



# Flat Rock

Restoring Hope. Transforming Lives. Living Faith.

## Faith Connections

May 2021

### It's Not Too Late to Participate in the 2021 Dick Parks Memorial Virtual Race at the Rock!



There is still time to register, and run or walk, wherever and whenever you can by the end of May!

- Registration and shirt purchases are separate. Registration is \$10 and shirt is \$15. You can do both for \$25.
- We've launched a JustGiving event for 2021! If you're already signed up, [click here to create your page](#). If you need help, please email [development@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:development@flatrockhomes.org)
- The top fundraising team, church, and individual will win The Dick Parks Fundraising Award! You can donate through [JustGiving](#), on our [regular donation page](#) on the website, or via the mail. To be eligible to win the award, at least one person from the team/church must be registered for the race.

- Shirt orders will ship during June.
- Donations can be made toward an individual fundraising effort OR a team/church, but not both. Visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/events/race-at-the-rock/> for further details and to register.

**Send us a picture – we would love to share it!**

### Adopt-a-Home is Now Underway!

Our first church to adopt a home has stepped forward! Won't you join them as a charter supporter of this new project that develops closer relationships between the residents of our group homes, care center, and churches? There is no fee to adopt a home! You will bless our residents by adopting a home! Visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/adopt-a-home/> for more information.

### TRL Outdoor Therapeutic Center Project Opportunities

If you've visited Flat Rock Homes, you know we're located in a beautiful, rural setting. This year, we're excited about a project that will utilize this outdoor space and offer life-enhancing recreational and social opportunities for residents and their families. The TRL Outdoor Therapeutic Center will offer an updated and revitalized outdoor recreational area, walking path, and prayer labyrinth.



We are offering a variety of naming opportunities as a way for you to support this project. As part of your donation, your name or memorial message will be displayed on various items in the area. Items include:

Small named pavers in the labyrinth: \$99  
Large named pavers in the labyrinth: \$199  
"Family" named pavers in the labyrinth: \$299

Planter with engraved plaque: \$750  
Tree or Perennial Planter with engraved plaque: \$1,000  
Engraved park bench: \$2,500

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We also have opportunities for churches, businesses, and individuals to make a more substantial memorial or honorary gift. We would love to partner with you as we make this project a beautiful reality! To discuss any of the options above or other possibilities, contact: Cynthia Geiger at [cgeiger@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:cgeiger@flatrockhomes.org) or Jill Kinser at [jkinser@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:jkinser@flatrockhomes.org). Visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/trl-outdoor-therapeutic-center/> for the most recent information.

### Getting to Know Meg Larkin-Downing



Meg Larkin-Downing is the Marketing and Volunteer Manager at Flat Rock Homes, as well as Executive Assistant to the President/CEO. She joined the Flat Rock Team in 2017 as a Marketing Assistant. She's the face behind all the social media, website, and many other promotional materials.

She grew up in Central Ohio until moving to Tiffin, Ohio for her undergraduate degree in Communications-Public Relations from Tiffin University. She enjoyed being a member of the Tiffin University Marching Band, Concert Choir, The Concert Production Team, Kappa Kappa Psi Marching Band Fraternity, and President of the Communications Club and Lambda Pi Eta Chapter. She later went on to get her master's degree in Marketing and Communications from Franklin University.

She currently lives in Clyde, Ohio with her husband, Nick, and dog, Sheldon. When she isn't listening to a podcast or audiobook, she enjoys going on trips, spending time with family, watching movies, and spending time with friends (these days via Zoom or Facetime).

### Pulpit Supply Available for Summer Vacations

Church & Community Engagement Coordinators, Deaconess Sherri Buehl and Rose Darling offer pulpit supply and special presentations! With summer vacations coming soon, please contact us to discuss how we may be of service.

Rose and Sherri love to share Flat Rock and its message of transformed lives in churches across Ohio. Sherri is speaking at Field's UMC Women's Retreat May 15-16, Community UMC, Elyria on May 30, and Grace UMC Willard on June 6. Rose is sharing at New Beginning's Church of the Nazarene, North Canton May 16, Burton City and East Greenville UMCs on June 6, and Perry Trinity UMC, Massillon on June 20.

We would love to bring our inspiring messages to your church, VBS program, women's groups, senior's groups, and more. Contact Sherri at [sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org) or Rose at [rdarling@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:rdarling@flatrockhomes.org). No church is too small or too large!

### A Note of Thanks

In 2020, as the pandemic began, many churches and individuals answered our urgent call for choir robes or graduation gowns. Thanks to you, we have an abundance of these redesigned as PPE and are no longer in need of them. The stretchy, earloop masks continue to be accepted. Send them to Flat Rock Homes, Attn: PPE, PO Box 1, Flat Rock, OH 44828, or email Rose Darling at [rdarling@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:rdarling@flatrockhomes.org) or Sherri Buehl at [sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org) to organize pick-up.



### Coming in June

Gentle Worship is designed especially for individuals on the Autism spectrum or those who prefer a more peaceful style of worship. Rev. Zachary Holler from the West Ohio Conference Disability Awareness Committee shares his thoughts and experience on this and more in our June edition!

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