



# ONE HUNDRED FIFTY YEARS IN BROAD RIPPLE

CELEBRATING METHODISM'S OUTPOST  
FOR PREACHING THE GOSPEL IN BROAD RIPPLE

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## INTRODUCTION FROM PASTOR NANCY BLEVINS

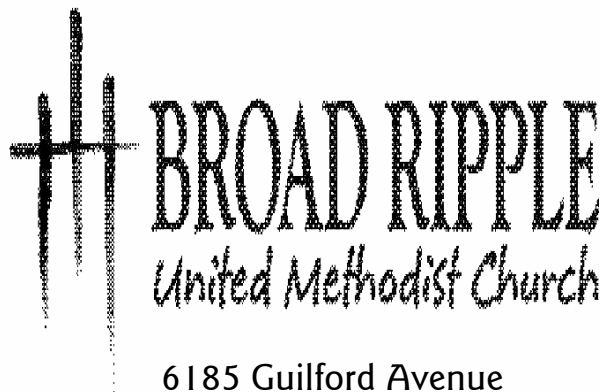
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Perhaps when facing a decision, someone has posed this question to you, “What difference will it make 150 years from now?” This church did not just happen. In this booklet, you will read about the thoughtful, deliberate, and decisive commitments made by relatively small groups of people. It is likely that few of us presently entrusted with the leadership of Broad Ripple United Methodist Church will be living 50 years from now. Yet, the decisions to be made within the next few years, like those made to organize this congregation, have the potential of helping change people’s lives forever.

Times change. Methods change. And, being United Methodists, the messenger changes frequently. However, the Message does not change. The desired outcome does not change: reconciling the world to Christ. An intentional, assertive effort toward this timely goal is needful in order to move beyond being a local community “fixture” to conveying a transformational force and spiritual presence for the lives of those within our reach. May God help us to be faithful to such a high calling as this – within our lifetime and beyond.







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