



HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH

GENERATIONS FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

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When is the last time that your life has been at peace? When is the last time when it felt like the storms around you were silent? Lately, I have been doing a lot of thinking about peace. I have been thinking about peace that triumphs in the face of difficulty. It is fitting that the focus of the advent candle this Sunday is peace.

When Jesus came to the Earth as a baby, the angelic choir spoke a promise to a group of shepherds. They proclaimed that Jesus came to bring peace on Earth that would be available to all who would receive it. This wasn't a declaration of global peace between nations, but a promise of spiritual peace.

It is this same peace that the Apostle Paul speaks of in Philippians 4 that defies logic and understanding. It is a peace that will guard you even when everything around you seems out of control. It is a peace, as Paul says, that will guard our emotions, our mind, and our spirit as we place our trust in Christ Jesus.

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—Pastor Dave

It's beginning to look a lot like 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.

We are planning an in-house Christmas Eve Service as well as an online HMC Christmas Special. If you would like to attend in person, please register before December 15. There are two service times available when you register—5:30 and 7:00 p.m. Please select your preference. If registration for one is significantly lower than the other and there is room, we will combine into one service. All who register will be notified if there is a change well before December 24.

Please visit hanovermissionary.com/christmas-eve or call the church office to reserve your spot.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY December 8

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

Join a pastor online for a quick reflection

THURSDAY December 10

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

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

SUNDAY, December 13

10:00 a.m. **Join us in person or online
as we journey through Advent**

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).



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

This Christmas

HELP **RE STOCK** 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.



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.

Entering a Season of 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/ for the Zoom link, and participate on December 10 at 7:30 p.m.

THANK YOU FOR DONATING 57 PACKED BOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. YOUR GIFTS WILL MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE

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 register by December 10.

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.

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.

Our Condolences to Elaine Winger on the passing of her husband, Francis, last week. Please remember Elaine and her family in your prayers as they navigate this time of loss.