spent the past year focusing on God's holiness and our own, we are now looking at some of the practical outworks of that, specifically as it relates to engaging God's mission in the world. Starting in mid-September, we'll begin a study on evangelism using Rico Tice's book *Honest Evangelism*. We will also be seeking avenues to practically engage our community with the gospel as a group.



MEN

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

OPTION #1 Time: Monday | 8:15-9:15pm | starting October 7

Location: Harvest

OPTION #2 Time: Wednesdays | 7-8:30pm | starting October 2

Location: Harvest

We will be studying the book of 1 Samuel this year. Each week we will discuss what God has revealed to us through our reading and study. Come to learn more about God's promises with other men from Harvest!

SAMSON SOCIETY

Time: Tuesday | 8-9pm | starting October 1

Location: Harvest

The Samson Society is a group of men who meet weekly for study, prayer, and discipleship. This group is a great way to meet brothers in the church. One-on-one discipleship bonds are stressed for the purpose of connecting in a personal way. Even though each man has his own sin struggle, men listen to and encourage each other with the goal of personal repentance where necessary and growing in Christ.

MEN

JAMES FELLOWSHIP

See New Hope Support Groups.

MEN'S BOOK STUDY

Time: Tuesdays | 7-8pm | starting October 8

Location: Harvest

This men's group will meet weekly (except on first Tuesdays) to study the book *Christless Christianity* by Michael Horton. Men of all ages are welcome.

BAVINCK GROUP

Time: Wednesday | 7:15-8:30am | various meeting dates

Location: Panera Bread (5510 Clyde Park Ave. SW, Wyoming)

A men's group that meets to read and discuss classic works of theology.



WOMEN

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

OPTION #1 Time: Wednesday | 9:30-11am | starting October 2

Location: Harvest

OPTION #2 Time: Wednesday | 7-8:30pm | starting October 2

Location: Harvest

Women gathering weekly to study, learn, grow, pray, and apply the Word of God through a study on the book of 1 Samuel. This is a wonderful time of study and prayer with other women from Harvest. Newcomers are welcome at any point during the year! Children ages 0-7 are invited during our morning sessions for a Bible study designed just for them as part of our Children's Bible Study (see page 5).

WOMEN'S LEADERS BIBLE STUDY

Time: Wednesday | 8:15-9:15am | starting October 2

Location: Harvest

A weekly study for the Women's and Children's Bible Study leaders on the book of 1 Samuel. This study is designed to prepare each leader to better lead her group as we study the Word together and pray together.

WOMEN



TITUS 2

OPTION #1 Time: 2nd Tuesday | 7-9pm | starting October 9

Location: Byron Center

OPTION #2 Time: 2nd Thursday | 7:30-9pm | starting October 11

Location: Wyoming

OPTION #3 Time: 3rd Tuesday | 9:30-11am | starting October 16

Location: Wyoming

OPTION #4 Time: 3rd Tuesday | 7-9pm | starting October 16

Location: Grand Rapids

Titus 2 is a once a month women's book study. Informal groups designed to build relationships with godly women and to teach biblical principles of womanhood as participants nurture and mentor each other according to the principles laid out in Titus 2. This year's book is *Even Better than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie.

WOMEN

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP - SEXUAL SANITY FOR WOMEN

See New Hope Support Groups.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP – SIDE-BY-SIDE WIVES GROUP

See New Hope Support Groups.

WONDERFULLY MADE MOM'S FELLOWSHIP

Time: Monthly | various times

Location: Harvest

Moms of special needs children gather together for a time of support, encouragement, fellowship, and prayer. All moms are invited, regardless of special need challenge(s) faced – whether visible or invisible. We welcome newcomers at any point during the year!

WOMEN

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Time: Thursdays | 9-10am | starting October 10

Location: Harvest

Harvest women of all ages are warmly invited to pray intentionally and regularly for children in our lives – ANY children: young, college, adult, grandchildren, or simply a child of any age the Lord has placed upon your heart or in your life – he or she need not be related to you. This group is designed to be a place where women can find encouragement and prayer support from other women in the midst of life's difficult challenges. Prayer time will be structured, following the ACTS model. (Childcare is not provided.)

