



Faith Connections March 2021



May your prayerful journey through Lent and Holy Week bring you to the joyful Day of Resurrection on April 4, when we rejoice and sing, "Christ is Risen! Alleluia! He is Risen indeed!"

March: Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

"Orange" you glad when Friday rolls around? We're excited to participate in Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month for 2021 through **Wear Orange Fridays** during March! With the growth of our Employment Services and Vocational Training Programs, it's an exciting chance to share how individuals with DD are being served in the community. Please, wear orange on Fridays in March to increase awareness for developmental disabilities. Share your pictures with Flat Rock using the hashtag #IncludeMeFRH or tag us @FlatRockHomes. If you have any questions about Orange Fridays, email development@flatrockhomes.org.

Rural King Church Week

Flat Rock Homes is excited to be a beneficiary of Rural King's Church week fundraiser this year. Any purchase made from March 14-27 is eligible for the 10% donation. Visit www.ruralking.com/churchweek, select Ohio for the state and Flat Rock for the city, select us "Flat Rock Children's Home of the United Methodist Church," then upload your receipt! All Rural King locations are participating, all receipts must be uploaded by April 1, 2021



Registration Begins Soon for The 2021 Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock!

- Registration begins April 5th for The Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock! Because of the continuing pandemic, this will be a virtual race again for 2021.
- For more information, visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/events/race-at-the-rock/>
- You can participate no matter where and when! Hop, skip, run, jump, walk, or cartwheel any time during May!

Thanks to all our **Church Sponsors**! We are excited to see six new church sponsors this year! While it is too late to be a 2021 church sponsor, you may still register as a group or as an individual to participate in the race.

Summer Pulpit Supply

With summer vacations coming up, Rose and Sherri, our Church & Community Engagement Coordinators, are scheduling now for

- Pulpit Supply
- Spiritual Retreats (Sherri)
- Music Supply (Rose)
- Disability Awareness Presentations
- And more

We visit churches of all denominations in Ohio! We will gladly add your church or group to our summer schedules! Here are just some of the locations where we will speak this Spring: Canal Lewisville, Clyde, Fitchville, Green Springs, Hudson, Milan, New Haven, North Canton, Norwalk, Ravenna, and more!

For information and to schedule your speaking engagement contact:

Sherri Buehl at sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org

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Getting to Know You

Cynthia Geiger, Donor Engagement Specialist, joined the Flat Rock Homes Development Team to expand relations with community organizations and engage donors with Flat Rock's ministry. She enjoys networking and sharing the success of the amazing work being done at Flat Rock.

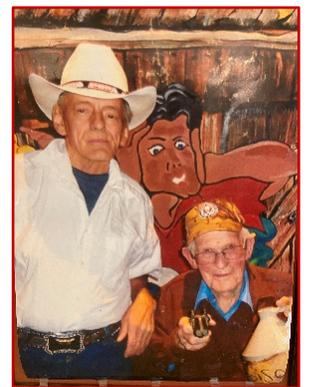
Cynthia has a wide range of experience working with nonprofits and has worked with both government agencies and private businesses. Currently, her focus is on creating partnerships that provide for the future of Flat Rock while giving back to those who serve.

She lives on Sandusky Bay and has a daily view of God's mastery artwork in the skies over Lake Erie. Her greatest joy is making memories with family and friends. She begins each day with gratitude, grace, and moments in meditation.

Meet a former Resident of Flat Rock Children's Home!

Cynthia recently spoke with Lynn Weber and this is his story:

Lynn Weber, also known as Popcorn, loves to share his memories of growing up at Flat Rock Children's Home of the United Methodist Church. Before the transition to serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Flat Rock was originally established as an orphanage in 1866. From the age of 11-14, Lynn lived at Otterbein Children's Home in Lebanon, Ohio. In 1964, at the age of 14, the home closed, and he was transferred to Flat Rock Children's Home, in Flat Rock, Ohio.



Weber's favorite memories of life at Flat Rock include milking cattle on the dairy farm and separating the milk to make a cream that was frozen into ice cream. Another memory he recalls is taking a calf to the Tiffin, Ohio Fair, and the Ohio State Fair as a member of 4-H. He lived in the boy's cottages and attended Sunday services across the street at Flat Rock Ebenezer United Methodist Church. "I am thankful I lived at Flat Rock and attended church there," shares Weber. *(Continued)*

From 1964 – 1968 Weber attended Thompson High School, graduating with the last class to ever graduate before the school was closed. This is where Weber earned the nickname “Popcorn.” During basketball games, Weber worked in the concession stand and his job was operating the popcorn machine.

After graduation in 1968, he joined the Marines and served our country for a few years. Upon leaving the military, he settled in Middleton, Ohio where he worked at a gas station and volunteered with the South Middletown, Ohio Fire Department. Weber has always had the giving spirit and throughout the years, he has participated in several mission trips with his church. Upon retirement, he returned to the Otterbein community in Lebanon, Ohio where he resides today.

Have you named Flat Rock Homes in your will or estate?

We are so grateful for our donors who have made this simple decision to support the ministry of Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, and Community Services through a legacy gift. If you have questions about leaving a legacy gift, we would love to speak with you. Contact Jill Kinser at jkinser@flatrockhomes.org or call 567-228-7408

Adopt-a-Home



Here is your chance to develop a closer relationship with the individuals served by Flat Rock! Through our new **Adopt-a-Home** project beginning this year, you may choose how your church will interact.

Please pray about and consider how your church, Sunday school class, women’s group, men’s group, or youth group may participate. **Please watch for an email with more detailed information in the coming weeks.**

Watch this space in April for new details on the Outdoor Therapeutic Center!

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