

Hope Anchor for May 2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9AM | TRADITIONAL SERVICE
10AM, | SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP
11AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

 HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME
BUT I CHOSE YOU.
AND I APPOINTED YOU TO GO,
AND BEAR FRUIT -
FRUIT THAT WILL LAST -
SO THAT THE FATHER WILL GIVE YOU
WHATEVER YOU ASK HIM IN MY NAME.”
JOHN 15:16

211 Elton Adelpia Road
Freehold NJ 07728



Anchored in
Christ

Growing in Faith, Love and Service



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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

4-13-26

ACTION	COUNCIL MEMBER/ ATTENDEE
MTG OPENED	7:08 by Bill Unger
IN PERSON	Pastor Ed Kropa, Bill Unger, Laura Kropa, Josh Renik-Staudinger, Mike Della Rosa, Pat Fensham, Judy Canfield, Chelsea VanSaders(***New member!)
ZOOM	Matt Malanuk, Sue Hu
ABSENT	Steve Weiss (no longer on council), Jessica Somodi, Brian McMillan, Dave Peters
PRAYER/DEVOTION	Pastor Ed (Excerpts from Pope Leo's prayer for Peace)
ACCEPT PREVIOUS MINUTES	Pat made the motion, Sarah second, all in favor Bill: New council members will be ratified at June Congregational meeting

REPORTS

TREASURY REPORT: Mike D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report distributed to Council members before meeting. Financial data report yet. Accountant will complete after busy April 15th • Currently finishing internal audit following the ELCA structural checklist. Thank you John Drager and team • ELCA audit review: in house is one way to complete but it is recommended that any congregation with more than \$400,000 in funds should have an outside firm to audit/review. This is not binding, just a recommendation • Finance committee should set up a schedule to formalize this external audit every 2-3 years. A line item should be set up to pay for this. Accountant will let us know what the cost is.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to update the counters so Mike and Sue are not together (spouses should not be counting together) • Michael Drager made a donation to be used at our discretion. (deposited). Thank you John and Joan's son.
<p>HCS REPORT: Judy Canfield</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200+ signed up for Summer Camp. Bright Wheel has made the registration and collection of fees very easy • NJ sent an update of disqualifiers for hiring for all youth camps; included murder, rape and child abuse • Audit with John Drager was completed this week • Budget meeting is set for Wednesday night at 6 pm • Judy will be attending a webinar on Legal Preparedness for Childcare Programs. Should be very informational • Sign company was contacted for new school sign • Floors were replaced for the 2 small rooms (\$4066) • Estimate given for Fellowship hall floor replacement (\$11,000: needs congregational approval if over \$10,000) • Positive feedback: community is hoping that Hope will provide multilevel, multigrade classes <p>[Examples of rave reviews for HCS should be put in the congregational packet for June (Bill)]</p> <p>HCS Newsletter highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual HCS Law Enforcement Assembly May 22nd • Egg Hatching Project: Eggs should hatch April 28th • Mother's Day Tea Party Schedule posted for May 7th and 8th • Volunteers needed to help with class gardens • Volunteer Appreciation Week April 20-24
<p>PASTOR REPORT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report distributed to council members • Worship attendance comparison shows best Easter numbers since 2020 • Attendance across the board is still not at pre-pandemic numbers • HOPE is an outlier in that we are doing well compared to other congregations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 95 baptisms since 2017 ○ 3 baptisms in May and confirmation May 31 ○ 225 at the late service for First Communion ○ Biggest attendance at services focusing on children (Blessing of backpacks, First Communion) • Hosted NJ Synod Middle District Meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 27 clergy in attendance ○ New invitation to Congregation Camp which will include ALL members and not just confirmation students. July 5-11
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill presented Cheryl's report • Email received from EHAP <p>Hi Cheryl:</p> <p>Thank you for all of the support including the \$40 for bus tickets and the great toiletry bags! The county recently reached out and would like to help us reestablish the overnight program possibly for women. Would Hope Lutheran consider this if we could get some security in place? I am waiting for more details, but wanted to make sure that everyone was on board.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Joan Mandel, LSW Director, Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program, Inc. Phone: 732-431-2600 ext.201 Cell: 848-459-6215 Fax: 732-431-2626 41 Throckmorton St., Freehold, NJ 07728</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl has concerns due to the problem we have getting volunteers • When the men's program ended we donated all our sleeping equipment so would have to get more • Do we want to do this again? • (Pat) EHAP and Open Door used to work together until EHAP received a huge donation and separated from them. Pat will talk to Open Door people to ask if they know anything about this and will find out from Joan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the expected numbers?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will there be children? ○ What kind of security is needed? ○ What is the timeline?
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OLD BUSINESS

