Matthew 5:3 - "Blessed are those who are poor in spirit...."

This was the verse on which my devotional was based one morning. In the message by Pastor Villodas, the words that jumped out to me were "offer yourself". They were the words that were meant for me that day.

I began to focus on the image these words create, to imagine what this would look like — to move towards the Creator of the universe and bring myself as an offering. My inadequacies are glaringly obvious and yet the invitation is genuine and will not be withdrawn. As I sat with these thoughts, I came to realize that this is what Jesus is trying to tell me. I don't need to achieve in order for Him to invite me. I don't need to be clever, or organized, or anything else that the world values. I just need to offer what I have, who I am, what I can do now. With that, He can do anything He needs to do.

The other thing that I realized is that offering myself is not a one time thing. It's a "new every morning" thing. A fresh start. A new beginning. A focus on today and the future, not on what I messed up or how I was inadequate vesterday. Of course I need

to learn from my mistakes and correct my actions where I have done wrong. But what I don't need to do is carry the self-criticism or guilt. So I will ask forgiveness for all my mistakes every night. And then to open my eyes in the morning to the gift of the day I've been given and offer myself anew to my Lord.

How about you?

Kaia K.

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

## WEDNESDAY, June 16

Deadline to register to attend Sunday morning in person

#### SUNDAY, June 20

9:00 a.m. In-House service (streaming LIVE on Facebook) 10:30 a.m. In-House service Join us as we dive into God's Word

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

We are re-opening for Sunday morning services at 15% capacity beginning on Sunday, June 20 with two services. One at 9:00 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to attend must register by visiting hanovermissionary.com/registration or by calling the church office before Wednesday, June 16 at 10:00 a.m. Covid protocols will still be in effect as they were when we were open before. All attendees are required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust our capacity as we are permitted. Thank you for your patience and faithfulness during this time.

# ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

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. Please forward any questions you have to 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) 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.



# THIS SUMMER

You're invited to participate in our family of families initiative! Designed for all ages and all

kinds of household, 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.

Quest Bag registration closed on Friday, June 11, but you can still follow along online. Let us know you are planning to participate by visiting

movin Jesus in the simplest hanovermissionary.com/summer-movin and select the 'we don't need a bag' option.

> For those that did register for the Quest Bag, pick up will be from June 21-25.

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 runnina.

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

Though our doors remain locked throughout the week, 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.

The Zoom Café will not run when we are having in-person services.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped this ministry run smoothly!