

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

August 17, 2025

*Engaging in the Mission of God...*

**Opening Songs:** "Narrow Road"  
"To the Table"  
"Every Hour"

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

**Bible Reading:** Matthew 9:9-13

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. <sup>10</sup>While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup>But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

## Announcements & Offering

**Offering Song:** "Heart of the Father"

**Message:** *Stop Evangelizing!* -Dolph Laraio

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Worship leader: Brett Borman  
Nursery caregivers: Rose Marie Blasucci, Amanda Guida  
and Robyn Payne  
Greeters: Tom Pilson and Mickey Pilson  
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 in pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

*Children's Church is on Summer Break- see you September 7<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

Donations include: Granola Bars, Fruit Bars, **Horizon Shelf Sustainable Milk**, Macaroni and Cheese Microwavable Cups, Chef Boyardee Microwavable Cups, **Ramen Noodles** or any Microwavable Soup, Hormel Meals, Juice Boxes/Pouches, Fruit Snacks, Applesauce (single serve), **Fruit Cups** (single serve), Other Snacks (single serve) - Chips, Pudding, Cookies, Pretzels, etc.

## 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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## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

**Saturday, September 6 - Overdose Awareness Memorial Walk,  
11am-4pm at Rose Tree Park, Media**

Volunteers are needed to help with setup at 8am or clean up after the event.

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## AUGUST GUEST SPEAKERS

August 10 - Hope Community Church's very own Lynn Craig.

August 17 - Local missiologist and church plant instigator, Dolph Laraio.

August 24 - Founder of the Greenhouse Project, Pastor John Clifford.

## SMALL GROUPS

### **Prayer Group** – Hosted by Bob Citta

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

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

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

Next meeting: **August 19**

Contact Bob with questions: bobcitta@gmail.com.

### **Youth Group** – Hosted by Josh Shaffer

*Students in grades 6–12 are welcome.*

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

Where: Hope House – 1<sup>st</sup> floor

First meeting: **September 7**

Contact Pastor Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

### **Women's Group**

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

Where: Hope House – 1<sup>st</sup> floor

First meeting: **September 8**

### **Adult/Parallel Group** – Hosted by Josh Shaffer

*All are welcome to this study that will parallel the Sunday messages.*

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

Where: Hope House – 1<sup>st</sup> floor

First meeting: **September 10**

Contact Pastor Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

### **Men's Group**

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

Where: Hope House – 1<sup>st</sup> floor

First meeting: **September 11**

## 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.

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## MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE: JULY

Weekly need to meet budget: \$3,571.63

Average weekly giving received: \$3,462.23

**\$109.40**/week below need

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## MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY SUMMER READINGS FOR OCTOBER MEETING

Matthew 10

Mark 4,5,6,7 and 8:1–15

Luke 6,7,8 and 9:1–17

John 6

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***Copies of the Life of Paul Bible Reading Plan for the 2025/2026 school year are now available on the Welcome Table.***