

HMC Newsletter | October 25, 2020 HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH **NERATIONS FOLLOWING** JESUS TOGETHER GATHER · GROW · GIVE · G®



I have been thinking a lot lately about the troubles and hardships that we all seem to face on a daily basis. For each person, it may look a bit different. For some, it is health related. For others, it is financial. For others, it could be job or school related. And for others, it is relational. In a world that is constantly changing, sometimes it feels like the only constant is that life feels like an uphill battle.

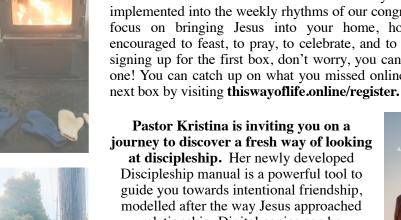
Yet in the midst of this, I am reminded of another constant. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Just like a shepherd does for the flock, Jesus is guiding us through those places of danger. He is walking us through the dark passages. He is defending us from the predator. And He is guiding us to that place of security, safety, and rest. And just like a shepherd knows the sheep by name, we can take comfort in the fact that Jesus knows each one of us by name as well. We are loved, and we are taken care of.

—Pastor Dave



thiswayoflife GEARING UP FOR ROUND TWO

We are so encouraged to see households participating in our this way of life initiative. Take some time to look up #this way of life on social media to see some of the fun ways activities are being implemented into the weekly rhythms of our congregation. With a keen focus on bringing Jesus into your home, households are being encouraged to feast, to pray, to celebrate, and to serve. If you missed signing up for the first box, don't worry, you can sign up for the next one! You can catch up on what you missed online and register for the



guide you towards intentional friendship, modelled after the way Jesus approached relationship. Digital copies can be downloaded at hanovermissionary.com/ discipleship, but if you'd like a printed copy, please call the office. Reach out if you have questions or would like to discuss the issue more deeply with her.



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SAVE THE DATE. Our AGM is planned for Sunday, November 22 following the morning service. Members are encouraged to attend.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY October 27

7:00 p.m. 5 Minute Thoughts Join a pastor online for a quick reflection

WEDNESDAY October 28

8:00 p.m. Interview with a Neighbour and Serving Challenge

Tune in as Pastor Amos conducts an interview with someone from our HMC family and presents a challenge for you at home.

SUNDAY, November 1

10:00 a.m. Join us in person or online as Pastor Dave continues our series on the 'I Am' statements of Jesus

We are open throughout the week by appointment. Please call the office if you'd like to meet with a pastor or drop off your tithe. Visitors must be masked and are required to sign in at the door so we can track who is in the building. Remember, if you are attending our Sunday morning service in person you must register first. Call the office or fill out the form at hanovermissionary.com/registration by 10:00 a.m. Thursday mornings.

Thank you for continuing to be a generous community. In these tough times, we have been so blessed to see God provide. If you are not attending in person on Sunday mornings and would like to give, you may contact the church to arrange a drop off or to use the debit machine. Tithes and offerings can also 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).





We know many of you aren't ready to come back in our building, and that's okay. We want to make sure you're still finding ways to connect with one another and one of those ways we've helped facilitate that is through The HMC Penpal Project. Throughout the summer there were households exchanging letters and getting to know each other in a new way; in fact, we received a call just last week telling us how enriching these exchanges have been. If you'd like to jump in on the fun, reach out to the church office and we'll pair you up with someone else eager to exchange notes.

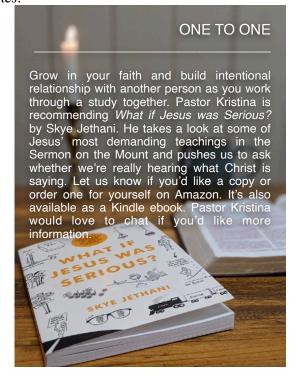
It's SHOEBOX time!

Thanks to everyone who picked up a shoe box. If you missed the pick-up window we will have some boxes available on Sunday mornings, or you're welcome to make arrangements to get one during office hours. Drop off will be November 5-6. Stay tuned for times.

WARMING CENTRE

Cold weather will be upon us in no time and much thought has gone into how to run our Warming Centre in a safe and helpful manner. Extra precautions will be taken by volunteers to ensure social distancing, sign in procedures, and the use of hand sanitizer and masks. Food will no longer be available buffet-style, but served by the volunteers.

Our Warming Centre is an important community ministry and beginning on November 5 it will run every Thursday from noon to 2:00, providing a place for those in need of warmth and company to enjoy a hot bowl of soup and friendly conversation.



We are accepting donations of non-perishable food items, as well as knitted hats and mitts. Consider cans of stew or chilliitems that are full meals in themselves - as well as gifts of can openers. Donations can be dropped off on Sunday mornings,
or you may contact the church office to arrange a drop off time during regular office hours. If you would like to volunteer to
make soup or to help at the Warming Centre on Thursday, please connect with Marcia Burt. 519-364-3422 or
paulandmarciaburt@yahoo.ca



Please keep this ministry in your prayers as they prepare for a new season.

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS | MARILYN SCHMITT

Marilyn Schmitt serves with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Following 17 years assigned to Burkina Faso in West Africa, she now oversees applications and internships. Marilyn coaches new members as they raise their financial support, and has recently launched a virtual Partnership Development training course.

Pray for wisdom as Marilyn screens applicants and coaches new members. Pray for health and safety for missionaries impacted by the coronavirus. Pray for the recruitments of several new HR and Finance professionals who could work from home to provide admin support for Wycliffe groups in international locations.