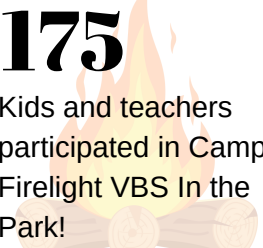


# 2024 - A Year of Abundance

Here are a few of the ways Brecksville fostered community, compassion, justice and love in 2024. *Your gifts make this work possible!*

**175** Kids and teachers participated in Camp Firelight VBS In the Park!



Our bike repair ministry reached the **1000+** milestone and shared 100+ bikes with people in need.

We shared **126** worship services which reached **1040** unique people in **9** countries & **43** states - and that's just on our website!

**15** Donation drives including Trials for Hope, Stepstone Academy, Brecksville Food Pantry, South Hills Lend-a-Hand, The Emergency Assistance Center...

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

**90,040** pounds of paper recycled



**153** Live videos were shared on Facebook. We reached **250** subscribers on YouTube.

**33** Sunday Night Youth Groups  
2024-25 Confirmation Students = **12**  
**39** youth newsletter subscribers  
Average Youth Group Attendance = **12**

**12** Bibles given to third graders and confirmands in September



**8** Baptisms  
**4** Weddings Officiated  
**6** Funerals

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

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" - John 10:10

Some ways we grew in

**2024**

**12** people joined the church

**71** people attended a worship service for the first time (and signed in)

**42** of these first time attenders attended multiple times

**57** people gave to the offering for the first time

We held **2** new outreach events: The Brecksville Flea & the Pumpkin Patch and

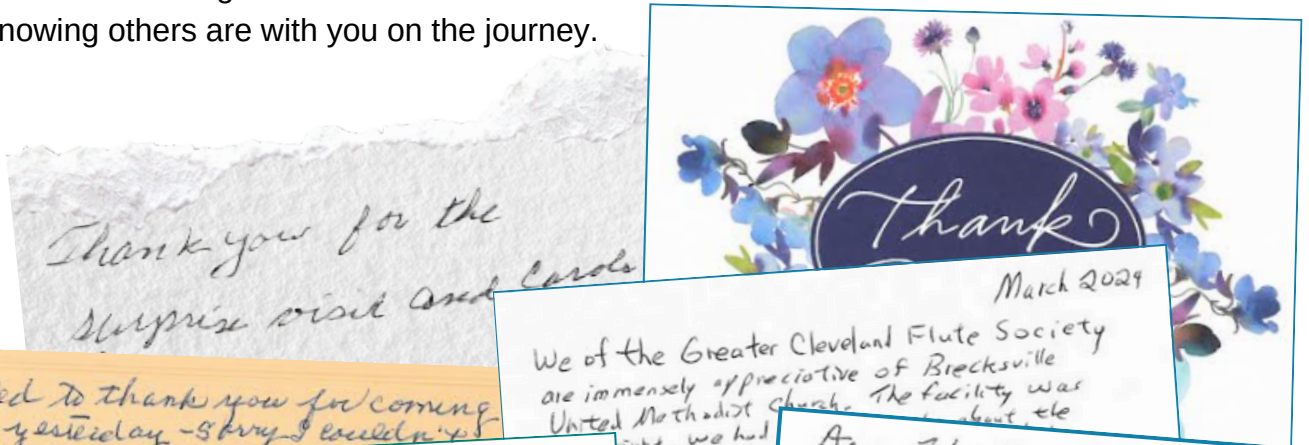
**7** fellowship & connection events: Names to Faces, Chili Cook Off, Pop Up Cookout, Fall Kick Off and three Town Hall Luncheons.

**3** new opportunities to serve others and love our neighbors in regular hands-on mission (weekly & bi-monthly): Frozen food deliveries, Bread on Bridge and Trials for Hope.

# Counting our blessings.

Some things can't be quantified. What's on your list?

- That "Sunday Morning Feeling" that leaves you with a smile all day.
- Friendships built through worship attendance (including some "adopted" grandparents).
- Prayers prayed in community.
- Hands held in times of trouble and joys multiplied when shared.
- Our new leadership structure breathing new life into our goals.
- New people - and our classics - who are on fire for ministry through Brecksville UMC.
- "Ah-ha" moments in adult Sunday School classes.
- Worship music that makes us sing, sway and clap - and sometimes cry.
- Hugs from Sunday School students.
- Time together with our families in church. Time with our inter-generational church family.
- Tears shed during communion.
- Knowing others are with you on the journey.



Wanted to thank you for coming to sing yesterday - Sorry I couldn't get to the... meet... are thru... J.R. Heidi

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you all for the lovely hydrangea. It was a lovely surprise when the Schneider's came to deliver it on Easter Day.  
I am already trying to think of a good spot to plant in my yard. I have a small backyard and I think that will be the place.

We of the Greater Cleveland Flute Society are immensely appreciative of Brecksville United Methodist Church. The facility was... about ele...  
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Dear Heidi and staff,  
Your Lenten and Easter services were wonderful as I continue to enjoy watching from my home in Mansfield. I appreciate all the help you give to those in your congregation, plus those in your community.

Dear Friends at Brecksville United Methodist Church,  
We want to extend our deepest gratitude for the delightful ice cream party you organized for our seniors. Your generosity and thoughtfulness truly made their day special and memorable.  
Thank you for bringing such joy and creating such a wonderful experience for them. We deeply appreciate your continued support and friendship.  
Warm regards,  
Your Friends at Chippewa Place

My Parents. I continue to be so appreciative of how much everyone at BUMC puts in to each & every person. All that you did for my Mom was such a blessing & I'll remember it my whole life.