



# The Good Word



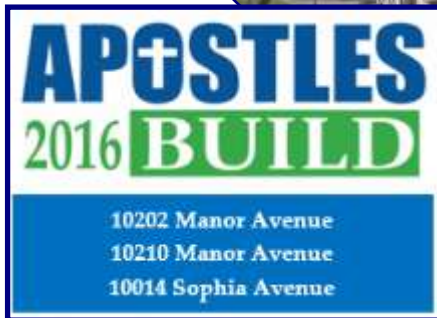
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Area Churches are coming together to rehab three houses in Cleveland's Buckeye Community this summer, and we're a part of it! Thank you all for your financial contributions which have made this project possible. Our church will be providing three work teams:

- Thursday, July 28 Work Team: Kathy, Matt, Grace & Dan Auble and George, Jenny, Aleyna and Bridget Gee. Lunch provided by Brenda Calovini.
- Saturday, July 30 Work Team: Ralph, Wyatt & Russell Slifcak, Karl Riccardi, Nancy Manaska, Danielle Grooms, Bryan Miller, and Alan & Leslie Philips. Lunch provided by Leslie Philips.
- Thursday, August 4 Work Team: Scott Campbell, Mike Paroda, Carl Rossborough, Jinho Lee, Kylie & Burke Englehardt, Connor and Bud. Lunch provided by Becky Paroda.

You can continue to be involved, too! Keep our work teams, the families, and Habitat volunteers in your prayers. Consider contributing to the Buckeye Ministry in Mission School Supply Drive, which will help the children of the community have a great start to the school year in the fall. We'll be collecting in the church Parlor through Sunday, July 17.

*Chaconia, and her two daughters, ages 8 and 1, are one of the families with the project. She said, "The experience at the house has been a blast. I have learned a lot from the volunteers and just wanted each and every one of them to know that I am truly grateful for the time they have set aside to help the partner families. The most enjoyable part for me is getting to know the volunteers and a little about their church. You can tell that they are helping not for the sake of saying they did but because they truly want to give back and that is so appreciated from my girls and I. The hardest part of it is learning something new but I had the volunteers there that let me know that I could do it and that house is just like a big arts and craft project."*



Sunday Mornings  
*Through September 4*  
8:30 Worship on the Lawn  
10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

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## Wolf and Lamb Will Graze

Rev. Clark Stein, Senior Pastor

“Wolf and lamb will graze in the same meadow, lion and ox eat straw from the same trough, but snakes—they’ll eat a diet of dirt! Neither animal nor human will hurt or kill anywhere on my Holy Mountain,” says God. —Isaiah 65:25

It seems an eighty-year old man’s golf game was hampered by poor eyesight. He could hit the ball well but he couldn’t see where it went. So his doctor teamed him up with a ninety-year old man who had perfect eyesight and was willing to go along to serve as a spotter.

The eighty-year old man hit the first ball and asked his companion if he saw where it landed.

“Yep,” said the ninety-year-old.

“Where did it go?” the eighty-year-old demanded.

The ninety-year-old replied, “I don’t remember.”

We have just returned from a powerful pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It was my sixth trip to Israel. It was my favorite so far for many reasons. Kathy was able to travel with me for the first time, and I was able to introduce her to my friend, Hillel. She has heard me speak of him, and seen pictures, but there is nothing like meeting someone, and being in their presence. I also loved the fact that we had such a close group. Many who traveled with us are dear friends. It makes this spiritual experience a bit more meaningful. We also were paired with a group from Alabama. Kind of like the eighty-year-old and the ninety-year-old in the story. It seemed like an unlikely pairing, yet I remember Wesley saying, “If you love Jesus, your heart is as my heart, take my hand.” I was mighty proud of our group, and of the way our inclusive theology glued us together half way around the world. Our fifteen became a group of twenty nine by the end of the trip.

This experience paired with the scripture from Isaiah reminds me that the Holy Spirit can work through situations we may be wary about. All we need do is create the space, be faithful, pray a bit, and participate. As we start to venture into new territory as a church, we might just need to loosen the laces a bit. For God works in and through us in amazing ways, and if we trust the movement of the Spirit, we will watch transformations take place in powerful ways. I have a feeling when all is said and done, we will all have testimony to give about how wolf and lamb graze in the same meadow, and lion and ox eat straw side by side. I’m just saying...

