



FAITH CONNECTIONS JUNE 2023

The Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock is Happening Now!

On your mark! Get set! GO! The 18th annual event is underway through June, and we give a big THANK YOU to all who registered to walk, run, jump, or skip your way to the finish line! The Race is virtual this year, but you can hold your own race any time during June. You're welcome to virtually join with others on Sunday, June 25th as a Race with Us Day. You can find registration, a place to donate to a team or individual, and a place to upload your photos here: <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/events/race-at-the-rock/>

The Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock is our annual fundraiser for Flat Rock, raising much-needed general operating support. We appreciate your support of our ministries to individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Watch the Summer newsletter for pictures from our Inspirational Race, and photos from participants like you!



Sights & Sound: Travels with Flat Rock

Hop on board as we travel via chartered bus to beautiful Lancaster, PA, where we'll enjoy the epic, bigger-than-life production of MOSES at the Sight & Sound Theatre! Shop and dine in local places of interest. Seats are available, and the deadline is August 11. Visit <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/bus-trip/> to learn more and to register. Please be sure to sign up for travel insurance!

TRL Outdoor Therapeutic Center Progress Continues

Several components of the project are underway, preparing the area for the installation of the pavement, prayer labyrinth, walking trail, outdoor fitness equipment, swings, and more! Volunteers have painted the picnic pavilion, cleared out old mulch, planted flowers, and more! We need your help too!

Thank you, Volunteers!

Thank you to Ron Huffman, Vanguard-Sentinel Career & Technology Center's Program Instructor, who brought more than three dozen students to remove old mulch from the playground so the new poured rubber flooring can be installed in the TRL Project! We deeply appreciate these students and their teachers for their hard work! Summertime volunteer projects



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include weeding the flower beds and other outdoor work. Contact Sherri at sbuehl@flatrockhomes.org to discuss opportunities.

East Ohio Annual Conference

You are invited to stop by our Flat Rock display during the East Ohio Annual Conference at the J.S. Knight Center, 77 East Mill Street, Akron, OH, June 8-10, 2023. Development team members will be on hand to greet you and share exciting news about Flat Rock. We can hardly wait to see you!



Community Services Annual Picnic

Games, prizes, activities, and good picnic food were on hand for fun and friendship as Flat Rock Community Services residents gathered in May for their annual picnic! To support our activities, please contact engagement@flatrockhomes.org. Check out the pictures on the photo page and on our website.

Our Birthday is Coming!

In July, Flat Rock will celebrate 157 years of serving those in need! Keep an eye out for your Flat Rock birthday appeal letter to see what this year's project is.

Disability Awareness Sunday



Has your church scheduled its annual **Disability Awareness Sunday** for 2023? We can help by supplying a guest speaker and resources for this special day. "Disability Awareness Sunday calls the Church to celebrate the gifts and graces of persons with disabilities and calls the Church and society to full inclusion of persons with disabilities in the community. The church is not complete unless all of us are present and included." (Baltimore-Washington Conference UMC) Contact engagement@flatrockhomes.org to learn more and schedule a speaker for Disability Awareness Sunday.

Rose and Sherri recently shared Flat Rock's mission and message at the following United Methodist Churches: Ashland Christ, Bell Chapel, Bolivar, Canal Fulton, East Fairfield, Keene, Macksburg, Mary Reed, Mt Tabor, and Rogers, and represented Flat Rock at the Spring district conferences. While we are often invited to speak at UMC churches, we welcome the opportunity to share Flat Rock's ministry with other Methodist churches and other denominations. **Flat Rock Homes is a mission-minded ministry in need of support from all.**

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More photos available here: <https://www.flatrockhomes.org/photos/>



Folks from Flat Rock Community Services earned their yellow belts in martial arts!

Students from Sentinel Career Center came to campus and helped tackle a huge project clearing mulch to make way for the new equipment in the TRL Outdoor Therapeutic Center.



Flat Rock Community Services hosted their annual picnic for the first time since the pandemic! They love getting together to play games and enjoy a good meal.



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