

Members & Regular Attendees, join us for our annual Congregational Meeting at a new time this year, 4:00pm on Sunday, February 1st. Please sign up online through the link in your church app, email or website events page and indicate if you need childcare (infant-5th grade). We will review our year & look ahead to discuss the coming years. A vote to affirm / re-affirm the elder & deacon candidates listed below will be taken.

Obel Hernandez – Elder Affirmation



I am both honored and thankful for the opportunity to once again serve as Elder at Hope Community Church. I have been married to my lovely wife, Maritza for 43 years, and our family has been attending HCC for 15 years. I gave my heart to Jesus over 35 years ago and soon after became the assistant to the Pastor of a children's mission ministry that grew into a church for everyone, as the parents of the children began attending. Throughout my time here at HCC, I have served in a number of different ministries including 6 years as Elder.

I would be pleased to once again humbly take on this responsibility with commitment and dedication to all of the HCC family and all of the affairs of our church.

Danielle Moser – Deacon Re-Affirmation



My husband Bill and I have been attending Hope for the past 16 years. We have been married for 24 years and have 2 boys, Jake (21), who is a senior at Penn State University and Noah (15) who is in 9th grade at Pottstown High School. I grew up in church as a pastor's kid. I knew about who God was, but it was not until my pregnancy with Noah and the circumstances surrounding that as well as a journey through anxiety and depression that I began a true personal relationship with God.

It is through this journey as well as my current position as a paraprofessional at Barth Elementary School in the Pottstown School District that God has put a desire on my heart to continue to serve others within the church and community in a deeper capacity. While at Hope, I have had the privilege of serving in the Women's Ministry, Worship Team, Children's Ministry as well as the Cafe. I currently serve as the Meals Ministry Coordinator and Bazaar Coordinator here at Hope.

I look forward to having the opportunity to continue serving as a deacon on the Benevolence Team and using the gifts that God has given me to help others. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Robert Rocco, Deacon Affirmation



Bonita and I moved to Gilbertsville in 2017, and as agreed upon over 41 years ago, immediately set out to find our new home church. We had 2 options but only one choice, led by the Holy Spirit and by a loving, Bible believing congregation that made us feel welcome: Hope Community Church! We have been members since 2018.

I'm a Philly guy, graduated from Penn State University in 1981 and immediately went into the Marine Corps, serving for almost 7 years. I've been in the auto industry for the past 33 years, the last 15 with Stellantis (Chrysler) as a regional manager, traveling 48 weeks a year through 11+ states.

The Lord has allowed Bonita and I to steward a remarkable family, who are believers and sons that married into believing families. Zachariah, our oldest, and his wife Jordyn are marines

serving in North Carolina, with 3 precious daughters; and our youngest, Demetrios is serving in the army with his wife Cherizza in New Mexico.

I've developed wonderful relationships with young and old at HCC through several groups. Currently I'm fellowshipping with Jerry William's group and Partick McLaughlin's group on Saturdays. My favorite group is our quarterly Men's Breakfasts. The bacon and pancakes are too good to pass up and so is the fellowship!

The Word of God is paramount in my life (Isaiah 55:11) and I live knowing God's Grace, Mercy, Forgiveness and Love is why I'm still standing and thriving! 2 Corinthians 12:9/Romans 8:28. And I can attest that He has done exceedingly abundantly in my life (Ephesians 3:20) and it's important/expected to give back to my home ministry, community and the world in service and spreading the Good News to others. Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Saba, Deacon Re-Affirmation



Our family moved from Philadelphia to Gilbertsville in December of 2016. During a search for a church, the Lord led us to Hope Community Church in 2018. After some time attending Hope, my wife Lezlie and I were both baptized at Hope and became members. We have three children, Adrianna (21) and Charley Grace (8) who were also baptized here at Hope, and Brian Jr. (5). Lezlie serves in the children's ministry and has provided some meals through the meal ministry. I currently serve in the connections ministry and also volunteer with Project Purpose, tutoring on Wednesday nights. Lezlie is employed by the Pottstown Police Department, and I continue to work with the Philadelphia Police Department,

Something I think about often is how Jesus Christ left Heaven's glory, to come into this world and die for us, and He knew it. Many people have bucket lists, but Christ's included washing his disciples' feet. What an amazing thing and example. Mark 9:35 says, "And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

It has been such an enlightening opportunity, and my pleasure to serve as a deacon here at Hope for the past three years. I ask for your prayerful thought and consideration in allowing me to continue to serve you all, and this community, as a deacon.

Mike Skaer, Elder Re-Affirmation



I married into the Hope family after meeting my lovely wife, Renee. I am so thankful to be a part of such a gospel-driven church for the past decade. Renee and I had Kenton in 2018 and moved to Pottstown to be closer to family. Our little man is in 2nd grade now and loves his friends at church!

Over the years I have been a youth leader, helped with VBS, taught Sunday Sessions, and participated in life groups. Renee is on staff, dedicating the bulk of her time to student ministries. I am in my 19th year at Delaware County Christian School where I enjoy teaching Christian Doctrine to sophomores and ESL to our 8th-10th graders.

I have a heart for building up the church. In particular, I enjoy helping to remove obstacles to the Christian faith for believers and seeking to apply the truths of Scripture to perplexing modern-day issues.

Current Elders *Ryan Kiefer, Kyle Fulks, Dave Shalaway, Mike Beardsley (chair), Rod Horne, Mark Jorgensen, Matt Maust, Scott Natter, Mike Skaer*

Current Deacons *Phil DeYoung (chair), Kristian DeJesus, Sharon Gery, Danielle Moser, Brian Saba, Caroline Vining*