



# Flat Rock

Restoring Hope. Transforming Lives. Living Faith.

## Faith Connections August 2022

It seems unbelievable, but we are still in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are also not immune to the challenges of the nationwide workforce shortage. Due to regulations for intermediate care facilities, our guests continue to be limited to family visits in the Flat Rock Care Center. Because of this, we still aren't able to welcome tours onto campus yet. We look forward to that day with hope.

### Facebook Restoring Hope Prayer Group

In April 2020, shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic began, we launched the Flat Rock Homes: Restoring Hope Facebook Prayer group. We have grown to well over 200 members and invite you to join us! Six days each week, devotionals, prayers, answers to prayer, and music are shared.

Follow this link and click Join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/frhrestoringhope>! We look forward to meeting you!



### Create Your Benefit Fundraising Event For 2022

Your church or group is invited to hold a bake sale, pancake breakfast, rummage sale, autumn carnival, or other event benefitting Flat Rock! We help, if possible! Email [engagement@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:engagement@flatrockhomes.org) for more information.

### Giving Thanks!

We are pleased to announce the total raised during **The Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock** was over \$35,000! Our **Geranium Mailing** brought in nearly \$9,300 and the colorful flowers graced the Flat Rock Homes main campus during the summer months.

In July, Flat Rock celebrated 156 years and the **Birthday Appeal**, which in providing supplies for the Life Enrichment Program, is still underway! Online donations may be made through our [website](https://www.flatrockhomes.org) or you may send a check to Flat Rock Homes, PO Box 1, Flat Rock, OH 44828. Please note that your gift is for the Birthday Appeal.

Thanks to all who support Flat Rock, Care Center, and Community Services in any way!! Your prayers and gifts help us fulfill our mission. Read our missions, vision, and values statements here: <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/about/our-mission/>

### Join Our Team

A variety of career opportunities from part-time to full-time and even substitute positions are available at Flat Rock Care Center and through our Community Services Programs. We serve in Seneca, Sandusky, Erie, Huron, Lorain, Ashland, Richland, Crawford, Marion, Morrow, Ottawa, Knox, and Wyandot Counties. Click here to explore available jobs:

<https://www.flatrockhomes.org/careers/join-our-team/>



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## Autumn Supply Drive

Autumn is drawing near, and with it comes cooler temperatures and drier air due to indoor heating, bringing flaky, itchy skin; chapped lips; and irritated noses. Please, host a **supply drive** in your church or group and help us prepare. Here is a short list of suggested items. Your in-kind donations of these items, enable us to spend resources on other important supplies like replacement eyeglasses, hearing aids, or leg braces.

Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V)  
Body Lotion  
Deodorant/Antiperspirant (Men's, Women's)  
Hand Sanitizer

Laundry Detergent (Baby, Regular)  
New Lip Balm  
Soft tissues

If you purchase from our Amazon or Walmart wish lists, the items may be shipped directly to Flat Rock, 7353 N. County Road 29, Flat Rock, OH 44828. Mailed items may be shipped to PO Box 1, Flat Rock, OH 44828.

Rose or Sherri may help by picking up your donated items. Just email [engagement@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:engagement@flatrockhomes.org) to organize a pick-up or schedule a delivery. Thank you!



## Introducing Pastor Wesley George

Annually in July, numerous pastors in the East Ohio Conference are appointed to one or more churches. Pastor Wesley George, recently appointed to First UMC Dover, moved from a two-point charge (two churches) in the Three Rivers District to a larger church in the Tuscarawas District. One of the challenges of serving any new congregation is putting the right name with the right face. "When there are four Sam's to remember, it gets a little tougher," he explained.

Pastor Wesley quickly set up a series of meet-and-greet listening sessions to learn more about his new congregants, as they, in turn, got acquainted with him and his family. During July, each Wednesday morning, Pastor Wesley moved his 'office' to a local coffee shop and invited the people to meet him there. Twice a month in the evening, he did the same at a local ice cream parlor. There, they could casually chat, share questions and concerns, and suggest answers on what the church has done, wants to do, and how the goals of the Pastor and congregants might be fulfilled.

On most occasions, ten or more individuals met with him during the weekly gatherings, sometimes for an hour or more. Going forward, he plans to meet each first Wednesday morning of the month to continue to get better acquainted and open doors of communication. He said, holding these meetings outside the church seems to be a more comfortable setting for people and helps him get more familiar with his new community in Dover. We pray for Pastor Wesley George and those like him, serving a new church this year.

## Mark Your Calendar

- October 8 Lakeside-Marblehead 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighthouse Festival "Held in Lakeside Chautauqua." Check out arts and crafts by Flat Rock residents, staff, and friends! Details coming in future *Faith Connections*
- November 29 is #GivingTuesday! Make sure to follow our social media pages and watch here for the goal announcement!
- November 29 is Zoom Christmas Caroling! Watch for more information here!

**Keep an eye on all of our social media pages for other special events and needs!**



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