2026 AUDIT UPDATE	Team completed initial draft
EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK UPDATE	On the back burner for now
BLUE ROCK UPDATE	Checks issued for Concept Meeting Application with Freehold Township

FINANCIAL SECRETARY JOB DESCRIPTION

Sue

Responsibilities

- Keep track and maintain permanent and confidential weekly church offerings, and electronic donations
- Issue annual tax statements
- Issue Hope Grows Here quarterly statements
- Prepare reports for Council, when necessary.
- Weekly time commitment approximate 1-2 hours – work can be performed from home
- Volunteer Position - Term is open ended

Key Skills:

- Accuracy: High attention to detail in financial documentation.
- Confidentiality: Maintaining privacy of sensitive financial data.
- Software Proficiency: Experience with accounting software and spreadsheets such as Microft Excel
- Organization: Managing multiple financial tasks and deadlines.

Websites

DonorPerfect

<https://logon.donorperfect.net/>

Pay Pal

<https://www.paypal.com>

Tools Needed from Cheryl:

Updated Church Directory

ARCHITECTURAL BUSINESS

New Point Person	Pastor Ed will be stepping back from being point person dealing with Blue Rock and the construction to focus on pastoral duties. Sarah will be the contact with Mike and Brian assisting.
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NEW BUSINESS

ATTENDEE BRINGING UP NEW BUSINESS	TOPIC/ITEM
Mike: Maturing CD	<p>Dear Investor: Thank you for your 1-Year Fixed Term Investment with the Mission Investment Fund (MIF). Please be advised that your investment will mature on 04-30-2026 in accordance with the terms and conditions of your agreement. At your investment's maturity date, you may choose one of the following actions: You may choose to take no action, and your investment automatically will be renewed with a 1-Year Fixed Term Investment.* You may change the term of your investment or change to an MIF Demand Investment account. If you choose to change the term of your new investment, please complete and return the enclosed form, and retain a copy for your records. If you are interested in changing to a Demand Investment, please contact us. You may also transfer the balance to an existing MIF Demand Investment account. If you choose to transfer your investment, MIF must receive from you written instructions stating such before 04-30-2026. We hope that you will reinvest your funds with MIF. Your investments help fund loans to ELCA congregations and related ministries, expanding their capacity for ministry. As a customer of MIF, you're growing your church while you grow your financial portfolio.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike asked that any decisions involving money be made using a motion and vote. Agreed • Sarah made a motion to roll CD into a 1 year 3.85 APY. Pat seconded. Motion passes • 2 checks issued to Freehold Township for Concept Meeting applications from Blue Rock had to be reissued. Prior approval by

	<p>congregation was given for these payments so checks were just re-written.</p>
<p>SYNOD ASSEMBLY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SYNOD ASSEMBLY</u> • SARAH KOZAK can attend
<p>DRIVEWAY REPAIR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front apron is a mess and large portion needs to be fixed • All Pro gave estimate: \$1700 for apron and \$9900 for other open areas • Will be paid from FWH account • Motion to accept made by Bill; seconded by Laura; all in favor
<p>AIR CONDITIONER</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congregation approved new Carrier AC (\$17,250) from Itak and Cooling • Deposit sent • Will be installed in August unless the current unit breaks and needs to be replaced before then
<p>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting will be 6/14/26 • New Council Configuration so far <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jess, Brian, Sarah, Josh, Pat, Mike, Brian, Matt, Sue ○ Laura and Chelsea to be ratified ○ Bill will be retiring (So thankful for his service and leadership)
<p>HOPE GROWS HERE INITIATIVE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Sarah)Quarterly meeting with consultant , Carla, will be Tuesday at 4pm • Includes Sarah, Cheryl and Sue • Other meetings 8/11 and 11/10 • OPEN POSITIONS at bottom of bulletin should be removed. Instead add a short description of what the job entails and time commitment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also need to try and recruit younger people to be administrators on accounts like financial secretary, worship and maintenance
<p>SECURITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Pastor Ed) Leslie Riffenberg reported that toilet in women’s bathroom was not working. Upon investigation 2 small Tequila bottles and a box for THC vape was found inside tank. (Thursday night NA group used the church). And Kratom was found in staff bathroom. Pastor will follow up with group leaders • (Matt) We should look into cameras in hallway and parking lot • (Mike) Accountant suggested camera in counting room

Sending Prayer: Pastor Ed

Meeting Dismissed: 8:41

Next meeting: May 11, 2026



Meet the first Saturday of each month in Hope's Kitchen at 930am (May 2nd)



Meet the second Saturday of each month in Hope's Kitchen at 9am (May 9th)



Our Next **BOOK CLUB** meeting will be: **Sunday, May 17th at 10am** in the *Kitchen* and we will be discussing....





