



HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH

GENERATIONS FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

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"For God so loved the world...". These words are the start to what is probably the most well known Bible verse in the whole world. The reference to it is seen on placards at various sporting events. It is seen on road signs. It is likely the first verse you memorized as a kid in Sunday school.

This week we are looking at the advent theme of LOVE. As I look to the first words of that verse, I am reminded of God's deep and undefinable love that He has for me. As I read the rest of that verse (John 3:16), I am reminded that the love of God for the world was made evident as He came, fully God in human flesh, Jesus, to be born to the world so that He (the one and only Son) could be given up for the sins of a world that was so far apart from Him. And if you and I would believe in Him (trust Him and turn to Him) we would have a broken relationship with God restored, and we would be able to experience eternity, in God's presence, in a perfectly restored relationship.

As we celebrate the advent theme of love this weekend, we celebrate that God so loved the world that Jesus came. We celebrate His coming as a baby to a virgin some 2000 years ago so that we could ultimately live

—Pastor Dave



Christmas News

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.**

The church office will be closed December 28-January 1.

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY December 15

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

Join a pastor online for a quick reflection

THURSDAY December 17

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

SUNDAY, December 20

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



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 **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.



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.

2021 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up

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.

Praises & Prayers

Congratulations to Dave & Danielle Kuipers who welcomed baby Theo on December 2.

Congratulations to Dave & Megan Ross who welcomed their son, Thomas Marshall on Monday, December 7.

Pray for both of these families as they navigate life with a newborn.

Please pray for Diane Moore, aunt of Krystal Boogerman who is currently on a ventilator due to COVID. **Pray** for her health and recovery and for the doctors overseeing her care.

Spiritual Care during the time of COVID. — a report from the Spiritual Care Council (Previously the Chaplaincy) —

our Missionary of the Month

People haven't stopped getting sick, or having heart attacks, or babies, or strokes during the time of COVID. Staff in our hospitals have had to do all that and worry about getting sick themselves, or taking it home to their families. The Spiritual Care Providers in Grey and Bruce counties have taken on the challenge to care for both the patients, their families, and the staff. We've been so truly fortunate that the Spiritual Care Providers were allowed back into the hospitals and at the bedside so that they can provide the care that they give best; in person, one on one, and family care during a stressful time. Although unable to visit COVID patients in person, the Spiritual Care Council are still available to support them and their families, all the while caring for the surgical, medical, emergency and mental health patients at the bedside. We are very lucky in Grey and Bruce counties to have these spiritual heroes to care for our neighbours, friends, and families... All during the time of COVID.

Regular and Large Print Daily Bread are available for pick up. If you would like one to be mailed to you, please reach out to Marie in the office.