Abiding Peace,

*Pastor Clark*





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Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY is no longer collecting Campbell's Soup Labels, but they are collecting Box Tops. You can help unlock a world of opportunity for their students. All you need is a pair of scissors. Clip the symbols from products and bring them to the collection bin in the coat room. Learn more at [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com).



**We're doing it again this year!**

Start saving your cloth items and shoes to

Fill the Truck

for UMW Missions and Easter Seals.

August 26 and 27



**Brookside Food Center Food Drive**  
The greatest needs right now are paper towels, personal hygiene products, dish detergent and cleaning products. Food items in high demand include canned fruit, tuna, cereal and other nutritious pantry staples. If you can help, bring your donations to the collection bin in the first floor coat room before July 14.



On Saturday, May 28, a team of church members came together to make repairs to our stone wall along Route 21. Thank you Scott Campbell, Mary and Craig Kotnik, Bob Lundholm, Carl Rossborough, Mike Paroda, and Eric Louttit! All told, the volunteers contributed about 50 hours of volunteer work and used 560 pounds of mortar (that is more than a quarter ton!) Our hope is that these repairs have strengthened the wall enough to avoid having to rebuild it, at least for a few years. Church Trustees received a bid late last year estimating the cost of a rebuild at \$18,500!



**Solar Cars are Coming!** We picked up the phone in the church office one spring day and met a young man from the University of Michigan. He explained that he is part of a team of students competing in the 2016 American Solar Challenge, an eight day, nearly 2000 mile road course traveling through seven states. The starting point is here in Brecksville and the finish line is in Hot Springs, South Dakota! The team was looking for a place to stay during their time in Brecksville, and asked if the church would have space for them. We do! The public is invited to come out and see all the teams and cars up close before they embark on the cross country race on Friday, July 29 at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, and at the race starting line in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park on Saturday, July 30 from 7 - 9 am.

Learn more: [americansolarchallenge.org](http://americansolarchallenge.org)



Do you have news to share?  
Contact Melanie!  
office@brecksvilleumc.com or  
440-526-8938

“Thank you for the many cards and well wishes for our father, Philip Hines, on his recent 90th birthday. He greatly enjoyed receiving mail from his Brecksville United Methodist Church friends. We moved Dad to Iowa at the end of May and he now resides in a care center less than 2 miles from daughter/son-in-law, Nancy & Dennis Marsh. The transition has been smooth and Dad seems very content. He can receive mail in care of :

Nancy & Dennis Marsh  
1510 South Kentucky Avenue  
Mason City, IA 50401

Thank you for your prayers, visits, and support over the past few years. They were greatly appreciated by the entire family.”

Sincerely,  
Nancy, Jane, & Philip, Jr.



Jerry Bartholomew	1	Joan Bloch	11	Elizabeth Jaszczak	24
Brett Bender	2	Dave Lienert	12	Carl Opatrny	24
J.J. Hotaling	2	Jeanne Quade	13	Allison Toensing	24
Elizabeth Hoffman	3	Betsy Urso	14	Addison Cave	25
Kathleen Koteles	3	Jane Whitehead	14	Cyndi Guell	25
Sarah Ford	4	Debbie Falko	15	Larry Kaminski	25
Jim Lee	4	Loren Guell	15	Matthew Manocchio	25
Betty Marsh	5	Bill Neidinger	15	Carl Rossborough	26
Pat Prominski	5	Matthew Nurre	16	Laurie Riccardi	27
Erin Merhar	6	Jim Fredrick	17	Judy Suazo	27
Janet Beck	7	Stephanie Ling	17	Mary Cay Derry	28
Wendy Chenney	7	Cara Santora	17	Ruby Ludwig	28
Emily Telischak	7	Tim Kenney	19	Patricia Frank	29
Kevan Fisher	8	Kay Mendlik	19	Al Loughner	29
Jon Wygonski	8	Adriana Sottosanti	19	Janet Patterson	29
Kate Falko	9	Amy Hazelton	21	Rachel Machesky	30
Kevin Machesky	9	Nick Rajkovich	21	Laurie Robusto	30
Tracy Scott	9	Paul Frank	22	Beth Smith	30
Matt Hof	10	Ruth Herman	23	Bryan Smith	30
Karen Memmer	10	Nathan Olszko	23		

## ministries OF Caring



The Caring Committee is here for you and available to visit those who may be lonely and looking for support or someone to lend an ear. Contact Pastor Barbara, 440-799-3126, to arrange a visit for yourself or a loved one.



