

# BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION

2024



GRACE CHURCH BETHLEHEM



*No one can lay any foundation, other than the one we already have – Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 3:11



# A YEAR OF BUILDING

Sometimes it still feels like a dream. This past April, after years of praying, and years of trusting God to guide us, we moved into our new church home. We watched the foundation be poured, and then the steel beams, and walls and windows and roof were added onto the foundation.

Without the foundation, there would be no building on Hecktown Road. The amazing new church home is a building that was always intended to do another kind of building.

Without the foundation of Jesus Christ, there would be no spiritual building on Hecktown Road. There would be no one to worship. There would be no growing disciples. There would be no loving the Lehigh Valley and the World in Jesus' name.

Without Jesus Christ, the Foundation,  
there would be no building.

Last year, we have seen God do amazing things in our midst. It took the efforts of hundreds of people to get us

ready to move into our new campus and to be ready to expand our mission and ministry. It has been better than we could even have imagined. Every Sunday, I marvel, as we worship, build community and grow as disciples. We are growing deeper in our faith, all ages from the youngest to the wisest. We have been able to launch new groups and opportunities to grow. Our engagement in groups in our next generation and with adults has multiplied. And we are growing wider. And every Sunday, we welcome guests.

2024 will be another year of growing deeper and wider as we live out our mission of "Inviting all to know the GRACE of Jesus."

You have been so faithful in your support of this life-giving mission. You will find your 2023 giving statement reflecting your giving to both the annual and the capital SHINE campaign enclosed.



## THANK YOU!



Now it's time to invest again... BUILDING on the FOUNDATION. It has been amazing to watch God work through you in the SHINE Campaign for the new campus. And now, it's time for us together to recommit to the ongoing ministry of GRACE.

Our ministry budget must keep pace to take on all that God has placed before us. To make that happen, our annual giving must continue to grow. With that in mind, I want to ask you to please consider increasing your annual giving. Your generous giving will allow us to live into our mission and expanded ministries. And most important, your giving will be a response to God's incredible faithfulness to you and to our church.

You can make your commitment now at [gracecb.org/2024giving](https://gracecb.org/2024giving), bring your card to worship on January 28<sup>th</sup>, or return the enclosed commitment card by mail.

Someone said that a picture is worth a thousand words. On the next pages, you will see a snapshot of GRACE "Building on the Foundation." My prayer is that it will inspire you to live and give generously as you are Building on the Foundation in your life and with your financial resources.

Lets do this!

*Marnie*

Dr. Marnie Crumpler  
Senior Pastor

GIVE AND KEEP BUILDING 





The image shows the exterior of a modern church building. The structure features a prominent steeple with a dark roof and white siding. The lower portion of the building is constructed with stone, while the upper portion has grey horizontal siding. Large, multi-paned windows are visible, some with blue-tinted glass. The church is set against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, there is a concrete curb and a paved road.

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## IN OUR NEW CHURCH HOME





# IN WORSHIP

We had our first worship service in the Sanctuary on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We had the joy of baptizing 17 children and 5 adults in 2023. We want all people to come to know and worship Jesus Christ, our Foundation.



CLASSIC WORSHIP



BAPTISMS



MODERN WORSHIP



CHRISTMAS EVE

## FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Our Next Generation programs have doubled since moving into our new church home. We want the next generation to know Jesus Christ, our Foundation.



2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE BIBLES



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



GRACE KIDS



GRACE STUDENTS

## FOR BUILDING DISCIPLES

In June, we introduced Adult Sunday Morning Classes to our many GROW opportunities. We want all ages to grow in their faith, grounded on Jesus Christ, our Foundation.



GRANDPARENTING  
MATTERS



MEN'S WEEKEND



GROW GROUPS





# FOR NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed 107 new Adult Members and their 34 children. We continue to welcome new people to worship in-person and on-line each week.



WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS



# FOR COMMUNITY

Every Sunday, our Atrium is full of people experiencing community. We want all people to grow in friendships founded in Jesus Christ, the Foundation.



SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



YOUNG ADULTS



KICK-OFF CHURCH PICNIC



# FOR THE WORLD

We partner with 15 Local partners and 16 Global partners in the name of Jesus. This year we expanded our partnership with Iranian Christians. We show the world the grace of Jesus Christ, the Foundation and want all to know Him.



FEED BETHLEHEM



BETHLEHEM EMERGENCY SHELTERING



SERVE DAY



FREEMANSBURG ELEMENTARY PARTNERSHIP



IRANIAN PARTNERSHIP



COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP







## MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT

WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE  
MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GRACE CHURCH FOR

# 2024



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FOUNDATION



# 1 PRAY

Thank God for His work in your life and His work at GRACE Church.

# 2 CONSIDER

How will you continue Building on the Foundation - living your faith and giving to the mission and ministry of GRACE Church?

# 3 COMMIT

Return the enclosed commitment card by mail, bring it to one of the worship services on Commitment Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, or make your commitment online today at [gracecb.org/2024giving](https://gracecb.org/2024giving).





