

February 25, 2024

# HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Engaging in the Mission of God...*

**Opening Songs:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"  
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

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

**Bible Reading:** Matthew 19:13-14

<sup>13</sup>Then some children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

## **Announcements & Offering**

**Offering Song:** "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"

**Message:** *Do Not Hinder the Children*

## **Dedication Celebration**

Worship Musicians: Brett Borman, Jon Blasucci, Anya DiBiase  
and Jamey Hindorff  
Nursery childcare: Patti Carney and Josh Ursone  
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 is where kids ages 0-4 years old can play, move, and learn about Jesus. Children in pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join Children's Church, beginning at the message time.

## **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 contact us at info@hopeccdelco.com. Thank you!

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## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **"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.

St. Stephen's Church: 128 Chester Pike, Norwood.

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## **CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING UPDATE**

*\$2,200 raised to support the Blessing Bags feeding program.*

800 Capri Sun pouches  
840 Apple Juice boxes  
192 Rice-A-Roni meal cups  
720 Spaghetti Os cups  
360 Tuna pouches  
360 Fruit Cups  
160 Peanut Butter packs

## SMALL GROUPS

**Youth Group** – Hosted by Josh Shaffer

Students in grades 6–12 are welcome.

*Group discussion will be based on the Jesus Series reading plan.*

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

Where: Hope House – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Next meeting: February 25 \*\*There will be no meeting next Sunday

**Jesus Series Adult Group** – Hosted by Tricia Leboon

Men, women, couples and singles over 18 years are all welcome.

*Group discussion will be based on the Jesus Series reading plan.*

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

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

Next meeting: February 25

**Jesus Series Women's Group** – Hosted by Brindy Reiher

*Group discussion will be based on the Jesus Series reading plan.*

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

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

Next meeting: February 26

**Prayer Group** – Hosted by Bob Citta. Open to all.

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: February 27

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

*Group discussion will be based on the Jesus Series reading plan.*

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

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

Next meeting: February 28

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

*\*\*New series– Drive Thru History: the Gospels*

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: March 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.

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### TODAY'S MESSAGE: *Do Not Hinder the Children*

While our children are young, let's use our influence to lead them into a relationship with Jesus. – *Matthew 19:13–14*

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## THE JESUS SERIES READING PLAN

2/26 – Matthew 21:1–27

2/27 – Matthew 21:28–46

2/28 – Luke 18:15–30

2/29 – Luke 18:31–43

3/01 – Luke 19:1–27

3/02 – Luke 19:28–48

Join us after worship at Hope Café, just behind the sanctuary, for some free refreshments.