JOIN US!!!!

Sunday, May 10 to celebrate Mothers' Day!

We will have crafts, flowers and muffins for everyone to enjoy!



Begins Sunday, May 24

with one worship service at 930am



Come Celebrate with us!

These students have worked hard for 2 years!

Sunday, May 31 @ 930AM

FAMILY

Bingo

*Join us for HLC's Sunday School
end of the year bingo!
All families are invited to attend.
No registration required!*

MAY
17

ON THE
PLAYGROUND

10.00
AM

*In case of bad weather, we will meet
in the Narthex.
This will be the last Sunday School
class until September.
Join us at 9:30 for worship over the
summer!*





Thursday, May 21 starting at 6pm

Join us for food, fun and fellowship!!!

Volunteers are needed!

Please RSVP for proper food planning
and let us know if you can lend a hand!

Growing Together in Faith

As May begins, there is a lot of energy and activity in our Hope family. The spirit of our Hope Grows Here initiative is alive through service, connection, and the many ways we support each other. This month brings many chances to stay involved, grow in faith, and join in what God is doing in our community.

Youth Mother's Day Gift Making – Sunday, May 10

Our youth will be making something special for Mother's Day during Youth Group on Sunday!

Sandwiches St. Peter's Community Lunch – Tuesday, May 12 @ 6PM

Come be part of this wonderful outreach and ministry. It's an easy and meaningful way to serve our neighbors, and everyone is welcome to join, no matter your age.

SIGN UP HERE - [Hope Lutheran Church: May 2026](#)

[Sandwich Making for St. Peter's](#)

BBQ at Josh's House – Saturday, May 16 at 4PM

We're also looking forward to a rescheduled gathering at Josh's house on Friday, May 16, at 4:00 PM. This event is open to all families and friends of Hope, so come enjoy a relaxed afternoon together, and let Josh know if you plan on attending!

Last Day of Sunday School & Youth Group

Sunday, May 17 will be our last day for Sunday School and Youth Group. We are grateful for a great year of learning, growth, and community. We will over the summer, so please watch for more updates!

Hope Memorial BBQ – Thursday, May 21 at 6PM

Last year's BBQ was canceled due to rain, so we're excited to bring it back! This event brings together Hope Lutheran Church and Hope Christian School, giving us a chance to connect as a community. We need volunteers to help make it a success, so let us know if you're willing to lend a hand! Please RSVP to the church office, Josh, Judy, or sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we can plan ahead.

Summer Worship Schedule Begins / Confirmation Sunday

Beginning Sunday, May 24, we will switch to our summer schedule with one service at 9:30 AM each week. On Sunday, May 31, we will come together for a single service to celebrate our confirmands. This is a special milestone in their faith journey and a meaningful time for our whole congregation.

Looking ahead to summer, we have some wonderful chances to connect, celebrate, and spend time together as a church family. Join us on June 21 for Donuts with Dad, a fun and simple way to celebrate. Save the dates for Vacation Bible School, August 10 to 14, which is always a summer highlight full of faith, fun, music, and learning for our kids and families. We also need volunteers for VBS. If you'd like to help make it a special week, let us know. More details and volunteer sign-ups will be available soon!



**LAST CALL FOR
DONATIONS!!!!
Books, DVDs, etc – MAY IS
THE CUTOFF TO
ACCEPT DONATIONS!**

Introducing Our New “Pew Envelope for Gifts and Offerings”

As you may already be aware, Hope Lutheran Church is no longer using the numbered offering envelopes that were available for use by each church member/family.

The numbered envelopes automatically enabled our financial secretary to record the offering to the specific donor.

The pew envelope does not include a number, therefore we are asking everyone using these readily available envelopes to please enter the information requested on the envelope prior to presenting it to the collection plate. A pen is available for use in the small pocket on the back of the new chairs in the sanctuary.

By including this information on the envelope our counting teams and financial secretary will be sure to properly record each gift.

