



# HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH

## GENERATIONS FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

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### WEEK AT A GLANCE

**THURSDAY January 14**

7:30 p.m. **Virtual Prayer Meeting**

**SUNDAY, January 17**

10:00 a.m. **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

If you would like to drop off your tithes and  
offerings, someone will be in the office  
Monday-Friday from 9-noon. Please call the  
office to arrange a drop off.

Happy New Year! 2021 sounds good doesn't it? For many of us, it couldn't have got here soon enough! As we start out a new year together, my encouragement for you is that whatever this year will bring (because we really don't know - take 2020 as an example), God is still in charge. He still is taking care of you. He still loves you. And He still has a plan for your life.

I also wanted to make sure that I took the time today to say thank you to Pastor Kristina. Today (Jan 7th) is her last official day with us. Thank you Kristina for the ways you have loved the people of HMC as you have served us. Thanks for your desire to see people grow in their love for Jesus Christ. We will miss your welcoming personality, your vulnerability, and your servant heart. I pray that God will use you to bless people, wherever He may take you.

—Pastor Dave

### #FamilyChallenge

Pastor Dave is inviting everyone to out into practice what they are learning. How can you be the refreshing and healing presence of Jesus in your community? Show us they way you're being the hands and feet of Jesus by posting your stories and photos online using the hashtag #FamilyChallenge.

### Meals on Wheels

Hanover churches have been quietly serving people in the community with hot meals five days a week for many years. HMC is responsible for delivering meals every 11th and 12th week within the cycle and we are looking for more people to take up this simple challenge. It takes about an hour and volunteers do not enter homes. The more helpers we can provide, the less the load on the whole. Please contact Brenda Kaufman if you'd like to be part of this powerful ministry. (519.364.6113)

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



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 pick up from the office. If anyone mistakenly picked up #44, could you please contact the office? Thank you.

## 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/](http://hanovermissionary.com/pray-continually/) for the Zoom link, and participate on January 14 10 at 7:30 p.m.

## Warming Centre

Our Warming Centre is an important community ministry that began on November 5 and 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. Public Health has deemed it an essential service and so it will continue throughout the lockdown with some higher restrictions in place.

There is still opportunity to help. 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](mailto:paulandmarciaburt@yahoo.ca)

**Please keep this ministry in your prayers.**

## Update from Ministry Council

(December 2020)

On Tuesday, December 15th, the Ministry Council held their first monthly meeting since being elected for the coming two years. The following roles were appointed for the following year:

- Jason Bechtel will serve as chair.
- Karen Schmalz will serve as vice-chair, liaison with the Facilities Team and on the Volunteer Screening Team.
- Charlotte Spitzig will serve as the clerk and on the Nominating Committee.
- Dan Devisser will serve as treasurer, and as such, on the Finance Team.
- Kaia Kontrimas will serve on the Restructuring Team and the Policy Review Team.
- Carolyn Pearson will serve on the Nominating Committee.
- Pastor Dave Hildebrandt (Ex-Officio member of the Ministry Council) will continue to serve on the Restructuring Team.

**Please continue to pray for this leadership team.** Pray that we serve with “justice and mercy and faith” while not neglecting the less weighty matters (Matthew 23:23)..