

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Engaging in the Mission of God...*

August 16, 2026

**Opening Songs:** "Blessed Be Your Name"  
"Build My Life"

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

**Bible Reading:** Ruth 4:2-4

<sup>2</sup>Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, "Sit here," and they did so. <sup>3</sup>Then he said to the guardian-redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our relative Elimelek. <sup>4</sup>I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line." "I will redeem it," he said.

## **Announcements & Offering**

**Offering Song:** "Multiplied"

**Message:** *Everlasting Inheritance*—Pastor John Clifford

**Closing Song:** "Boldly I Approach"

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Worship musicians: Brett Borman, Jon Blasucci and Joshua Peterkin  
Nursery care: Dominique Meo and Kelly Celona  
Greeter: Walt Myers  
Scripture reader: Bob Citta

## **STAFF**

Administrative Director: Karen Peterkin  
Worship Leader: Brett Borman  
Pastor: Josh Shaffer

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## **Children's Ministry:**

Nursery care is available for the duration of the service.

*Children's Church is on Summer Break—see you September 13<sup>th</sup>!*

## **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](mailto:info@hopeccdelco.com).



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## **"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.

## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Blessing Bag preparation: Thursdays at 6:00pm. Blessing Bag distribution: Fridays 5pm – 7:15pm at St. Stephen's Church: 128 Chester Pike, Norwood. [blessingbagsforchildren@gmail.com](mailto:blessingbagsforchildren@gmail.com)

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## **RAMP FUNDRAISER**

We are currently raising a grand total of \$7,500 for an accessibility ramp. If you would like to contribute, please write "RAMP" on the outside of your giving envelope or on the memo line of your check. You can also give via our website: <https://hopeccdelco.com/giving>. Please check your email for details.

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## **EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR – REESE DURKIN**

You are invited to Reese Durkin's Eagle Scout Court of Honor on **Thursday, August 27, at 7:30 PM.**

Reese and members of his troop are responsible for the extensive repairs that were made in the sanctuary last year. *Please check your email if you wish to contribute refreshments.*

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## **SUMMER WOMEN'S GROUP**

Women of Hope are welcome to gather for a time of catching up, sharing prayer requests, and diving into the Word of God during the summer months. The final meeting will be held at Hope House at 10:30am on August 22.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

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

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

**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: August 18

*Contact Bob with questions: bobcitta@gmail.com.*

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

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

–If you would like to join our Prayer Team and receive prayer requests via email, please reach out to Karen Peterkin: info@hopeccdelco.com or kpeterkin@hopeccdelco.com.

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## SMALL GROUPS – FALL PREVIEW

**Youth Group** – Hosted by Josh Shaffer

*Students in grades 6–12 are encouraged to attend!*

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

Where: Hope House

First meeting: September 13

Please contact Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

**Women's Group** – Hosted by Lynn Craig

*All women are encouraged to attend!*

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

Where: Hope House

First meeting: September 14

Please contact Lynn with questions: lynnrcraig3@yahoo.com

**Men's Group** – Hosted by Josh Shaffer

*All men are encouraged to attend!*

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

Where: Hope House

First meeting: September 17

Please contact Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

## UPCOMING

August 16: *Everlasting Inheritance*

In Ruth 4, Boaz steps forward as a willing redeemer at the city gate. He legally redeems Ruth and Naomi, secures their family's inheritance, marries Ruth, and becomes the father of Obed. Through this beautiful story, we see that true redemption requires a willing redeemer who is willing to pay a personal cost—transforming emptiness and grief into a lasting legacy of grace.

We welcome back Pastor John Clifford [www.ghproject.org](http://www.ghproject.org)

August 23: Guest Speaker Lynn Craig gives the message

August 30: *If God Asked*

There are some questions we would answer very differently if God was the one asking.

– Hebrews 10:23–25

September 6: PRAYER SERVICE

Join us in the sanctuary at 10:30am for a time of prayer, in lieu of a traditional Sunday service.

(No Livestream, No Children's Church, No Nursery)

September 13: *The Entire Bible*

We can't preach through everything the Bible has to say in 30 minutes, but we can give you a "big picture."

– Revelation 22:1–5