As people of faith, we find God's presence in those who have been blessings to us. At our weekly Staff Meetings this month, we lifted up the following people in prayer, thanking God for them and the way they touch the lives of others. People like Kristi Eberhardt and family. As Staff Parish Relations Chairperson, Kristi wears a

lot of hats. The farewell reception for Courtney was wonderful! Greg and Kristi teach Sunday school, and the boys help in all kinds of ways, including ushering! Stacy Parker, who stepped in and helped with the volunteer appreciation pancake breakfast. Janet Kleckner shared her Liberia experiences with the congregation on June 5. Thank you, Janet, for your servant heart! We're thankful for each of you, named and unnamed, and for all of the ways you make the ministries of this church happen!



# Summer Fest *on the Square* Brecksville United Methodist Church

**FREE Community Concerts on Brecksville Square**  
**July 15 & 16, 2016**



## **JAZZ ON THE SQUARE** **with the Josh Rzepka Quartet**

*Friday, July 15 - 7:30 pm concert & refreshments*

The perfect date night. Free coffee, dessert and music under the stars! Hear Josh at [www.joshrzepka.com](http://www.joshrzepka.com).

## **FAMILY NIGHT** **with Rob Leveridge**

*Saturday, July 16*

*6:30 pm food & festivities, 7:30pm concert!*

Free fun for all ages with games, food, and great music. Learn more about Rob at [www.robleveridge.com](http://www.robleveridge.com).



## **Sunday Morning Worship**

*Sunday, July 17*

Outdoor worship on the lawn at 8:30. Sanctuary worship at 10:00. Josh & Rob will both join us in worship! Learn more [www.brecksvilleumc.com](http://www.brecksvilleumc.com)

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# How will YOU get involved in SummerFest?

*Do you make a signature dessert?*

*Do you love kids and families?*

*Do you have a great outdoor game idea?*

*Do you have a warm and welcoming personality?*

## We need you!



*SummerFest is all about welcoming new friends, reaching out into the community, and introducing people to BUMC hospitality!*

### Jazz Concert & Dessert Reception (Friday night)



*We're looking for a few Keurigs to borrow.*

*We're looking for some great dessert makers.*

*We're looking for a hospitality crew to greet and welcome!*

*We're looking for help with setup and teardown.*

### Family Festivities & Rob Leveridge Concert (Saturday night)

*We're looking for Cornhole and other great outdoor games. (Giant bubble makers?)*

*We're looking for hotdog grillers and popcorn makers.*

*We're looking for a hospitality crew to greet and welcome!*

*We're looking for help with setup and teardown.*



## And don't forget to INVITE friends and family!

*Share this flyer. Extra copies are available at the church.*

*Share our Facebook Event. ([www.fb.com/brecksvilleumc](http://www.fb.com/brecksvilleumc) Click on Events!)*

*Call your friends and ask them to join you.*

## Broadview Heights Home Days on the Green

Imagine a giant, colorful, work of art consisting of hundreds of hearts of varying hues—each as different as the person who created it. Can you see it? What would you think of when you looked at this collage? Love? Welcome? Inclusion? Community? More?

We'll be hosting a booth at the Broadview Heights Home Days celebration, and asking the community to help create squares - with crayons or markers or felt or whatever their imaginations tell them - to fill the work. When it's complete, we'll display it here in the church as a reminder of God's transformative love for all.

Want to help make it a reality? Volunteer to help for an hour or two. You don't have to be an artist to help, you just need a willingness to spread some kindness!



- Thursday, July 7, 5 pm - 11 pm
- Friday, July 8, 5 pm - 11 pm
- Saturday, July 9, 3 pm - 11 pm
- Sunday, July 10, 3 pm - 11 pm

Sign up on Sunday or call or e-mail the church office.  
440-526-8938 or [office@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:office@brecksvilleumc.com)

## What does it mean to be Reconciling?

We'll show you!!



