



HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH

GENERATIONS FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

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Hi HMC family! I hope you are all keeping well these days. I just wanted to make sure I let you know that you are thought of frequently, you are missed, you are prayed for, and you are loved. I hope in these days where there is a lot of stress and anxiety, and where life continues to be disrupted, that you are finding God's peace and strength, and that you know that you are never alone. I am reminded of the Word of God in Hebrews 13:5 where we are told to be content with our life and what we have because we have all we need in Christ. He is not leaving us, forgetting us, or abandoning us. We are never alone. May you find strength in the knowledge and reality of a God who is unfailing, who is eternal in His promises, and who loves you with a faithful and committed love.

On another note, I want to encourage you to keep reading this newsletter for an exciting update surrounding what our winter and spring ministries will look like at HMC. We as a team are excited to engage with you in this winter and spring!

—Pastor Dave

#HMCFamilyChallenge

Our Family Challenge initiative is expanding! With some fun special guests on Sunday mornings and midweek events via Facebook Live, you will be invited to participate in the story of Jesus through conversation and action. Young and old and everyone in between, tune in this Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. for a story with Pastor Dave.

BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Matt and Sam Chittick on the safe arrival of Elias Mark on January 27 and to Josiah on his new position as a big brother!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, February 10

7:00 p.m. (Facebook Live)
#HMCFamilyChallenge 'Why Did God Put This in the Bible?'
Story time with Pastor Dave

THURSDAY, February 11

7:30 p.m. (ZOOM) Virtual Prayer Meeting

SUNDAY, February 14

9:00 a.m. (ZOOM) Zoom Café
10:00 a.m. (Facebook Live) Join us online as we dive into God's Word

Because of the current lockdown, our doors remain locked. A pastor can be reached any time through the Pastoral Care Line 519-379-1752

Thank you for continuing to be a generous community. In these tough times, we have been so blessed to see God provide. Tithes and offerings can be sent through e-transfer (to bookkeeper@hanovermissionary.com) or using the Tithe.ly app (go to get.tithe.ly and sign up, or download the tithe.ly app from the app store). If you would like to drop off your offering, please contact the office to arrange a time.



If you have old offering envelopes, please discard them. We have condensed our envelopes based on need and new giving numbers have been assigned. New 2021 envelopes are available for curbside pick up or call to arrange mailing.

Virtual Prayer

“Pray continually” (1 Thess 5:17 NIV)

What would happen if we had a prayer life like this? What would happen in our lives, the lives of our families and friends, in our governments, our countries, and our churches if we prayed enough that it looked like we never stopped praying? Would we see the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through our lives in a brand new way as prayer opens our hearts to the will of God for us?

Our church is in an awkward and uncomfortable season of change. With that comes a whole bunch of diverse emotions, thoughts, and questions. In a season where there are so many things that could divide, we have all the more reason to come together to pray. Prayer brings direction. Prayer brings healing. Prayer brings unity. Prayer invites God to do what only God can by His Holy Spirit.

Join Pastor Dave over Zoom on the second Thursday of each month to pray for HMC. Visit hanovermissionary.com/pray-continually/ for the Zoom link, and participate on **February 11** at 7:30 p.m.

Our Condolences to the friends and family of Audrey MacGregor who passed away on Tuesday, February 3.

New March Daily Bread Devotionals are here! You are welcome to pick one up at the church when you drop off your tithe (Mon-Fri. 9-noon). If you would like one to be mailed to you, please contact the church office.



Members of Ministry Council and Pastor Dave presented Pastor Amos with a parting gift on behalf of the whole congregation.

Amos wishes to pass along his thanks for the abundance of kindness and generosity that has been shown to both he and his family from the congregation. The cards, gifts, crafts, art, poetry, and encouragement has been overwhelming and something they will treasure always.

“We are moved. We feel and know we are loved. We are deeply grateful. Thank you.”

Judah wanted to share this picture he drew to thank everyone for all the kindness, love, and presents. It is a picture of the Shelley family on their final night at the church, having an epic final nerf battle through the building.



MINISTRY COUNCIL UPDATE

To the HMC Family of Families,

To one degree or another, change is hard for all of us. Saying goodbye to two dearly loved pastors, Pastor Amos and Pastor Kristina, is not easy. A hole has been left. Let us continue to be the hands and feet of Christ to one another in this season. Let us care for and love on one another, especially Amos and Kristina and their families.

After our monthly Ministry Council meeting on January 19, Ministry Council has met an additional two evenings. After hours of prayers and discussion, the decision was made to disband the Restructuring Team — the duties that were assigned to the restructuring team can actually fit well into existing roles of HMC. Our bylaws and policy provide for this and MC has discerned this to be the best use of everyone's resources. Pastor Dave will be taking the lead on drafting updated job descriptions/profiles for each staff position with input from the Personnel Committee. Accordingly to our policies, the Ministry Council will then approve the updated job descriptions/profiles.

The goal of the restructuring process continues to be a healthy HMC—ministries, teams, finances. Ministry Council desires HMC to grow in our being an intergenerational church, one that gathers, grows, gives and goes.

The Ministry Council of HMC is praying for you. We and the staff of HMC are here to serve you. Please let us know how we can support you in this season of change.

On behalf of the Ministry Council,

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