We are grateful for the generosity and support provided by everyone to the many missions of Hope Lutheran Church.

Hope Lutheran Church of Freehold

PEW ENVELOPE
FOR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Visitor Regular Offering Special Offering

Amount \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

The Hubbard Press

For the Congregation,
Michael Della Rosa



You can also give online with our QR code via PayPal!!! The QR code will also be on the back of the new chairs in the Sanctuary so you can give during service as well from now on!!

Facilities Expansion Update: Status Report

Follow-up to the November Congregation Meeting

As an update: since the Congregational meeting in November (meeting minutes below) Council has been engaged with the Blue Rock corporation to develop a plan for facilities expansion. Planning to date has been centered on developing a preliminary plan that will allow Hope to further its community outreach and educational ministry.

Specifics from the **Phase 1 “Due Diligence”** period:

- **Conducted several meetings with the Blue Rock Corporation** This allows for an exchange of information / ideas on where we think we want to be from a need and design point of view. Included in our preliminary design concept are the following items:
 - **Design and build a Hope Church extension.** This will be a “butler building” design concept. Total size approx. size 7,200 Sq Ft. **The following are our preliminary plans for what would be contained within the “butler building”:**
 - **Build a “multi-purpose room.”** This would be used by our Youth Group, Sunday School, and our school during the school week. We feel it would also be used to generate income by renting this facility when not in use by the school or church. This will allow us to conduct extensive activities along with sports activities within the space. Approx size 4,700 Sq Ft.
 - **Two Classrooms.** Approx size for each under review.
 - **A new bathroom(s) containing full bathroom facilities** that would be handicapped capable. Approx size under review.
 - **A “warm-up kitchen”** used for food preparation when the multi-purpose room is used by “external renters.” This will allow us to “lock-out” the rest of the Church building to external renters. Design and approx. size for under review.
 - **Storage room** for items related to the multi-purpose room. Approx. size for under review.

- **A new “mechanical room”** would be constructed for the new building addition. Approx. size for under review.
- Contacted John Rentschler (of Sonnenblick, Mehr & Licata) who is a **Land Use attorney** located in Freehold Borough. It was recommended that we engage a land use lawyer to assist with the various Township and County legal requirements and approvals. This is the same group that was / is being used to represent our needs with the education trailer. They have a strong understanding of the Township and County rules and with Blue Rock will guide us through this process.
- **Costs to date.** As noted and approved in the November meeting notes our expected Phase 1-Due Diligence costs were determined to be \$11,750 (for civil engineering, architectural review, determine maximum square footage, assess township permits). As of this writing the billing to date from Blue Rock has been \$3,500.
- **Hope’s Congregation Council has unanimously approved this direction. Once we have a more detailed plan, specific internal extension designs and cost estimates we will share with the Congregation.**

Congregational Meeting November 16, 2025

(Extracted meeting minutes):

***Building Expansion Update and Discussion**

Sarah led the discussion about the status of possible building expansion. Hope Feedback Survey Results showed 62 responses with ranked selections for top priority and second priority. Results showed large multi-purpose room as top priority for 27 participants and second priority for 20 participants. Second priority tied with participants who wanted adding multiple classrooms with a remodel of the old fellowship hall.

Building expansion still in exploratory phase. Now considering alternative building type that would be more cost-effective. Previous architect quoted \$300-400 per square foot which was deemed too expensive. Council

halted further planning with the firm to avoid unnecessary expenses. Presently working with Blue Rock Construction which specializes in prefabricated (Butler Building) construction which is more cost effective. Company provides a design-build approach (one company handles design and construction). Vetted by Council members Matt (13 years experience with Turner Construction), and Brian (Project Manager construction company-hospital specialist).

Pre-Construction Services Proposal:

Phase 1-Due Diligence: \$11,750 (civil engineering, architectural review, determine maximum square footage, assess township permits.

Total Pre-Construction Services: Up to \$139,000 -not to exceed.

- *Church can stop at any point and only pay for work completed.

- *All deliverables belong to the church even if project stops.

- *Drawings can be sent to other contractors for competitive bidding.

Concerns Discussed:

- *Trailer for Kindergarten has limited time remaining due to township regulations.

- *New Jersey legislation requiring free public pre-K by 2029-30 may impact HCS enrollment.

- *HCS maintains advantages: Christian education, flexible hours, multiple schedule options.

- *Dave questioned who provides formal approval after the Due Diligence phase? He is concerned a subset of the congregation rather than then the whole congregation would make that decision. Pastor stated a special congregational meeting could be called to vote on proceeding beyond the \$11,750.