Our youth and young adults brought their voices and their hearts to the reconciling movement in East Ohio throughout both Youth Annual Conference (YAC) and Annual Conference (EOAC). It was an awesome and encouraging time!

On Saturday, June 11, Senior Jenna Schroedel spoke before the entire floor of YAC, supported by over a dozen of our youth. The motion called for care for and inclusion of LGBTQ youth in all the youth groups throughout our conference and it was *overwhelmingly* accepted by the nearly 1200 youth at YAC.

On Wednesday, June 15, nearly 30 of our youth and adults participated in the Joyful Parade (photo) and Open Table worship at EOAC with their presence, their witness, their singing and their acts of hospitality. We were also blessed to have the leadership of our District Superintendent, Rev. Steve Bailey, at Open Table worship. BUMC continues to show leadership around the issue of LGBT inclusion and our witness is inspiring other churches to explore the reconciling process!

This is what transformation looks like!

Awesome Job, Brecksville UMC!

## LUNCH BUNCH

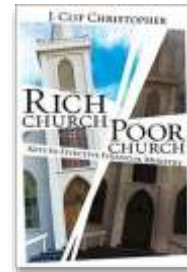


Tuesday, July 19 at Noon

A hot July day, a cool salad, and a warm welcome from friends new and old. Join the church staff for a Salad Bar in Fellowship Hall. Everyone's welcome! If you're coming, please sign up in the church lobby or contact the church office by Monday, July 18.

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Cookout  
&  
Book  
Discussion

On Sunday, July 31, we will gather at the home of Joy & Stacy Parker [13432 Tradewinds Drive] for a fun and casual cookout and discussion of the book, "Rich Church, Poor Church" by J. Clif Christopher. This text examines ways we can change our messaging to better represent the awesome ministries we are doing here at Brecksville UMC.

For more information, or for a copy of the book, contact Joy Parker at [music@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:music@brecksvilleumc.com).



## Kids' Vacation Bible School 2016

For Children age 3 through 5th Grade

Surf's up!

At Surf Shack, kids will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to ride the waves with God. During VBS, kids will become Surfers and explore how to serve God and experience God's amazing presence in their lives.

Surf Shack:

Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love

Just \$25 for the whole week!

Register today:

[www.brecksvilleumc.com/vbs](http://www.brecksvilleumc.com/vbs)

## You Can Help Kids "Catch the Wave!"

We already have about 80 kids signed up for Vacation Bible School. Isn't that great? With your help, we can create a lot of fun and learning for these kids, while keeping the cost of the week low for families. Help us spread the word about God's Amazing Love!

## Save your "garbage" for crafts!

Bring your donations to the collection bin in The Parlor.

- 1 Liter bottles
- Bubble wrap
- Dome drink lids
- Curling ribbon (half spent spools are fine)

## Volunteer your time

- Registration table volunteers needed Monday morning, July 11 from 8 am -10 am.
- Kitchen help is needed throughout the week.
- A crew leader for elementary children is needed on Thursday and Friday.

## Go shopping

- Look for a list of snack needs between services on July 3. Not going to be here? The list will also be published in the Sunday Blast on July 7 and on the church website and Facebook page.

## Help decorate

- Come to a decorating party! Join us July 6 at noon or July 10 at 11 am (after second service.)

Contact Jenny Gee, 440-526-8938 ext. 230 or [education@brecksvilleumc.com](mailto:education@brecksvilleumc.com)



## Camp S.E.R.V.E.:

Students Exploring Real Volunteer Experiences  
For Kids in Middle School this Fall

Discard everything you imagine about VBS. This year's Middle School VBS will focus once again on service! We'll focus the week on Galatians 5:13-14, which tells us that we should use our freedom to serve one another in love. Students entering 6th-9th grades are invited to spend the week completing various service opportunities throughout the community - park clean-up, leading games for residents at The Oakes, and more! See you there! Your \$25 registration fee for the week includes snacks and materials.

