

HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH

GENERATIONS FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

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Have you ever wondered if something you did ever made a difference spiritually in the life of someone else? If you have, you are not alone. Anyone who has ever led or volunteered in any kind of ministry is faced with that question. A lot of times, a person can put a lot of time and effort into something, and never see the results. One needs to trust that there will be fruit from these efforts in the lives of others. Sometimes, the trusting can be hard, and it is easy to doubt that what you did for God mattered

Yesterday afternoon, I was reminded that what we do for God does matter, even when we can not always see the results right away. I will save the explanation here, but I will say that it was a humble reminder that ministry is not about me. It is about God. It is about obeying God, sharing Jesus, and letting the Holy Spirit do the work. My part is to be faithful, God's part is the rest.

So this week, what has God called you to do, and where has God called you to be? Will you be faithful?

—Pastor Dave

It's beginning to look a lot like a different kind of Christmas!

Yes, Christmas may look different this year, but whether we can gather in person or in spirit from the safety of our homes, it's still a time of celebration as we reflect on Jesus, the greatest gift of all. In a season of darkness we want to turn our eyes and hearts towards the light. This Sunday marks the first week of Advent and we will take that journey together, celebrating the Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy available to us through the promises of God. Big plans are in the works for an HMC Christmas Special that will come to you on Christmas Eve. Stay tuned for decisions regarding an in-person service as well.



thiswayoflife is making a comeback with a surprise ROUND THREE!

Thank you for embracing thiswayoflife! We have loved watching you journey through the challenges and we want to see more - that's why we're gearing up for another round. Visit thiswayoflife.online to sign your household up for a reimagined Christmas version of the monthly box.



PLEASE PRAY for Francis and Elaine Winger. Francis has suffered a stroke. **Please pray** for the doctors overseeing his care and for Elaine as they navigate this time. **Pray** for God's will to be done in the situation.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY December 1

7:00 p.m. **5 Minute Thoughts**

Join a pastor online for a quick reflection

THURSDAY December 3

Noon - 2:00 p.m. **Warming Centre**

SUNDAY, December 6

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

The debit machine will now be available on Sunday mornings if you'd like to use it for your tithes and offerings.

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. **We now have a doorbell situated between the two main doors if you arrive during regular office hours.** 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).



This Christmas

HELP **RESTOCK** OUR HMC PANTRY

so we can continue to bless others in our community

Bring your donation with you on Sunday morning or drop it off during regular office hours.



WARMING CENTRE

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

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.

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 we work to restock our pantry, 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 drop it off during regular office hours.

Further Thoughts From Pastor Dave

As things have been unfolding at HMC lately, I have had the opportunity to have conversations with many of you. As you have been sharing with me what has been on your heart, I wanted to make sure that I took the time to acknowledge that some of you today are hurting. Some of you today are disappointed. Some of you are confused. Some of you are frustrated. Some of you have questions. I want to acknowledge that. And I want to say that it is okay to feel that way. Loss is hard, no matter how you look at it. Partings are never easy, regardless the circumstances. I want you to know that I hear you, your feelings, and your questions. I have been where you are.

If you are struggling today, I encourage you to reach out personally and share. Reach out to me, or to anyone else on Ministry Council. I am willing to talk with you, sit down with you, and answer questions you may have. And as we seek to take the next steps in our journey, let's do so together.