HOPE COMMUNITY — CHURCH — August 24, 2025

Engaging in the Mission of God...

Opening Songs: "Good Good Father"

"Mighty to Save"

"The Heart of Worship"

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

Bible Reading: Philippians 3:1-11 (NKJV)

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe. ² Beware of doas, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, 4 though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. ⁷But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Announcements & Offering

Offering Song: "Red Letters"

Message: Giving Up to Gain - John Clifford

Worship musicians: Brett Borman and Jon Blasucci

Nursery caregivers: Patti Carney, Barb Kuzmick and Dominique Meo

Greeters: Gary Oakland and Judy Oakland

Scripture reader: Chrissy Talbot

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

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

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

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.

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.

Audio messages are available on our website.

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 26

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 – 1st floor First meeting: September 7

Contact Pastor Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

Women's Group

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

<u>Where</u>: Hope House – 1st floor <u>First meeting</u>: **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

<u>Where</u>: Hope House – 1st floor <u>First meeting</u>: **September 10**

Contact Pastor Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

Men's Group

 $\underline{\text{When:}} \, \text{Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm}$

Where: Hope House – 1st 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.

MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE: JULY

Weekly need to meet budget: \$3,571.63 Average weekly giving received: \$3,462.23

\$109.40/week below need

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

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