



Faith Connections January 2021

Holiday Good Cheer!

A pandemic wasn't going to stop our individuals from having a holly jolly Christmas 2020! Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, Flat Rock Care Center's residents and Flat Rock Community Services' consumers enjoyed a wonderful Christmas, surrounded with love from families, friends, churches, community groups and other donors who generously supplied gifts. Donations of \$6,500 went toward the Christmas meals and all the treats and décor that makes the season bright.



For more photos of Christmas at Flat Rock, visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/photos/>



Although we couldn't gather in one place for the annual Christmas pageant, we enjoyed Christmas caroling 2020-style via Zoom in December. We gathered to sing fun songs of the season, as well as favorite Christmas hymns. Represented were Flat Rock staff, residents, and family and friends from numerous churches! A good time was had by all!



Watch this space for details on our newest project coming in February!

**What Will Your Legacy Be? Remember Flat Rock in your will.
Contact Legacy Giving Specialist, Jill Kinser at jkinser@flatrockhomes.org for details.**

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Important 2020 & 2021 Tax Information Reminder for Donors about the CARES Act

Remember as you file your 2020 taxes, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act is well known for the economic stimulus checks provided to millions of Americans in 2020, but this sweeping legislation also includes two new **temporary tax benefits for donors giving to nonprofits**:

1. Universal Deduction for donations up to \$300: Even if you no longer itemize your charitable giving, CARES allows individual taxpayers a charitable deduction of up to \$300. This is a temporary "above the line" deduction for 2020.
2. Raised Charitable Giving Deduction cap: For those who itemize their deductions, CARES lifts the current charitable giving deduction cap from 60% adjusted gross income (AGI) to 100% AGI for individuals and joint filers. The deduction cap for corporations is lifted to 25%. You may find more details at [How the CARES Act changes deducting charitable contributions | Internal Revenue Service \(irs.gov\)](#)

More good news! The omnibus spending and coronavirus relief package signed into law at the end of December 2020 extends these provisions to the 2021 tax year.

Church Engagement Opportunities

March is National Developmental Disability Awareness Month! Rose Darling and Sherri Buehl are available throughout the year for your chosen:

- Disability Awareness Sundays
- Pulpit Supply
- Women's and Men's ministries
- Youth and Children's ministries including VBS
- Piano/organ supply (Rose)

While Flat Rock is in a historical covenant relationship with the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church, we received also receive support from other United Methodist Conferences and their parishioners as well as other churches of different denominations. We are available throughout Ohio, and references are available.



Getting to Know...

Sherri Buehl, Church and Community Engagement Coordinator, is a United Methodist Deaconess following a call of love, justice, and service. Sherri and her husband, Reverend Ted Buehl reside in Huron County where Ted serves as a United Methodist pastor at Fitchville UMC in the Firelands District. Due to God's call and her passion for missions, she left the corporate world to begin her nonprofit career at Ohio Guidestone, followed by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland, and most recently the Epworth Center during Ted's last appointment. Sherri joined Flat Rock's Development team as a Church and Community Engagement Coordinator in July 2019.

Sherri enjoys visiting churches, corporations, and civic organizations to advocate for those who need us most. Her passion is facilitating retreats and workshops on faith-based topics encouraging everyone to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Sherri is a Certified Trainer of Ruby Payne's Bridges Out of Poverty, which gives her opportunities to advocate while helping others understand the lives of those who struggle financially. You may reach Sherri at sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org

To schedule a speaking engagement or to learn more about our services to churches, contact:

- Karen Kilgo President & CEO kkilgo@flatrockhomes.org
- Sherri Buehl, UMW Deaconess, Church & Community Engagement Coordinator (focusing on EOC UMC Districts: Firelands, Mid-Ohio, North Coast, Southern Hills, Western Reserve districts) sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org
- Rose Darling MA, Church & Community Engagement Coordinator (focusing on EOC UMC Districts: Canal, Mahoning Valley, Ohio Valley, Three Rivers, Tuscarawas districts) rdarling@flatrockhomes.org

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