



DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR WESLEY: By the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them...

– Romans 12:3-6

There's a preserved ship in Philadelphia called the USS *Olympia*. It's an old US Navy Cruiser built in 1895. Despite being 130 years old, *Olympia* is just as complex as a modern ship, maybe even more so. In order to set sail and fight for their country, every member of the crew of *Olympia* had a particular task to do, and he had to do it well: whether he was a coal passer taking fuel out of the ship's bunkers, a cook preparing rations for the crew, a quartermaster keeping track of charts, a machinist making new parts for *Olympia*'s steam engine, or any other sailor working his trade, if any one of them couldn't do his job, the whole ship would be affected.

The church is the same way. St. Paul uses the image of a body with different members (that is, limbs and organs) that accomplish different functions. In fact, this is why we call the believers that make up the church members! Every Christian has valuable gifts that bless the whole church – all of us – and God uses every one of those gifts to do His good will through the church.

Your gift might be teaching young Christians; it might be teaching adults. Your gift might be organizing groups or organizing our shelves. Your gift might be working around the church building; it might be working around our community to help those in need. If you have time, your gift could be holding the door a bit longer. If you can walk a longer distance, your gift could be parking a little further away.

Even if it seems small to you, God sanctifies the service His children do for His church. Because He has claimed you through His Son, Jesus, all these "little" things are the work of God.

Lord, you have made me a member of your church.

Help me to serve Your world through Your church. Amen.

APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTOR WESLEY FOR PASTORAL CARE NEEDS: Pastor Wesley's current office hours are as follows:

Sunday: 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Monday: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Thursday: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Please note that Pastor Wesley's office hours are subject to change depending on his weekly schedule and/or the needs of the congregation. If you would like to book an appointment with Pastor Wesley, please do so by visiting the following link:
<https://calendar.app.google/mkiMjBcq6cZgRvaC9> If you wish to meet with Pastor Wesley outside of the office hours provided, please contact Hope's office directly at 215-946-3467.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The Women's Monthly Bible Study **will resume on Tuesday, September 8th at 1:00 PM.** Every month thereafter, the Women's Bible Study will be the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 1:00 PM. We will meet in the conference room. Questions contact Beth Marks 215-279-2950.

BLESSINGS OF THE BACKPACKS: Please join us on Sunday, August 30th, at 9:30 AM (during worship) for Blessing of the Backpacks and Staff Installation. If you choose to attend this wonderful event, **please make sure your students bring their own backpacks to be blessed**. After worship, students may visit their classrooms and drop off any supplies they have for the 2026-2027 school year. Afterwards, we will have a luncheon in the gym for parents and students. If the weather permits, children may also play on the playground. We hope to see you there!

HYMNAL SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN: *Be Part of a New Chapter in the Life of Our Church* – As we refresh our sanctuary and prepare to welcome a new pastor, we invite you to sponsor a hymnal for our pews. Hymnals may be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one. In the upcoming weeks, more information will be available. Questions please call, text, or see Claire Durkin 215-499-6527.

WORK DAY: Get together with fellow members of our community to do light cleanup work (sweeping, mopping, etc.) for our school and church every **third Saturday of the month**. For more information or to sign up contact **Bill Durnin by email durninbill0@gmail.com or call 267-393-2297.**

SAVE THE DATE – LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH: Please join us for our Family Sunday service! We will be having them the last Sunday of each month, unless otherwise noted. Please consider joining us for the service and dinner in the narthex at 6:00 PM. See the flyer at the end of the bulletin.

STITCHERS OF HOPE: If you love to crochet or would like to learn, please feel free to join us for fellowship on Saturdays from 2-4pm in the Church Narthex. Park in the front parking lot off Haines Road and we are right inside the double red doors. We hope to see some new faces!

IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE? Pastor Wesley Johnson (215-946-3467) and Pastor Phil Twietmeyer (267-738-8103) are available for your pastoral needs. Private confession and absolution are available. Contact Pastor Wesley or Pastor Phil for an appointment.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Join us on Sunday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a Bible study using CPH's book, *One God, many gods: A Study of World Religions* by Adam Francisco, taught by Pastor James Eckert of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Croydon. Join us from the comfort of your home and enjoy the fun fellowship. Pastor Eckert will send emails to everyone containing pages from the book with additional material from other sources. These are free for participants, however, please send your email address to Pastor Eckert at jaestm96@aol.com to receive your materials.