PRAYING HEARTS AND MINDS

Time: 2nd Thursday | 6:30-8:30pm | beginning October 17

Location: Grandville

This is an informal, sweet time of prayer for women at Harvest following the Acts structure. Dessert follows. A prayer list is provided, and you are encouraged to pray throughout the month. We will be using readings from *The Holy Spirit: His Gifts and Power* by John Owen. All are invited! Acts 2:42

ADULTS



HARVEST RE:CHARGE

Time: Last Wednesday | 5:30pm potluck dinner, 6:30pm prayer time | year round

Location: Harvest

Contact: secretary@harvestopc.org

On the last Wednesday of each month, we gather for dinner and a time of prayer together. We believe prayer is one of the greatest blessings of the Christian Life, and essential for the vitality of the Lord's work in our congregation. Come recharge with our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Our monthly time has proven to be sweet fellowship with the Lord and one another.

HARPS

Time: 2nd Tuesday | 10am-noon | starting October 8

Location: Harvest

HARPs (Harvest Association of Retired Presbyterians) exists to provide fellowship, Bible study, and prayer opportunities for the senior (sixty-ish and older) saints at Harvest OPC. We will be continuing our study of Romans. We love to have new people join us!

ADULTS



1 SAMUEL ADULT SMALL GROUP

Time: Wednesdays | 7-8:30pm | starting October 2

Location: various group member's homes

A study of 1 Samuel for singles and couples, both young and old, using the same material that the Wednesday Men's & Women's Studies are using. We meet for the study and a time of dessert together. We welcome people of all ages to join our group.

NEIGHBORHOOD BIBLE STUDY

Time: 1st & 3rd Fridays | 7:00-8:30pm | beginning September 20

Location: Wyoming

Studying the Bible will change your life. People all over the world and right here on our streets will agree. It holds the key to life's most difficult problems. It offers hope and comfort for God's people. The Bible has changed our lives—could it change yours, too?

Please join us as we invite our neighbors to a six-week Bible study centered on the book of James in the New Testament. James is a very practical book of the Bible, and full of wise advice for how to live the Christian life. Come for a hot beverage and a snack. Bring your questions or just plan to listen.

ADULTS

ADA FAMILY SMALL GROUP

Time: Fridays | every other week | 6:30-9:30pm

Location: Ada

Living for Christ in a Christless World. We meet 2 times a month focusing on building meaningful relationships with one another. We have a time of fellowship and dinner followed by a short study or devotional and lots of time for prayer. Children are encouraged to attend and will be tended to by the older children in the group.

CALEDONIA FAMILY SMALL GROUP

Time: To Be Determined by the Group

Location: Caledonia

We look forward to meeting twice a month to fellowship together over snacks and appetizers and to engage in a discussion over material to be decided by the group. Singles and couples are welcome, as are families with children of any age.



ADULTS

GRANDVILLE FAMILY SMALL GROUP

Time: Every Other Friday | 6-8pm

Location: Grandville

Our small group will meet every other Friday evening. We will share a meal and read together and discuss the Christian classic *The Pilgrims Progress*. We hope to grow together in Christian community, encouraging one another and building each other up. This a family small group that will include the children as much as possible.

GRANDVILLE ADULT SMALL GROUP

Time: 1st Fridays | 6:00-8:00pm | starting October 4

Location: Grandville

This small group for adults will meet monthly for dinner, discussion, and prayer. New members are welcome as long as you promise to bring food that the host finds delicious and laugh at his witty jokes. We will be examining how we can vocalize our pain and struggle through the Psalms of lament and the book of Lamentations. We will use a book by Mark Vroegop called *Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy: Discovering the Grace of Lament*. We would like to foster an atmosphere where brothers and sisters share openly and bear each other's burdens through service and prayer to our Lord.