- *Concern about information timing. Cindy noted materials provided only 30 minutes before vote. Sarah apologized citing Pastor's hospitalization and death in family for delay.



Freehold Area

OPEN DOOR

Food Pantry
Housing Assistance
Educational Programs

GRAND REOPENING

**Celebrate our move to
a larger new facility!**

**SATURDAY, MAY 30
1 - 4 PM**

**Food, entertainment, and the
opportunity to celebrate with
your friends and neighbors!**

**80 THROCKMORTON ST.
FREEHOLD**



www.faopendoor.org



*Our Congregation Meeting is
scheduled for Sunday, June 14 after
Worship – 1030AM*

***Women of Hope Lutheran
Church***

***Annual Memorial
Scholarship Fund***

**Your donations help fund
scholarships for our
graduating high school seniors.**

**Please consider donating at any time
to honor a friend or family member
or to celebrate a special event or
memory.**

**Make checks payable to Hope
Lutheran Church with a note included
on the check.**



Here is an idea of SOME of the things we have planned for our upcoming church year of September 2025 – June 2026

May

May 10 – Muffins with Mom

May 17 – BINGO! Last day of SS and Youth!

May 24 – Summer Schedule – One Service @ 930am

June – August

June 21 – Donuts with Dad

VBS WEEK

August 10 – August 14

Congregation Meetings

One in *November* and one in *June* each year – dates to be determined

NUMBERS HAVE NAMES,
NAMES HAVE STORIES,
EVERY STORY MATTERS AT **HOPE**



AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERINGS



2025

2024



46.5% INCREASE

HLC EDUCATION MINISTRY



43

SUNDAY SCHOOL &
YOUTH ENROLLMENT



12

BAPTISMS
2025



6

CONFIRMATIONS
2025



67

2025 VBS
ENROLLMENT

OUTREACH AND SOCIAL MINISTRIES



\$66,000

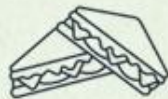
TOTAL DONATED TO OUTREACH MINISTRIES

ELCA MISSION SUPPORT, OPEN DOOR, EHAP, LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES, LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF, LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE, CROP HUNGER WALK, FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP HS



10

OUTSIDE GROUPS
AT HOPE



3,500+

SANDWICHES MADE
FOR COMMUNITY LUNCH



350+

PLATES SERVED AT
OUTREACH MEALS

HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



194

2024-2025
ENROLLMENT



44

MOMMY & ME



225

SUMMER CAMP &
LITERACY



21

STAFF MEMBERS



50

BEFORE &
AFTERCARE

PLANNED AND ESTATE GIVING

As we enter into the “tax return season” it is a perfect time to give some thought to estate planning. Planned and estate gifts are perfect ways for giving your church monetary support for “tomorrow.” These monetary gifts also provide the giver with the opportunity to pinpoint the areas of church life that interest them. Charitable contributions can significantly reduce the taxable value of your estate, potentially lowering estate taxes and maximizing the inheritance for your heirs. Donations made through your estate plan can qualify for tax deductions, providing a financial benefit to your estate and ensuring more of your assets are passed on to your loved ones and the causes you care about. There are many avenues to include Hope in your estate planning:

- Remember Hope in your will!
- A bequest to Hope is an enduring statement of faith!
- Support the people and causes you love through your will!
- Endow your church contribution through your will!
- Give a tithe of your estate for Gods church!
- A gift freely given for the benefit of all!
- A bequest to your church. An everlasting gift!
- Make your church the beneficiary of an IRA or Retirement plan!
- Use life insurance for charitable giving!

Planned giving provides resources that allow the church to make differences in the lives of their members and others whom they minister to in the future.

Bill Unger, for the Hope Council

HOPE FAMILY PRAYER LIST

Steve Keller's mother and step father; Rebekah Heilman's sister, Rachel; Roy Bruns; Cat Burger's friend, Joe Morcos; Jeanette Kropa; Adriana Maria, teammate of Autumn Hedin; The Costantino Family, family friends of the Somodi Family; Rita Corn's father in law, Jules Corn; John and Sharon Black; Josh Staudinger family friends, Marion Pierce and The Vega Family; Kropa Family cousin, Sharon Laskosky; Cat Burger's friend, Charlotte; Jeannay Murphy's family members, Rosemarie A, Rosemarie L and Lila Hughes; Kira Noseworthy; Tracey Radosti's sister; Charles Sona; Unger Family Friends, Helene and Judy; Rob Iadanza; Bob Robinson; Ashley Rosenberg; Gerry Bergh; Ryan McAuly, Kless Family nephew; Courtney Volk; Deloris Laub; Dolores O'Brien; Marilyn Wolter, Cindy Lynch's mother; Margaret Holen; Jim Mulligan; Dani Hulsart family friend of the Donmoyer Family ; Pam Renouff;

