



HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH

GENERATIONS FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, April 28

7:00 p.m. Watch Facebook for a special
#HMCFamilyChallenge to be posted

FRIDAY, April 29

7:00 p.m. **Junior Youth (Zoom)**
8:30 p.m. **Senior Youth (Zoom)**

SUNDAY, May 2

9:00 a.m. **Zoom Café - our virtual foyer**
(find the link at hanovermissionary.com/zoom-cafe)
10:00 a.m. (Facebook Live)

Join us as we dive into God's Word
3:00 p.m. **Special Members Meeting (Zoom)**

A pastor can be reached any time through the
Pastoral Care Line 519-379-1752

Hey everyone!

I hope you are all keeping safe and healthy these days. If you need anything please don't hesitate to reach out to the myself, Pastor Lyndsay, or the office.

Lately Colossians 3:12-14 has been playing through my mind. Ever read a Bible verse that was inconvenient? For me, this would be one of those verses. As I read it, the phrases "compassion", "kindness", "humility", "gentleness", "patience", "forgive", "love", and "unity" stand out. Sometimes, it is easier for me to want to be the exact opposite. It seems justified. Yet, as a follower of Jesus, as "God's chosen people", this is what I wear. This is what people should see when they see me.

Lately, I have had to ask myself "how am I doing at this? What do people see?" Some days, I am not so sure I want to know the answer to that. But thankfully, because of the grace of God, I have an opportunity to move beyond those failures, and God gives me a chance to try again. And I know that He will give me the strength I need to live in the way that He calls me to. And as I do, I show Jesus to the world and I help make HMC a place that is attractive for the right reasons.

Praying for you!

— Pastor Dave

Locked Doors, Open Hearts

A stay-at-home order can feel heavy and restrictive, and we know many of you enjoy the comfort of our building as a hub of community and connection - but don't forget that The Church is not a building, *we* are The Church. View this lock-down as an opportunity to be the light of Jesus in a dark time. Reach out to those who live alone, send a kind letter in the mail, drop off treats on a doorstep, praise Jesus in the midst of this pandemic. Remember when Paul & Silas were in prison. Did they despair when they were locked in? No! They celebrated their Saviour! We may feel like prisoners, but we are FREE IN JESUS. Take comfort in His promises, and know that He is not only the light on the other side, but He is the light in our current situation. It's up to us to LET HIM SHINE.

Though our doors remain locked, someone will be in the office Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - noon. If you would like to drop off your tithe during this time, you may put it in the mailbox outside our main doors, or ring the doorbell and someone will come and collect it from you.

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) or using the Tithely app (go to 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.

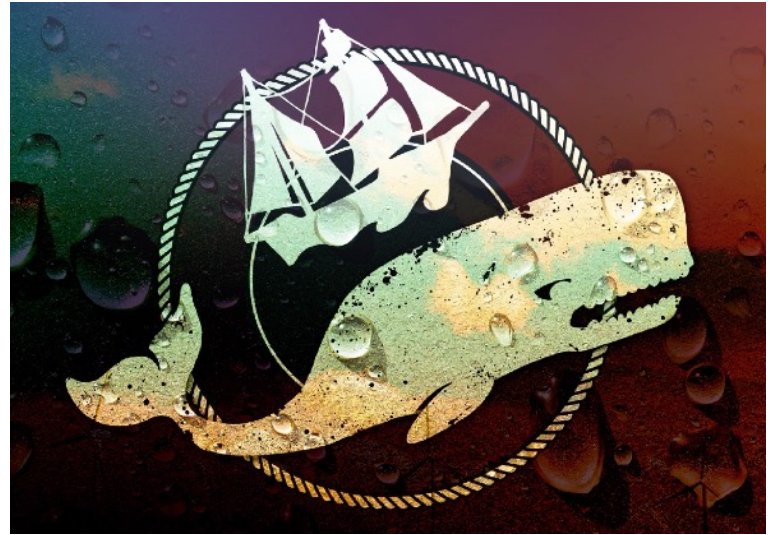


HMC YOUTH

Our youth are still digging into the story of Jonah.

The passage for this week is **Jonah 3:1-5**, take some time to read it and connect with God and follow along with what our youth are learning.

Having just experienced his own need for God's grace, Jonah is finally prepared to go and deliver a message of grace to others. What is holding us back from sharing God's love and message of salvation with others? Jonah sacrificed and suffered a great deal before he realized his faith was not fully in God. Is our faith sometimes misplaced in things in our life that seem most stable and comfortable rather than God.



Is our faith sometimes misplaced in things in our life that seem most stable and comfortable rather than God? Are you prepared to step out in faith beyond the familiar and safe, to bring a message of love and salvation to those who need it most? Jonah delivered what seems like a pretty unconvincing message after a pitiful show of faith in God, yet God opened the hearts of the Ninevites to receive the message. Be encouraged, we are just the kind of messengers that God can use! ?

As you read and reflect, here's some questions for you to think about. We will explore them more at youth group on Friday night

1. After reading the text, what thoughts or details jump out at you right away?
2. Spend a bit of time praying about and reflecting on the text. What is God bringing to your attention?
3. How does this passage apply to your life?

To learn more about our youth program, or if you're in grade 7-12 and would like to join in, pop over to our website for the Zoom link and more information. hanovermissionary.com/youth

A big thank you to all the congregation members who showed up for the games night last week - we had a blast!

PLAN TO PROTECT

As we look towards getting in-person ministry running, we have a dedicated team of people working hard to make sure our volunteer screening protocol is in place. Watch your email to find out if you need to update any of your training or references in order to volunteer within HMC ministries, and please do your best to follow all recommendations in a timely manner so we don't have delays as things kick off.

SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING

All HMC members are being invited to attend a special meeting to be held over Zoom on Sunday, May 2 at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the proposed proposal to sell the shed, portable, and part of the parking lot. Be watching your email for further instructions and a Zoom link.