

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Engaging in the Mission of God...

Opening Songs: "My Lighthouse"
"More Than Conquerors"

Please welcome and greet one another, as you are comfortable.

Bible Reading: Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Children's Church (4yrs old-5th grade)

Announcements & Offering

Offering Song: "Simplicity"

Message: *The Meaning of Life*

Closing Song: "Hymn of the Ages"

Worship musicians: Brett Borman, Jon Blasucci, Anthony Tilton and Joshua Peterkin

Childcare: Joyce Parcell, Charlotte Peterkin, Rose Marie Blasucci, Fallon Gallagher, Olivia Gallagher and Kegan Gallagher

Greeter: Sara Albright

Scripture reader: Bob Citta

STAFF

Administrative Director: Karen Peterkin

Worship Leader: Brett Borman

Pastor: Josh Shaffer

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April 19, 2026

Children's Ministry:

Nursery care is available for the duration of the service. Children in pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to attend *Children's Church*, at the beginning of the announcements. If you are new to our church family, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our Children's Ministry volunteers when you drop off your kids. THANK YOU!

Dear Visitors and Guests,

Welcome to Hope! Please take a moment to visit the Welcome Table in the lobby to receive your free travel mug. If you would like to be added to our email list, please scan the QR code or contact us at info@hopeccdelco.com.



"BLESSING BAGS" FEEDING PROGRAM

Most needed donations include: Granola Bars, Nutri-Grain Bars, Horizon Shelf Sustainable Milk, Macaroni and Cheese Microwavable Cups, Canned Pasta, Canned Soup (with pop tops), Capri-Sun or Kool-Aid Juice Boxes/Pouches, Toaster Pastries (Pop-Tarts), Applesauce (single serve), Ritz Crackers Fresh Stacks.

UPCOMING

TODAY: Youth Parents' Meeting- Parents of students who will be in 6th-12th grade next year are encouraged to attend a planning meeting after worship in the Children's Church room.

April 26: Children's Ministry Meeting- Current and new Children's Church and Nursery volunteers will be meeting briefly after worship in the Children's Church room.

May 9: Yard Sale, Saturday- A "pay what you wish" yard sale fundraiser to support the PA Kenya Team. 8am – 12pm. *Please plan to stay with your items and return home with any unsold items. Sign up at the Welcome Table if you plan to participate.*

May 10: Mother's Day- Join us in worship for a special message from Lynn Craig.

June 7: Baptism Service- Join us in worship as we celebrate the Baptism of believers. If you would like to be baptized, please email Josh Shaffer: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com.

Hope Community Church's 14th Anniversary Party

Following the Baptism Service, join us, rain or shine, for an epic anniversary party starting at 12:00pm! *Details to follow.*

June 21: Father's Day- Join us in worship for a special message from Nick Meo.

SMALL GROUPS

Youth Group – Hosted by Josh Shaffer

Students in grades 6–12 are welcome.

When: Sunday evenings from 6:30–8:00pm

Where: Hope House – 1st floor

Next meeting: April 19

Contact Pastor Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

Women's Group

The group will be using weekly Discussion Questions based off of Sunday's message. All women are invited to attend!

When: Monday evenings from 7:00–8:30pm

Where: Hope House – 1st floor

Next meeting: April 20

Prayer Group – Hosted by Bob Citta

Bring a notebook and a Bible as we pray for our community.

When: Tuesday evenings from 7:00–8:30pm

Where: The Citta residence: 714 Prospect Ave, Prospect Park, 19076

Next meeting: April 21

Contact Bob with questions: bobcitta@gmail.com.

Adult Group – Hosted by Josh Shaffer

This Bible study follows the Life of Paul Bible Reading Plan.

When: Wednesday evenings from 7:00–8:30pm

Where: Hope House – 1st floor

Next meeting: April 22

Contact Pastor Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

Men's Group

The group will be using weekly Discussion Questions based off of Sunday's message. All men are invited to attend!

When: Thursday evenings from 7:00–8:30pm

Where: Hope House – 1st floor

Next meeting: April 23

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study – Led by Bob Citta

When: The first Saturday of the month at 8:30am

Where: At the home of Bob and Lois Citta. 714 Prospect Ave, Prospect Park, 19076

Next meeting: May 2

Please sign up at the Welcome Table. Contact Bob with questions: bobcitta@gmail.com

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer Porch Meetings – Facilitated by Bob & Lois Citta. Open to all.

When: Sunday mornings from 9:45am–10:25am at Hope House.

–Please email your prayer requests to: prayer@hopeccdelco.com.

–If you would like to receive prayer after worship, please join our Prayer Partners in the front of the Sanctuary.

Join our Children's Ministry Team

We are currently in need of additional volunteers to serve in our Children's Ministry as Children's Church Teachers, Children's Church Assistants, and Nursery Caregivers for the 2026–2027 school year.

If you have a heart to serve and invest in the next generation, we would love to have you join the team!

For those interested in teaching Children's Church, all curriculum is provided in advance, and preparation time is minimal (typically less than 30 minutes).

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Pastor Josh: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com. *You are welcome to attend an introductory meeting on Sunday, April 26th immediately following worship.*

1st QUARTER BUDGET UPDATE

Weekly need to meet budget: \$3,675.20

Average weekly giving received: \$4,309.33

\$634.13/week above need

LIFE OF PAUL BIBLE READINGS

4/20: Ephesians 5:21–33

4/23: Philippians 1:1–11

4/21: Ephesians 6:1–9

4/24: Philippians 1:12–30

4/22: Ephesians 6:10–24

4/25: Philippians 2:1–11

KENYA MISSION TRIP – July 19 – August 1

Please join us in praying for Charlotte Peterkin and Josh Peterkin who will be representing Hope CC as part of the 2026 Kenya Mission Team. In total, there are 10 missionaries from Pennsylvania, who each need to raise \$4,200 to make the trip to Kenya possible.

Join us after worship at Hope Café, across the lawn at Hope House, for some free refreshments.