

How do I make a gift?

Brecksville United Methodist Church's Gifts and Memorials program accepts gifts of any size. Contributions specifically given to establish a Living Memorial are at a minimum of \$5,000, and gifts to the Mustard Seed Fund are at a \$1,000 minimum level.

To make a gift or establish a Living Memorial, please contact the church office directly at 440-526-8938 or email office@brecksvilleumc.com

The Gifts and Memorials Committee, current church members, and future generations thank past, present, and future donors for your generosity.

By these gifts God's work and house have been blessed.

Committee Members

Class of 2015

Sandy Crist, Jeff Hastings, Julie Kubek

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Class of 2017

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Gifts and Memorials



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How Can I Leave a Lasting Legacy?

Brecksville United Methodist Church's Gifts and Memorials provide unique opportunities for you and your family to make a gift to the church that will promote the work and ministry of the church today, and for generations to come. Gifts and Memorials consists of three different funds and additional giving opportunities. The funds include the Gifts and Memorials Fund, Living Memorial Trust Fund and Mustard Seed Fund.

Gifts and Memorials

The Gifts and Memorials Fund was established in 1964 to honor and memorialize friends and loved ones through monetary contributions. Contributions to this fund can be made in any amount and will last for years, as only five percent of this fund is made available for distribution each year along with the fund's earnings.

Living Memorials

The Living Memorial Trust Fund was established in 1975. A Living Memorial can be established by an individual or family with a minimum contribution of at least \$5000. The amount can be contributed over a period of six months. A Living Memorial can also be established in any person's name with individual contributions that totals \$5000. The principal of this fund remains invested and only the fund's earnings are available for distribution each year.

Mustard Seed Fund

The Mustard Seed Fund was established in 2014. A gift to the Mustard Seed Memorial is established with a minimum of \$1000 by an individual or family. The principal of this fund remains invested and only the fund's earnings are available for distribution each year.

Celebration Garden

Add a brick to the Celebration Garden in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a wedding, a special anniversary, a new baby, confirmation or baptism. Pick up an order form in the Narthex or order online at www.bricksrus.com/order/bumc.

We invite you to consider Brecksville United Methodist Church as a worthy recipient in your gift and estate planning, whether you wish to leave a lasting legacy or choose to memorialize a loved one. Through your generous contribution to Gifts and Memorials, God's work and our church will continue to be blessed.



Why do we give?

"We contributed to the Living Memorial Trust Fund, as we believe the Church is our second home. Brecksville United Methodist is where we meet with our Christian family to receive inspiration from God to live our daily lives."

-- Bill and Ann Rittman

"Here's the church and here's the steeple; open the doors and see all people – It is a comfort to me that our church doors are always open to all. I gave to help make sure our doors remain open for all people."

-- Gretchen Mates

Projects and Programs Supported

In recent years, the projects and programs supported (in part or whole) by Gifts and Memorials funding have included:

- New sanctuary windows
- Sanctuary air conditioning
- Hand bells, electronic keyboard and electric guitar
- New refrigerator – church kitchen
- Bourne Reading Room refurbished
- Timeline wall mural – 200th anniversary
- Youth Room renovated
- Church telephone and voice mail system; camera
- Memorial Hill annual maintenance



How are gifts used?

"In 2012 a small group formed to sift through the historical records of the church – old photographs and newspaper clippings. We wanted to acknowledge the 200th anniversary of Methodists worshipping in Brecksville with a permanent timeline marking the journey of the people who make up the Brecksville United Methodist Church. The cost of fabricating the timeline was outside the reach of the education budget for 2014 and I was thrilled to find that Gifts and Memorials determined this to be a worthwhile project to fund. The end result is simply amazing!"

-- Jenny Gee, Director of Christian Education

The Gifts and Memorials Committee at BUMC has awarded scholarship monies in the form of the Guil Hunt Music Scholarship to church members who are pursuing degrees in the area of music. In 2012, Megan Culley, who is studying for her Master of Fine Arts in Sound Design at Ohio University, was very pleased to receive scholarship funds that she used for sound equipment and graduate school expenses.*

-- Megan Culley, Guilbert Hunt Music Scholarship recipient