



## Location

Grace Community Church is located in Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. With over 750,000 residents, the Lehigh Valley is the fastest growing and third most populous region of Pennsylvania. Lower Macungie Township, which is a Western suburb of Allentown, is now home to over 32,400 people after growing rapidly over the past several years.

The Lehigh Valley is home to prominent businesses such as Crayola, Olympus, Air Products, PPL, B. Braun, Lutron, Martin Guitars, Just Born Candy, and Mack Trucks. In addition, the Lehigh Valley is home to eight colleges and universities, as well as two community colleges. The Lehigh Valley boasts award-winning healthcare facilities and

*Grace Community Church provides the Lehigh Valley with scripturally-based teachings focused on the motto of "A passion for God, a mission to the world." The church works for the glory of God to advance His kingdom by serving local communities and missionaries abroad.*

an international airport. Entertainment venues include an amusement and water park, minor league baseball and hockey teams, and two ski resorts.

## History of Area

Early European settlers (the Moravians) came to the Lehigh Valley in the early 1700s to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the indigenous people (the Leni Lenape) and to the growing population of German immigrants. Early Moravian settlements in the Lehigh Valley included Bethlehem, Emmaus and Nazareth, leaving the area with a lasting reminder of its heritage.

## Brief Church History

After beginning as a home Bible study, Grace Community Church was formally organized and began meeting in a local school in 1982. By 1983, the church acquired its current building, which is situated on 11 acres of open farmland just minutes from Interstate 78 and US Route 222. The fellowship hall and kitchen were added in 1996. Grace Community Church is mortgage-free as of Fall 2012.

## Characteristics

- The emphasis and strength of Grace Community Church is Biblical, Christ-centered teaching
- The church recently joined the Converge Association after a 30-year association with Conservative Baptist Association
- Weekly attendance has averaged around 60, with attendance as high as 200 during the church's history



- Weekly services/ministries include:
  - Sunday morning worship
  - Sunday school classes for children, teens, and adults
  - Mid-week Bible study and prayer
  - Mid-week "Kids Club"
  - Evangelistic ESL class for English-speaking Japanese
- Annual one-week VBS ministry in late June
- Faithful and multi-talented musicians who lead contemporary music.
- Traditional hymns are also included in each worship service, accompanied by talented organists and pianists
- The church is missions-minded, both at home and abroad, supporting:
  - Three international missionaries
  - One local family
  - Four local ministries, including WJCS 89.3 FM,

- Bright Hope Pregnancy Center, Everlasting Life (inner-city) Ministries, and the Allentown Rescue Mission.
- Past and present members have served as full-time missionaries to Asia while others have completed short-term foreign missions in Turkey, Siberia, Belarus, Kenya, South Africa, and Spain
- Providence Children's Learning Center, a ministry to the children and families in the surrounding area is located on campus
- Members are employed at the local K-8 Christian school, Lehigh Christian Academy, including the principal, teachers, and aides. The principal is playing an integral role in the addition of a new Christian high school.

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## Top Reasons to Make Grace Community Church Your Home

1 A loving congregation that's committed to serving the Lord

2 A congregation that's eager for a forward-thinking leader with a vision for the future

3 11 acres of church-owned property that provide great potential for church and ministry growth

4 Located in the beautiful and growing Lehigh Valley - close proximity to NYC, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington DC