(Check out the article "Strong Churches Speak the Language of Lament" at this link: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/strong-churches-lanuage-lament/>)

NEW HOPE SUPPORT GROUPS



THE JAMES FELLOWSHIP (MEN)

Time: Wednesday | 7-9pm | year round

The James Fellowship is a group of men meeting together to grow in greater love for and obedience to Jesus Christ, particularly through overcoming various forms of sexual struggles. By design, this group is extremely dynamic, where participants dig deep into one another's lives and foster a greater desire to take significant measures to be increasingly free from the bondage of lust, so that they might increasingly know the joy of fellowship with Jesus Christ.

SIDE BY SIDE WIVES GROUP

Time: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 7:30-9pm | starting October 1

Side by Side Wives Group is for wives whose husbands are battling sexual sin. When sexual unfaithfulness impacts a marriage, both spouses need specific care and help. Our ministry to wives provides encouragement and support for women who need comfort, wisdom, and hope as they face this painful experience. This confidential group provides a safe, grace-filled place to help women move forward in healing. The group utilizes various books for discussion, along with Scripture, all with the aim of learning how to apply the gospel in a woman's specific marital circumstances. This confidential group meets two times a month.

NEW HOPE SUPPORT GROUPS

SEXUAL SANITY FOR WOMEN

Time: TBD

Sexual sin often has a weight and pull on one's heart in which one is left feeling broken and alone - someone longing to be known yet frightened about being found out. A desire for intimacy. Wholeness. Healing. But there is too much at stake. If you are in that struggle, you are not called to carry it alone. The gospel can give you freedom from sin's pull as you walk in grace toward transformation and newness of life. Although heavy and hidden, there is no sin that is out of reach of grace! A new group is forming to walk this road of healing with you.

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Time: individually scheduled appointments

Location: Harvest

Contact: 261.0979 | counseling@harvestopc.org

The Love & Truth Counseling Ministry exists to minister the gospel to men and women affected by sin and its resulting brokenness. This is accomplished through a lay counseling ministry in which approved lay counselors meet with people to walk alongside them in love and truth. This is done to the end of helping men and women mature in their faith and become more fruitful disciples of Christ. Please reach out to us if you are struggling in any way.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



GETTING TO THE HEART OF PARENTING

Dates: September 15 - November

Location: craft room

This Sunday School is based on Paul Tripp's video lectures on parenting. Harvest members have been requesting a parenting class for years now, and this is the best of the best! "Parenting is hard, but there are few things in life that rise to this level of importance. God has chosen parents to be primary instruments in the shaping of a human soul." This class will consist of watching a video and discussion. Discussion and questions will be directed by Andrew Bekkering along with the hopes of having parent panels as well!

OFFICER TRAINING CLASS

Dates: September 15 - December

Location: TBD

This class is being offered to prepare men to serve in leadership roles (elder, deacon, trustee) in the church. Materials will be provided.

KNOWING CHRIST

Dates: beginning in January 2020

Location: auditorium

This adult Sunday school class will explore the rich teaching of Scripture on the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Topics include the relationship of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the incarnation, the atonement, and Christ's work as prophet, priest and king as revealed in the Old and New Testament. Join us in growing in knowing Jesus!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



RECOVERING FROM AND MINISTERING TO CHRISTIANS STRUGGLING WITH SEXUAL ADDICTION

Dates: every third week, beginning in September

Location: auditorium

This Sunday school class gives a biblically rooted, theologically rich, intentionally practical treatment on the deeply personal and notoriously complex subject of recovering from and ministering to Christians struggling with sexual addiction. It recaptures the traditional 12 steps within a biblical, confessionally Reformed worldview and shows how this approach is a practical, successive, blueprint for biblical sanctification. The end goal is that those struggling with sexual sin or those ministering to those struggling with sexual sin would grow in greater love for and obedience to Jesus Christ.

HARVEST MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Dates: beginning January 2020

Location: craft room

Contact: Andrew Bekkering | Andrew.bekkering@harvestopc.org

Whether you have just started attending Harvest, you are considering joining, or you have recently joined, we encourage you to attend the new Membership Class beginning in January. Pastor Dale will be teaching this class, covering a range of topics that includes foundational beliefs, the background to Harvest and the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, how the church is structured, what being a church member means, and more.

Note: The class does not obligate you toward moving forward with membership, but it will certainly help you get to know the church better (and perhaps get to know some other people along the way!).



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