

HMC Newsletter | November 1, 2020 HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH GENERATIONS FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER GATHER · GROW · GIVE · G

Does anyone reading this remember what it was like to drive to somewhere new in town before every phone had a built in GPS program? The other day, I was driving one of my boys to an appointment in another city, and I had no idea where I was going. o I pulled up the GPS on my phone and let it tell me where I had to go. I was so glad for the technology I had, and that I didn't have to pull up a map book and examine each map for the street that I was looking for. It saved me a lot of time and headache!

In following God, we don't always have a clear picture of where we are going. We know that God is taking us somewhere, but we also know that it is new and that we have no idea how to get there. We only know of the piece of road right in front of us, and it is scary. We hope we do not make a wrong turn. Yet in every circumstance, I am reminded of the words of Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." What if, instead of worrying about making a wrong turn in life, you trusted the guidance that God gives, even when the road ahead is a brand new journey? What if you trusted your spiritual GPS? —Pastor Dave

thiswayoflife GEARING UP FOR ROUND TWO

We are so encouraged to see households participating in our thiswayoflife initiative. Take some time to look up #thiswayoflife 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, be sure to sign up for the next one by this Wednesday at noon! You can catch up on what you missed online and register for the next box by visiting **thiswayoflife.online/register**. **Families that registered for the first box are automatically signed up for the new box.**



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.



SAVE THE DATE. Our AGM is planned for Sunday, November 22 following the morning service. Members are encouraged to attend. Report booklets will be available next week.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY November 3

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

WEDNESDAY November 4

Noon **Deadline to sign up for thiswayoflife drop box** 8:00 p.m. **Bedtime Story** Tune in as Pastor Amos shares another bedtime story.

THURSDAY November 5

Noon - 2::00 p.m. Warming Centre 1:00 - 4::00 p.m. & 7:00-8:00 p.m. Curbside pick up for the thiswayoflife drop box & drop off for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes

FRIDAY November 6

9:00 a.m. - Noon Curb-side pick up for the thiswayoflife drop box & drop off for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes

SUNDAY, November 8

10:00 a.m. Join us in person or online as we dive into God's Word

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.

Pastor Kristina is inviting you on a journey to discover a fresh way of looking at discipleship. Her newly developed Discipleship manual is a powerful tool to 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. kristina@hanovermissionary.com



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 chilli items 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 | PETER & LEAH HUMPHREYS

Pete and Leah serve at Still Waters in Durham. They created this place of restorative care because of their concern about missionaries leaving their field of service, overwhelmed by unmet spiritual and emotional needs.

Praise God for their good health and strength to carry out their counselling ministry. **Please pray** that their roof would be able to stand one more winter before replacing it next year. Remember the Manjui pastors as they share truth with their congregation and work through problems that come up. **Pray for** the health of missionaries worldwide, especially as they navigate COVID-19. **Pray** that their lives would always reflect the love of the Good Shepherd to all those they spend time with.

