

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Engaging in the Mission of God...

May 3, 2026

Opening Songs: "Blessed Assurance (My King is Coming)"
"By Your Side"

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

Bible Reading: Philippians 3:15-17

¹⁵All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶Only let us live up to what we have already attained. ¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

Children's Church (4yrs old-5th grade)

Announcements & Offering

Offering Song: "From the Inside Out"

Message: *The Secret to Unity*

Closing Song: "Evidence"

Worship musicians: Brett Borman, Jon Blasucci and Joshua Peterkin
Childcare: Bob Citta, Lois Citta, Rose Marie Blasucci, Kelly Celona and Patti Carney
Greeter: Karen Peterkin
Scripture reader: Brindy Reiher

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 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!

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

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

UPCOMING

TODAY: Children's Ministry Meeting- Current and new Children's Church and Nursery volunteers will be meeting briefly after worship in the Children's Church room.

May 9: Yard Sale, Saturday- A "pay what you wish" yard sale fundraiser to support the PA Kenya Team. 8am – 12pm. *Please plan to stay with your items and return home with any unsold items. Sign up at the Welcome Table if you plan to participate.*

May 10: Mother's Day- Join us in worship for a special message from Lynn Craig.

June 7: Baptism Service- Join us in worship as we celebrate the Baptism of believers. If you would like to be baptized, please email Josh Shaffer: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com.

Hope Community Church's 14th Anniversary Party

Following the Baptism Service, join us, rain or shine, for an epic anniversary party starting at 12:00pm! *Details to follow.*

June 21: Father's Day- Join us in worship for a special message from Nick Meo.

SMALL GROUPS

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

Next meeting: **May 3**

Contact Pastor Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

Women's Group

The group will be using weekly Discussion Questions based off of

Sunday's message. All women are invited to attend!

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

Where: Hope House – 1st floor

Next meeting: **May 4**

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: **May 5**

Contact Bob with questions: bobcitta@gmail.com.

Men's Group

The group will be using weekly Discussion Questions based off of

Sunday's message. All men are invited to attend!

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

Where: Hope House – 1st floor

Next meeting: **May 7**

Adult Group – Hosted by Josh Shaffer

This Bible study follows the Life of Paul Bible Reading Plan.

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

Where: Hope House – 1st floor

Next meeting: **May 13**

Contact Pastor Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.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.

LIFE OF PAUL BIBLE READINGS

5/04: 1 Timothy 2:1–15

5/05: 1 Timothy 3:1–16

5/06: 1 Timothy 4:1–16

5/07: 1 Timothy 5:1–10

5/08: 1 Timothy 5:11–25

5/09: 1 Timothy 6:1–10

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Secret to Unity

At the last supper, Jesus prayed that all future generations of believers would be united. When we consider the vast amount of Christian denominations that currently exist, it seems that Christ's prayer has not yet been answered. What is it that has kept us from remaining united? What can we do to strengthen our unity, as one local church? –*Philippians 3:15–17*

KENYA MISSION TRIP – July 19 – August 1

Please join us in praying for Charlotte Peterkin and Josh Peterkin who will be representing Hope CC as part of the 2026 Kenya Mission Team. In total, there are 10 missionaries from Pennsylvania, who each need to raise \$4,200 to make the trip to Kenya possible.

Join us after worship at Hope Café, across the lawn at Hope House, for some free refreshments.