

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

August 31, 2025

Engaging in the Mission of God...

Opening Songs: "Evidence"
"Made for More"

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

Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Announcements & Offering

Offering Song: "Highlands (Song of Ascent)"

Message: *The First Step Towards Greatness*

Closing Song: "Heart of the Father"

Worship leader: Brett Borman

Nursery caregivers: Holly Shaffer, Kelly Celona and Lily Shaffer

Greeter: Karen Peterkin

Scripture reader: Joshua Peterkin

STAFF

Administrative Director: Karen Peterkin

Worship Leader: Brett Borman

Pastor: Josh Shaffer

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 resumes next Sunday!

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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, September 6 – Overdose Awareness Memorial Walk, 11am-3pm at Rose Tree Park, Media

Volunteers are needed to help with setup at 8am or clean up at 2:30pm. Please check your email for details.

Sunday, September 7 & 21- Tech Boot Camps

Our team of volunteers for tech is expanding! If you would like to serve on our tech team running the livestream/PowerPoint and/or the soundboard, you are invited to join us for "Tech Boot Camp" on 9/7 or 9/21 in the balcony after worship. The same training will be offered on both dates.

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: **September 2**

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

Where: Hope House – 1st floor

First meeting: **September 8**

Adult Group – Hosted by Josh Shaffer

All are welcome to this Bible study that will follow the Life of Paul Bible Reading Plan.

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

Where: Hope House – 1st 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 – 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.