



# HANOVER MISSIONARY CHURCH

## GENERATIONS FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

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I like to bake. Last year when we were first going thru COVID, I, like so many, decided that I needed to do more baking. I didn't go so far as baking bread, but I worked my way through muffins, tarts, cookies, loaves, cakes, and pies. I even brought out my mom's recipe for "sour dough" starter and made biscuits & cinnamon rolls. No, Bill and I did not eat it all—that would have resulted in more than the average "quarantine 15"!

You may be thinking, what has this got to do with HMC? Well, let me explain. Let's compare our Church/Christian life to baking a "pumpkin pie"—one of my favourites.

Before I begin baking anything, I need a recipe. I may make a pumpkin pie every day for 5 days but I still need to look at my recipe. For our daily Christian life we also need a "recipe". God anticipated our needs and gave us His instruction manual for our lives: the Bible (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth).

Now that you have your recipe, you should read it to make sure you have all the ingredients; know how much time you will need to bake your pie, etc. In our Christian life we have to prepare our hearts to follow/hear what God wants from us. Psalm 51:10 says, "pray for a pure heart."

Before we make the filling for our Pumpkin Pie, we need a crust. You can go to your favourite grocery store and purchase a ready made crust or you can make your own. The crust is the foundation of our pie. A flaky crust is delicious; a tough crust is usually left on the plate. How is *our* crust? Read Galatians 5:22-23. Is your crust made up of the fruit of the Spirit? Are you a pre-made crust that is an exact copy of someone else's beliefs but you don't own your own beliefs?

Okay, you have prepared your crust. Now assemble what you need for the pumpkin filling. Before mixing all the ingredients, taste each one individually. How do you like the taste of raw egg, cooked plain pumpkin, spices, etc.? Many of the ingredients on their own are really not pleasant but if we mix them all together, they are delicious. Just like our pie filling, Jesus wants us to work together. Romans 8:28 says, "all things work together for good to those who love God."

A pumpkin pie can take about one hour to bake. Do you ever feel like God is "baking" you? He is turning up the heat on us (even as a Church family). It may take the form of stress in our lives, conflict, etc. This heat is needed to make a delicious finished product. After baking our pie, it has to cool before we can enjoy it. After you have been "baked" by God, you will need a season of peace. John 14:27, Philippians 4: 6-7.

We are all individual ingredients at HMC. We need to be blended and baked before we give off a beautiful fragrance that is appealing to those in our Community. Psalm 34:8a says, "taste and see that the Lord is good."

Carolyn Pearson

#### WEEK AT A GLANCE

##### FRIDAY, June 11

Don't forget to register for Movin' with Miss Marie!  
Friday is the deadline to sign up for a QUEST BAG!

##### SUNDAY, June 13

9:00 a.m. Zoom Café - our virtual foyer  
(find the link at [hanovermissionary.com/zoom-cafe](https://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

**Congratulations** to Tom and Virginia Eastman on the birth of their grandson, LaVerne Bruce, born to Carl and Emily Eastman on May 28. LaVerne is a new nephew for Colin and Heidi Eastman, cousin for Paige and Elsie, and brother to Ada.

#### ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING (note date change)

Our annual budget meeting is coming! Please set aside time on **Sunday, June 27** at 3:00 p.m. Our new budget will be presented and members will be invited to vote it in. Regular attenders are also encouraged to attend. Watch your email for the budget booklet and forward any questions you have to [office@hanovermissionary.com](mailto:office@hanovermissionary.com).

**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](mailto:bookkeeper@hanovermissionary.com)) or using the Tithely app (go to [get.tithe.ly](http://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.



# 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](http://hanovermissionary.com/summer-movin)  
please register by June 11

Youth will not meet every week through the summer months, but leaders hope to stay connected and plan online meet-ups 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](http://hanovermissionary.com/youth)

**Our Condolences** to Bill and Carolyn Pearson on the passing of Bill's brother, Doug, on May 29. 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.