Register today: [www.brecksvilleumc.com/vbs](http://www.brecksvilleumc.com/vbs)



## Fourth Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, golfed, baked, trimmed steaks and grilled to make our golf outing such a wonderful success! Thanks to Rick and Heather Dean for their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of working the grills, assisted by Alan and Leslie Phillips. Megan Rohrer and Amanda Auble staffed the registration table, and Kathy Auble and Deanne Kloss roasted all the potatoes and veggies! Thanks to Dave Schroedel and Ric Lesinski for coordinating with the golf course. Craig Czarnota and Dave Schroedel also worked hard to solicit donations from area businesses, and we were able to give away some great prizes! Thanks to Jeff & Sue Hastings for being dinner sponsors and to all those who sponsored holes (listed below) or contributed desserts. And we can't forget Jenna Schroedel, who helped Joy Parker hand-trim 61 sirloin steaks! It was an amazing team effort!

In total, 36 people golfed, including scholarship winner Dan Auble. Scholarship winners Megan Rohrer and Jenna Schroedel assisted throughout the day with the event and joined us for dinner to be recognized! Over \$2500 was raised for our scholarship fund!

Thank you, church family, for coming together to support our youth as they go out into the world to be the hands and feet of Jesus in new and exciting places!



*Above: Joy Parker & Bridget Gee  
Amanda Auble & Megan Rohrer*

*The Drescher Foursome: Cathy, Jack,  
Jeff, Phil Rodgers*



*Above: Gail Meyer and Lynn Hobzek  
Sheila, Monica, Mary and Craig  
Kotnik Right: Craig Czarnota, Jeff  
Schillo, Phil Emery, George Gee*

See more photos on Facebook!



### *Special thanks to our hole sponsors:*

- Hole 1—The Louttit Family
- Hole 2—Cork & Cleaver Social Kitchen
- Hole 3—Next Level Auto Detailing
- Hole 4—Sam Alai, Mayor of Broadview Heights
- Hole 5—Brecksville Car Wash
- Hole 6—Bill & Marge Webb
- Hole 7—Don & Cathy Krolikowski
- Hole 8—Fuerst Automotive
- Hole 9—The Eberhardt Family
- Hole 10—The “Czarn-auble” Family
- Hole 11—Deborah & Alan Scheufler
- Hole 12—The Lee Family
- Hole 13—Simon's Restaurant & Delicatessen
- Hole 14—The Rusterholz Family
- Hole 15—Herb & Nancy Einheit, Shelly Meek
- Hole 16—Specialized Construction
- Hole 17—In Memory of Gary J. Mates
- Hole 18—Jim & Claudia Monnett



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Jack Drescher and Kristi Eberhardt</p>	<p>EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE JAMES 1:17</p>			1	2	<p>Youth Service Project Team Returns from Tennessee</p>
<p>3 Communion Sunday 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10:00 Worship</p>	 <p>Church Offices Closed</p>	<p>5 10 Staff Meeting 7 Finance</p>	<p>6 6:30a Dawnbrks</p>	<p>7 5 - 11 Broadview Home Days Bloch &amp; Campbell Mowing</p> 	<p>8 5 - 11 Broadview Home Days</p>	<p>9 3 - 11 Broadview Home Days</p>
<p>10 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10:00 Worship 3 - 11 Broadview Home Days</p>	<p>11 9 -12 VBS</p>	<p>12 9 -12 VBS 1 Staff Meeting 7 Ad Board 8 Music &amp; Worship Board</p>	<p>13 6:9 -12 VBS 30a Dawnbrks</p>	<p>14 9 -12 VBS</p>  <p>Brown &amp; Sendrey Mowing</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>7:30 Jazz on the Square with the Josh Rzepka Quartet</p>	<p>6:30 Family Night with Rob Leveridge</p>
<p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p>						
<p>17 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10:00 Worship</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 10 Staff Meeting 12 Lunch Bunch 7 Missions 7 Gifts &amp; Mem 7:30 Trustees</p>	<p>20 6:30a Dawnbrks</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>Parker &amp; Spencer Mowing</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p>
<p>SANCTUARY REPAIRS</p>						
<p>24 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10:00 Worship</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 10 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>27 6:30a Dawnbrks</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>Herzing &amp; Lundholm Mowing</p>	<p>29</p> <p>University of Michigan Solar Car Team Arrives!</p>	<p>30</p> 
<p>SANCTUARY REPAIRS</p>						
<p>31 Summer Choir 8:30 Worship on the Lawn 10:00 Worship</p>						



