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The State of the Church is Good

We are always prayerfully endeavoring to steward the resources God entrusts to us with integrity, wisdom, and an open heart of generosity.

Our congregation's generous gifts for missions and outreach have been astounding this year! In addition to the amount designated toward missions from our Operations budget, you have given over \$17,500 to additional outreach and missional endeavors, including our Bike Ministry, Trials for Hope, Rise Against Hunger, and supporting inclusion and Pride in our local community.

Since this giving is over and above what you have given toward that operations budget, it is sometimes confusing to share in a clear way. In future years, we are considering creating the Missions portion of our annual budget to reflect this immense generosity of our congregation. This would allow us to share how our church is living out our mission as part of the total budget, rather than as separate additional amounts. Keep an eye out in the coming months for information and discussion about this.

Our staff and ministry teams have also worked faithfully to use our financial resources with discernment. We can proudly report that as of the end of the 3rd quarter of 2025, our total budget is looking on track! September 30 is 75% of the way through the year. The report on the next page shows where both giving and individual department budgets stand. Our giving is right at 75% of projected gifts. Our spending is just under 75% of budget.

We are so grateful to be working alongside you to join God in loving the people of our congregation, our community, and the world. Thank you!



BUDGET REPORT

As of the 3rd Quarter, 2025
75% of the Year Complete



Offering	77%
Other income (Facility Use, etc.)	73%
Alternative Revenue Events	24%
TOTAL REVENUE:	75%

Conference Apportionments	67%
Administrative & Office	100%
Cost of Staffing	71%
Church Building	40%
Parsonage	76%
Communications & A/V	82%
Worship Expense	95%
Missions/Outreach	100%
Music	46%
Education	62%
Youth	58%
Alternative Revenue Expenses	5%
TOTAL EXPENSES	68%

2025 Here are a few of the ways Brecksville fostered community, compassion, justice and love in 2025. **Your gifts make this work possible!**

165 Kids and grown ups went on a Road Trip With God through VBS In the Park!

96 People attended a worship service for the first time this year - then came back!

Our streaming worship services have reached **4881** unique people **18** countries & **50** states through our website streaming page.

146 People serve on a ministry team

520 Recovery group meetings have been held here in the past 12 months.

130 people took a step forward in discipleship (and told us about it)

We reach people online:
961 Facebook Followers
283 YouTube Subscribers
654 Instagram Followers

852 Pumpkins filled our Pumpkin Patch
countless community connections made!

12 Bibles given to third graders and confirmands in September

5 Baptisms
8 Weddings
8 Officiated
8 Funerals

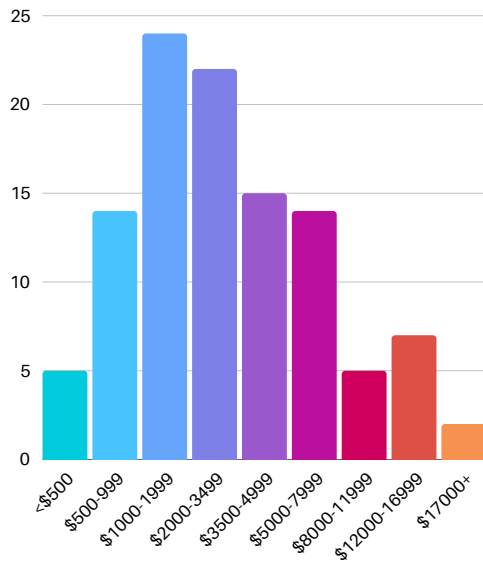
Immeasurable Lives changed by **creating safe spaces to grow with God and one another!**

WE ARE OFTEN ASKED...

“How much should I give?”

Making a financial commitment to the church is a symbolic act - - the offering of ourselves in service and devotion to God. Giving is not about guilt – but about joy. Generosity is a form of resistance against fear, scarcity, and despair.

Some people give by proportion (*for example, \$1 per week for every \$1000 of annual income.*) Others set aside a percentage of their income. Every gift, ***no matter the size,*** helps us create safe spaces to grow with God and one another.



The Next Step Challenge

107 Families Pledged in 2025

If you didn't pledge last year, ***your next step is to pledge for 2026!*** The bar chart at left represents those who pledged to Brecksville UMC last year.

Thank you for your commitment!

Would you consider taking the challenge?

Find your annual income and your current monthly giving in the chart below. Move to the left and prayerfully consider how much you are willing to grow your monthly giving. ***What's your next step?***

Annual Income	challenge giving			discipleship giving			growth giving			entry level giving		
	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
20,000	250	200	167	150	133	117	100	83	67	50	33	17
40,000	500	400	333	300	267	233	200	167	133	100	67	33
60,000	750	600	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100	50
80,000	1,000	800	667	600	533	467	400	333	267	200	133	67
100,000	1,250	1,000	833	750	667	583	500	417	333	250	167	83
120,000	1,500	1,200	1,000	900	800	700	600	500	400	300	200	100
140,000	1,750	1,400	1,167	1,050	933	817	700	583	467	350	233	117
160,000	2,000	1,600	1,333	1,200	1,067	933	800	667	533	400	267	133
180,000	2,250	1,800	1,500	1,350	1,200	1,050	900	750	600	450	300	150
200,000	2,500	2,000	1,667	1,500	1,333	1,167	1,000	833	667	500	333	167

Your generous *support* is a foundation for God's good work.

Thank you for your commitment to annual giving.

We received financial gifts to the offering fund from 223 different givers. Our 107 pledges received in 2025 spanned 4 generations and came from people in all stages of life, from students to seniors. Thank you for your trust and hope. ***Your gifts make ministry possible!***



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