



HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH

GENERATIONS FOLLOWING

JESUS TOGETHER

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Hey everyone!

Spring is here, isn't it? It is so nice to be able to go outside for a walk and enjoy the fresh air. It is nice to (most days) not have to bundle up to leave the house. It is great to be able to see the fresh growth on the trees and in the yards. For me and Shannon, we have been spending a lot of time in the yard pulling out shrubs that were old and unhealthy, while also transplanting and relocating others, and bringing in new plants to our flower beds. I have also been busy with a few other yard projects. I have also been walking a lot. For me, it provides a way to relax and unwind from all the cares of the world. It provides a way to be refreshed. And while I am outside, away from the other distractions, I have more ability to talk with God and listen to His voice.

What are you doing these days to unwind, relax, and refresh. As time goes on, the stress levels are appearing to climb for many, and I know from the conversations I am having that many of you are feeling the anxiety of our current situation. Today, I want to encourage you to make sure you are taking time to disconnect from the stress. Find something you enjoy doing to give you a needed break. Maybe it is getting out for that walk. Maybe it is cutting the lawn. Maybe it is building something. Whatever it is, find something that you can use to disconnect. And as you begin to feel the noise and stress of life silencing a bit more, I would encourage you to take that time to talk with God, listen to His voice, and be renewed by Him.

Praying for you!

—Pastor Dave

p.s. I want to invite you to come talk with me about the future of the U18 role at HMC! Join me on Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. A Zoom link will be provided. We will be talking specifically about the potential hire of a Pastor for U18. Come with your thoughts, questions, comments, and suggestions. All ages are welcome as I want to hear from everyone.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, May 5

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

THURSDAY, May 6

7:00 p.m. **U18 Ministry Discussion (Zoom)**

FRIDAY, May 7

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

SUNDAY, May 9

9:00 a.m. **Zoom Café - our virtual foyer**
(find the link at hanovermissionary.com/zoom-cafe)

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

SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING TODAY

All HMC members are being invited to attend a special meeting to be held over Zoom on Sunday, May 2 at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the proposed proposal to sell the shed, portable, and part of the parking lot. An email was sent out with the Zoom link and all the relative information. If two members from the same household are attending, they must log in separately. Non-members are welcome.

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.

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 Tithely 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.



HMC YOUTH

Our youth are still digging into the story of Jonah.

The passage for this week is **Jonah 3:6-10**, take some time to read it and connect with God and follow along with what our youth are learning.

After Jonah delivered God's message of judgement on the Ninevites, the word spread quickly around the city. The reaction of the Ninevites when they were convicted of their sins shows us how we should react when we are made aware of our own sin. The people recognized their sin and turned their full attention to God, casting off anything that could distract them. They were sensitive and aware of the pain and damage of their sin, but shame could not keep them from confessing their brokenness because they knew the alternative was death and destruction.



Do we repent like the Ninevites, turning desperately to God, casting off all distractions and comforts? Or like Jonah, do we try to justify ourselves by our reputation or the good things we've done while fooling ourselves into thinking we have it "under control"? Repentance doesn't earn us forgiveness; rather it shifts our attention off of ourselves and onto a God that forgives!

As you read and reflect, here are some questions for you to think about.

1. After reading the text, what thoughts or details jump out at you right away?
2. Spend a bit of time praying about and reflecting on the text. What is God bringing to your attention?
3. How does this passage apply to your life?

To learn more about our youth program, or if you're in grade 7-12 and would like to join in, pop over to our website for the Zoom link and more information. hanovermissionary.com/youth

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.

Have you been considering baptism? We would love to help you take this next step in your faith journey. Though Covid has made some things more complicated, we do have a plan to perform baptisms within safety protocols. Please reach out to a pastor or the office if you'd like to learn more.