



# HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH

## GENERATIONS FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

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### WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### WEDNESDAY, April 14

7:00 p.m. Watch Facebook for a special  
#HMCFamilyChallenge to be posted

#### FRIDAY, April 16

7:00 p.m. **Junior Youth (Zoom)**  
8:30 p.m. **Senior Youth (Zoom)**

#### SUNDAY, April 18

10:00 a.m. (Facebook Live)

**Join us as we dive into God's Word**

A pastor can be reached any time through the  
Pastoral Care Line 519-379-1752

Hey everyone!

It was once said that the only constant in life is change. How true that is. Change is happening yet again all around us. As we are all aware now, we are under a new stay at home order in our province. With that in mind, there are some further changes to ministry here at the church. For the coming weeks, Sunday gatherings will be solely online with no in-person gatherings in the building. Other in person ministry and meetings will also not be happening. As we move through the month of April, and as updates become available, I will be sharing them with you.

As I think about the next few weeks in front of us, my mind goes back to what I shared on Sunday morning. Lockdowns, stay at home orders, and further restrictions can have the potential to cause us all worry and concern. It can further add stress and hardship to our lives. But I want to encourage us to remember how as people walking in the truth and reality of the risen Saviour, we are walking as people of the promise. We have the promise of a life to come. We have the promise of inner peace. We have the promise of unfailing love. And regardless of what happens around us, we can cling to the life changing promises that

have been accomplished for us through Jesus rising from the grave, and we can rise above it in hope, power, and His victory.

If you need anything in this time, please reach out to us here in the office. We miss you all, love you all, and are praying for all of you.

— Pastor Dave

## Locked Doors, Open Hearts

A stay-at-home order can feel heavy and restrictive, and we know many of you enjoy the comfort of our building as a hub of community and connection - but don't forget that The Church is not a building, *we* are The Church. View this lock-down as an opportunity to be the light of Jesus in a dark time. Reach out to those who live alone, send a kind letter in the mail, drop off treats on a doorstep, praise Jesus in the midst of this pandemic. Remember when Paul & Silas were in prison. Did they despair when they were locked in? No! They celebrated their Saviour! We may feel like prisoners, but we are FREE IN JESUS. Take comfort in His promises, and know that He is not only the light on the other side, but He is the light in our current situation. It's up to us to LET HIM SHINE.

Though our doors remain locked, someone will be in the office Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - noon. If you would like to drop off your tithe during this time, you may put it in the mailbox outside our main doors, or ring the doorbell and someone will come and collect it from you.

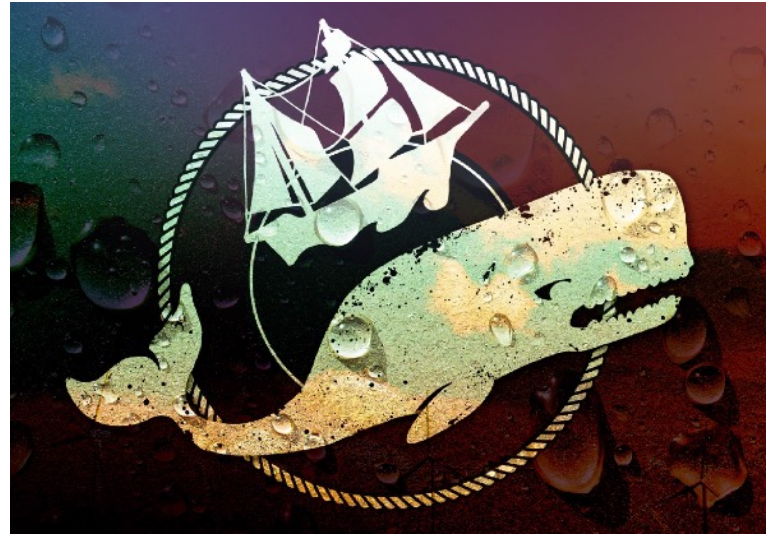
**Thank you for continuing to be a generous community.** In these tough times, we have been so blessed to see God provide. Tithes and offerings can be sent through e-transfer (to [bookkeeper@hanovermissionary.com](mailto:bookkeeper@hanovermissionary.com)) or using the Tithely app (go to [get.tithe.ly](http://get.tithe.ly) 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.



## HMC YOUTH

Our youth are still digging into the story of Jonah. The passage for this week is Jonah 1:17-2:10, take some time to read it and connect with God, and follow along with what our youth are learning.

As Jonah was being thrown off the ship into the raging sea, I imagine that death felt like the most probable outcome. The situation is grim as Jonah hopelessly sinks into the deep, dark water. Jonah is out of strength and out of options, and as that reality settles in, he remembers God and cries out. Doesn't it seem like we are often completely backed into a corner and out of other options before we finally surrender to God? But then, just like Jonah in the fish, God is faithful to provide a space for us, safe but not always comfortable, where we can repent and renew our trust in God. When things don't go as we plan, can we recognize that maybe "our plan" isn't God's plan, and that the lack of action is actually a safe place that God is providing so we can seek Him?



To find more information about our current youth program and the Zoom link, please visit our website. [www.hanovermissionary.com/youth](http://www.hanovermissionary.com/youth)

## PLAN TO PROTECT

As we look towards getting in-person ministry running, we have a dedicated team of people working hard to make sure our volunteer screening protocol is in place. Watch your email to find out if you need to update any of your training or references in order to volunteer within HMC ministries, and please do your best to follow all recommendations in a timely manner so we don't have delays as things kick off.

## Words of Thanks

*Ellie and I wish to thank those who shared kind words with us over the passing of my brother, Rev. Dr. Stan Cox. Also thank you to HMC for the lovely plant. We are most thankful for God's encouragement and comfort during this sudden loss. The Name of our Lord was lifted up during the service of remembrance. In Christ's love, Gord and Ellie Cox*

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*For those of you who have seen the smiling faces and heard the gratitude from so many of our Warming Centre visitors your hearts have been touched. There are however so many behind the scenes in our HMC family who were the hands and*

*feet of Jesus needed to help make this ministry happen each week. We thank those of you who tirelessly volunteered your time and energy each Thursday. The personal relationships you have made with our guests are invaluable in so many ways. We thank our talented soup makers. Each week the hungry were fed and they often remarked how delicious it was. We thank all of you who gave food items, personal hygiene products and knitted goods for our pantry. You have helped many who have trouble making ends meet. We thank Pastor Dave, Marie, and Ashley for accommodating us and helping with whatever problems arose especially during this season of Covid. And very importantly we thank those who prayed for this ministry. We felt God's hand upon us as we strived to carry out His will. **Please continue to cover our community in prayer as we take a break for the warmer months.***