No prior Bible study experience is necessary. Use the following links:

Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82028685443?pwd=UWc0VWdFOE91MWgrTHNEbnJVOXNYQT09>

Another way to join the meeting is to open the Zoom app and click on "Join Meeting" and use the following information: **Meeting ID:** 820 868 5443 **Passcode:** 901730

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Join in and take a look at "A Study of the Apostle's Creed" after the worship service in Room 109 with Pastor Phil. Deepen your understanding and how to apply your faith throughout the week.



THE LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO, PODCAST, AND DEVOTIONALS: The Lutheran Hour Ministries broadcasts sermons on Sundays at 7 am on several local stations, including 107.3FM, 97.1FM, and 91.7FM. See their website for more radio listings, podcasts, and daily devotionals at www.lhm.org.

FROM OUR FINANCIAL OFFICE: Your regular offerings help us to continue our ongoing ministry at Hope. Mail your offerings to Hope Lutheran Church, 2600 Haines Road, Levittown, PA, 19055. Use Bill Pay options with your local bank for one-time or recurring offerings. The bank will pay the postage. Online giving options are available via PayPal by visiting our website at <https://hopelcs.org/giving/online-giving>, or by using the QR code.



THIS WEEK AT HOPE:

The full church calendar may be found on the web at www.HopeLCS.org.

Sunday	9:30 am	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Sunday Worship: Livestream	www.hopelcs.org/news
	10:45 am	Adult Bible Study	Room 109
	11:00 am	Sunday School	
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Dufendach Center
	7:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study	

	<u>This Sunday</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Reader	Tom Schmidt	Tom Marks
Communion Assistants	Chris Moss and Tom Schmidt	Doug Puls and Harry Butler
Acolyte	Caitlyn Cook	Addy Schoettle

Upcoming Events:

August:

- Saturday, August 29 – Prayer Walk Around the School 11:00 AM
- Sunday, August 30 – Blessing of the Backpacks during worship 9:30 AM with Luncheon to follow and Family Sunday 6:00 PM

September:

- Tuesday, September 8 – Women's Bible Study 1:00 – 2:30 PM
- Saturday, September 12 – Back to School Picnic & Bonfire 6:30 PM
- Sunday, September 13 – Sunday School Kickoff 11:00 AM
- Sunday, September 20 – Women's Prayer Partner Lunch 11:00 AM
- Sunday, September 27 – Family Sunday 6:00 PM

October:

- Wednesday, October 14 – Women's Bible Study 1:00 – 2:30 PM
- Friday, October 16 – Bake Off 6:30 PM
- Saturday, October 24 – Fall Vendor Fair 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Sunday, October 25 – Family Sunday 6:00 PM

Operation Christmas Child Collection Bin

**We will also have our annual collection of gift-filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child the week of November 16 – 22. Empty shoeboxes will be available in the Narthex starting October 5.*

In the narthex, you'll find a bin where we're collecting donations for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, which will be packed this fall by Sunday School. Each month, we'll highlight a different category of items from the full donation list, but you're welcome to contribute any approved items at any time.

Below, you'll find both the items we are focusing on for August and September, and a list of items we are unable to accept.

August: Monthly Focus – School Supplies

- Pens
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Pencil Bags
- Crayons
- Markers



September: Monthly Focus – Miscellaneous

- Puzzles
- Play-Doh
- Activity Books & Coloring Books
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Sunglasses
- Socks

DO NOT INCLUDE:

- soap; candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Scan the QR code to view the full list of accepted items on the Operation Christmas Child Website. The full list is also posted in the narthex.

Family Sunday

*How God Connect with
Our Everyday Lives*



**Last Sunday
of Every
Month at**

6:00 P.M.

(Exception for holiday
weekends when it will
be the Sunday before
the holiday weekend)



**August - The
Struggle is Real**

**September - When
It Rains It Pours**

**October -
Consider What Joy**



What to Expect?

**Dinner, Activities,
Scripture, Songs,
Time Spent with
Family**



Questions?

Email Faith Armer at
farmer@hopelc.org or
call the office
215.946.3467

***You're
invited!***