*When we join The United Methodist Church, we vow to support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. But sometimes, our good intentions get lost in the day-to-day hustle and bustle of life. As a church, how are we doing with our promises? Can you help fill in the blanks?*

# PRAYERS

Do you know that Brecksville United Methodist Church has an active e-mail Prayer Chain? To be added to the e-mail list, or to submit a prayer request, please contact [Elro-wan33@aol.com](mailto:Elro-wan33@aol.com).

# PRESENCE

Date	First Service	Education Hour	Second Service
May 29	102	n/a	56
June 5	60		72
June 12	80		75
June 19	91		96

# GIFTS

If you have made a pledge or a contribution, you will receive a giving statement (either electronically or on the other side of this page with your mailed Good

Word) which outlines your gifts to date this year. If you need additional information, or if you have not received your statement, please contact the church office.

This table outlines the offering received each Sunday since the last publication of the *Good Word*.

Date	Offering
May 29	7,090
June 5	6,965
June 12	7,927
June 19	7,338

# SERVICE

At Charge Conference this year, we set a goal of serving 4,000 volunteer hours as a congregation this year. This is the first month we started tallying these totals. Do you have hours to add? Contact the office!

<b>Committee or Group</b>	<b>Nov - April</b>	<b>May</b>
<b>Administrative Board</b>	37	
<b>Caring Committee</b>		
Prayer Chain		
<b>Council on Ministries</b>	4	
<b>Church and Society</b>		
<b>Education</b>	262	50
Sunday School Secretary	216	
<b>Evangelism</b>		
<b>Finance</b>		
<b>Gifts &amp; Memorials</b>		
<b>Men's Small Group Cleaning</b>	26	
<b>Missions</b>		
Habitat for Humanity		
Bike Mechanics		
Seeds of Literacy	8	8
<b>Music &amp; Worship Board</b>	46	
Choir	454	
Bell Choir	186	
Men's Ensemble	68	
Praise Band/Musicians	300	
Fridays @ 5	165	
Concert Series Volunteers	40	
Music w/a Mission-Performers	50	
Music w/a Mission - Workers		
Ushers	196	
Communion Stewards	24	
Worship Team - AV	80	
<b>Staff Parish Relations</b>		
<b>Trustees</b>		50
Closers	182	31
Mowing Club	4	16
<b>United Methodist Women</b>	781	219
<b>Youth Board</b>		
	<b>3129</b>	<b>374</b>



Social Media sites give us the opportunity to glorify God, connect with one another, and reach out into our community. Once you start interacting with the church on social media, your friends and followers will start noticing us as well! Our social media presence can be a subtle reminder of the Spirit's movement in your life, in our community and in the world. It's a subtle form of outreach anyone can do.

If you're on social media, take a minute to connect with us!

Share a picture or post with #Brecksvilleumc



## In June, we learned about Facebook

[facebook.com/BrecksvilleUMC](https://facebook.com/BrecksvilleUMC)

If you were in church in June, you heard about the Facebook Challenge. In one month, we went from 188 to 223 followers! Why is that important? Every time someone likes or shares our page or our posts, their friends have an opportunity to learn about Brecksville United Methodist Church. It's one way we can tell our community about our open and inclusive church and the good works we do!

One post we recently shared, about a recently arriving refugee family in desperate need of a double stroller, reached a woman in New York City. Why? Because a member of our church family shared it with her friends. The New Yorker was moved to purchase a new stroller and had it shipped to Cleveland. That's the power of Social Media, and that's the Spirit moving in a powerful way!



## In July: Instagram

[instagram.com/](https://instagram.com/brecksvilleumc)

[brecksvilleumc](https://instagram.com/brecksvilleumc)

Instagram is our newest social media account. We opened it in mid-May and have ten followers. (Thanks, followers!) Instagram is an online mobile photo sharing site. If you have a smart phone, download the app and connect with Brecksville UMC for photos of mission, worship, and community—and share your pics with your church family!

*At right are some of the pictures we've recently shared on the site.*