Those serving as first responders and in the armed services.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President	Bill Unger
Vice President	Sarah Kozak
Secretary	Laura Kropa
Education	Jessica Somodi
Financial Secretary	Sue Hu
Open Door Alternate	Pat Fensham
Architecture Team	Brian McMillin
Architecture Team	Matthew Malanuk
	Dave Peters
	<u>NON COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>
	<u>HOLDING POSITION/S</u>
Treasurer	Mike Della Rosa
Open Door	Rebekah Heilman
Worship	Jackie Peters

Volunteers NEEDED

**VACANT POSITIONS –
Fellowship, Support, Outreach, Social Ministries,
Maintenance, New Member Coordinator**
These positions have been **VACANT** and not filled by a
volunteer in over 4 YEARS!

	<i>Assisting</i>	<i>Altar</i>	<i>Counting</i>
<i>May 3</i>	Tom	Christine	Matt & Chris
<i>May 10</i>	Rebekah	Pat	Sue
<i>May 17</i>	Sheth	Rebekah	Bill & Debbie
<i>May 24</i>	Ken	Diane	Mike
<i>May 31</i>	Tom	Debbie	Mike & Bonnie
<i>June 7</i>	Rebekah		Sarah & Michelle
<i>June 14</i>	Sheth		Bill & Barbara
<i>June 21</i>	Debbie		Matt & Chris
<i>June 28</i>	Ken		Sue &
<i>July 5</i>	Rita		
<i>July 12</i>	John		
<i>July 19</i>	Bill		
<i>July 26</i>	Tom		
<i>August 2</i>	Rebekah		
<i>August 9</i>	Sheth		
<i>August 16</i>	Debbie		
<i>August 23</i>	Ken		
<i>August 30</i>	Rita		

Traditional Acolytes –

Cara S and Melody B

Contemporary Acolytes –

Hedin Girls, Joey M and Ryan S

<u>USHERS</u>	<i>9am</i>	<i>11am</i>
<i>May 3</i>	Rebekah & Chris	Chuck & John
<i>May 10</i>	Mark & Ken	Diane & Matt S
<i>May 17</i>	Bill & Andrew	Wayne & Dominick
<i>May 24</i>		
<i>May 31</i>		

**One service @ 930am begins
Sunday, May 24**

<u>GREETERS</u>	<i>9am</i>	<i>11am</i>
<i>May 3</i>	Sue D	Kathy
<i>May 10</i>	Suzy C	Sue D
<i>May 17</i>	Pat	Diane
<i>May 24</i>		Sarah
<i>May 31</i>		

**One service @ 930am begins
Sunday, May 24**

May



2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					7p – 12 Step	930am – WOH 12p - Counseling
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9a – Traditional 10a – SS/Youth 11a – Contemporary	530p – WW Group	7p – Zoom Yoga 730p - Choir	7p – 12 Step	5p – Counseling 7p – 12 Step 7p – Praise Band	7p – 12 Step	9am - GOM 12p - Counseling
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
930a - Worship May 31 – 930am Confirmation	530p – WW Group	7p – Zoom Yoga	7p – 12 Step	5p – Counseling 7p – 12 Step	7p – 12 Step	12p – Counseling

MAY 2026 YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
<p>Service hour opportunities for youth and confirmands! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out our team! Faith Formation Director: Josh Staudinger (josh@hopefreehold.org) Youth Group Leader: Inhyoung Chae (lstaudinger@gmail.com)</p>						
3 Youth Group 10am	4	5 CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30PM	6	7 BAND PRACTICE 7PM	8	9
10 Youth Group 10am	11	12 Sandwich Making for St. Peters 6PM CHOIR PRACTICE 7:30PM	13	14 BAND PRACTICE 7PM	15	16 BBQ at Josh's 4PM
17 Last Day Youth Group 10am	18	19	20	21 HLC/HCS BBQ 6PM	22	23
24 No Youth Summer Schedule 9:30AM Service	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Confirmation Sunday 9:30AM Service						

