

As some of you may know, I am an avid golfer. Not a good golfer, but I love to be out there smacking that white ball around the manicured fairways. And therein lies the problem – keeping the ball on the fairway. Not a game goes by without me shanking a ball into the tall grass of the rough, far from the short grass of the fairway. Much to the chagrin of my foursome, I always stop and hunt for my ball. Why not walk on by and drop another ball? Because I want *my* ball back.

Think of the golf ball as our lives. We try to stay on the right fairway and roll the right direction. But sometimes, when we sin, we take a wrong turn and end up in the rough, far away from the fairway God had planned for us. Does God just walk on by and focus on another soul, leaving us there alone, lost and floundering? NEVER!! God always wants what is best for us. He is always watching over each of us, searching for us and lovingly guiding us back onto the fairway. He so deeply loves us, no matter how far into the rough we have gone, and He wants to care for us as our loving Father. We just need to let Him. Like Romans 8:38-39 says, "nothing can separate us from the love of God" ... Not even tall grass.

Blessings,

Karen Schmaltz

# **THIS SUMMER**

You're invited to participate in our **family of families** initiative! Designed for all ages and all kinds of households, *Movin' with Miss Marie* will take you on quests to find Jesus in the simple things. We would love to welcome you along on the journey.

Register for a **QUEST BAG** that includes eight packages to help you along your way. You can also choose to follow along online and gather your own supplies.

Quest Bags will be available for pick up June 21-25 Register at hanovermissionary.com/summer-movin please register by June 11

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

### WEDNESDAY, June 2

Don't forget to register for Movin' with Miss Marie!

#### SUNDAY, June 6

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

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

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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.



Celebrations! Don Herman is celebrating his 90th birthday on June 1. His family (son Allan and Ellie and Gord) are organizing a drive-by greeting time for him this Saturday, May. 29. It's at 2:30 at Country Village - the trailer park where they live. It's just outside of Hanover on the way to Walkerton. Everyone interested should meet in the laneway leading into the park at 2:20. Cars will go slowly past his place with a very quick stop for each car so he can better see who you are. He says how he misses church so much and we know this will be very meaningful for him. Hope you can join us! Any questions call 519 379 3114.

Thank you to the children and youth who participated in the service last week by reading scripture. It was wonderful to see your faces and hear your voices!

Youth will not meet every week through the summer months, but leaders hope to stay connected and plan online meetups as schedules allow. Please watch the newsletter and Facebook each week for notice of any upcoming events.

Keep your eyes open for KidZ Youth events (some Saturday nights) and encourage your children who are under Junior Youth age to log on when it's running.

The Zoom link for both groups can be found at hanovermissionary.com/youth

**Our Condolences** to Mike and Lisa Beals and their children, Alan and Samantha, on the passing of Mike's father, Joseph on Tuesday, May 25. Please remember the family in your prayers as they grieve.

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.

Have you been considering baptism? We would love to help you take this next step in your faith journey. Though Covid has made some things more complicated, we do have a plan to perform baptisms within safety protocols. Please reach out to a pastor or the office if you'd like to learn more.

Please keep Pastor Dave in your prayers as he takes some time to rest over the next several weeks. Please pray that it is a time of rejuvenation and relaxation, that God would guide his path and bless him with a refreshed spirit. Please respect his time away and care for him through prayer.