



Brecksville United Methodist Church is taking on a God-sized vision:
to saturate our community with connection and belonging... on the Square and everywhere.

We believe God is calling us to create safe spaces where no one has to struggle alone and where people of all ages find belonging through deep connection. This vision challenges us to reach beyond our walls with care, healing, and the unconditional love of God—strengthening our community and transforming lives in Brecksville and beyond.

Where did this vision come from?

We spent a year praying, listening, and discerning. As we brought everything together, there was one struggle that encapsulated a lot of what we heard: **loneliness**. Loneliness is not simply an emotional issue, but a public health crisis—a clinical threat to life, health, and human flourishing.

Why do we think we can help combat loneliness?

The people of Brecksville United Methodist Church have a gift for helping people not only feel welcome, but like they belong. Just think back to the first time you walked through our doors and why you chose to come back! That natural sense of belonging, along with the overwhelming conviction that all people are God's beloved creations, gives us a unique opportunity to create spaces for healing and hope.



Join in what God is doing through Brecksville United Methodist Church!

Prayerfully consider a generous gift to this meaningful project.

Join us for Commitment Sunday, October 25

- If you are already giving to the ministry of BUMC, thank you! You can automate your contribution to our vision campaign the same way.
- If you would like to give via check please note "Imagine" in the memo line.
- If you have questions, Anthy Morgan-Imes, our Office Manager, will gladly assist you with your generosity.



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“God, help us imagine the incredible things we haven't even imagined yet.”

Ephesians 3:20



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Why now?

We're growing! With so many new faces, our wonderful staff can no longer provide deep care and connection for everyone without people falling through the cracks. At the same time, our church home needs urgent structural repairs to stay safe, functional, and accessible.

How are we going to do this?

By investing in both the people and physical home that make connection and belonging possible. With a \$1.25M budget over three years, our campaign focuses on hiring key staff and fixing immediate building needs. This is the first step in moving towards our long-term goal of making our building as welcoming as we are!

ROOF



BOILER



ELEVATOR



What building repairs are included?

- **Roof Replacement:** A new roof is crucial to stop current leaks. Work begins Oct. 19 thanks to a seed gift from Gifts & Memorials!
- **Boiler Replacement:** Our boiler is 20 years past its lifespan! Replacing it prevents a cold-weather failure and lowers both our carbon footprint and heating bills.
- **Full-Size Elevator:** Our current elevator is a barrier to everyone fully accessing our building. We're partnering with an architect to discern how we can integrate a full-size elevator into our building.



What will the new staff roles do?

- **Care Pastor:** Expands our capacity to walk with members during illness, grief, and life transitions, ensuring everyone is seen and supported.
- **Children & Family Ministries Director:** Builds deep community among families and supports parents, while allowing our Education Director to focus on adult faith formation and lifelong discipleship.

Why include staff in our vision campaign?

Our vision calls us to move beyond simply offering programs, and toward sustainable systems of care and connection. These positions enable us to address loneliness and mental health, and let current staff focus on their core callings. We will phase these hires in (Q3 2027 and Q3 2028) and gradually transition their funding into the main church budget over three years.



Who is guiding this process?

We hired *The Giving Church*, a church giving consultant that has helped over 350 churches raise funds to fulfill their God given vision. Our Vision Team is spearheading the building projects, coordinating closely with the Leadership Board regarding staffing and future operational budgets.

What if we raise more than \$1.25M?

We give thanks to God! Extra funds will jumpstart long-term goals, like opening up the Parlor, adding solar panels, and installing accessible entrance doors off the Square.

Will we go into debt?

Our campaign scope is strictly matched to projected giving. If short-term financing ever becomes necessary to finish a project on time, it will require a formal church vote and clear communication.

How does this affect our regular giving?

Campaign contributions are "above and beyond" regular offerings and will be kept in a separate account dedicated solely to these projects. Our consultant has found that campaigns like ours often increase general fund giving as well.

How can I participate?

- **First-Time Givers:** Welcome! Visit brecksvilleumc.com/imagine to start!
- **Current Donors:** Set up an automated recurring gift online under "Imagine," or write a check with "Imagine" in the memo line. Reach out to Anthony Morgan-Imes in the office with any questions!



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