



Disability Ministries
The United Methodist Church



OHIO DISABILITY & MINISTRY COLLABORATIVE (ODMC)

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Enlighten. Educate. Engage.



Ring those Wedding Bells



Congratulations to our co-director Rev. Zachery Holler as he and Elizabeth Wilson were married May 4th. May God bless your life together, and yes, the "fourth" will always be with you - as your wedding anniversary!

If you would like to congratulate the couple, send cards to Waverly Grace UMC at 104 S. High Street, Waverly, Ohio 45690 where Zach serves as an associate pastor.

Conference Time!

The long-awaited General Conference is underway at this writing, with the Ohio Disability & Ministry Collaborative (ODMC) co-director Pastor Mimi Luebbers representing the UMC Disability Ministries Committee.



"And know that I am God" from Psalm 46 was the theme of the Conference held in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Any updates pertinent to Disability Awareness will be shared in the next newsletter.

Front L-R - Rev. Justin Hancock, Deaconess Lynn Swedberg.

Back L-R Rev. Debbie Hills, and Rev. Mimi Luebbers with Angus Hancock.

ODMC and collaborative member Flat Rock Homes, Care Center & Community Services were represented at the **West Ohio Annual Conference** May 20 at Capital University in Bexley, Ohio. This year's theme, *"God is Able,"* draws inspiration from Ephesians 3:20-21, promising a gathering that celebrates the limitless power of God.

ODMC and Flat Rock will also have exhibits at the **East Oho Annual Conference**, June 13-15 at the John S Knight Center in downtown Akron with the theme of *Faith, Hope, and Love*. Please stop by to greet us and learn more about these ministries! Watch for photos in the next newsletter!

Resources

[Institute on Theology and Disability 2024 \(zeffy.com\)](https://www.zeffy.com) Register here and learn more about the 2024 Conference.

[Disability Ministries of the United Methodist Church – Accessible ministries with resources for people with disabilities, families and churches \(umcdmc.org\)](https://umcdmc.org) These pages hold all the updates and information you need to get started with the Accessible Badge Program.

If you need any assistance, please contact us via Rose Rdarling@flatrockhomes.org and we will hook you up with someone who can assist.

[UM Congress of the Deaf \(umcd.org\)](https://umcd.org)

[Ministers with Disabilities – Disability Ministries of the United Methodist Church \(umcdmc.org\)](https://umcdmc.org)

Flat Rock Outdoor Therapeutic Center



It took many hands and hours of planning and labor to make the 19th Race at the Rock a success. Here are two photos of residents with family who participated in the race. The newly outfitted recreational area was a huge hit during the grand opening. The huge swing was given a fresh coat of paint, and the memorial walking trail, prayer labyrinth, barn mural, and so much was more were unveiled at the ribbon-cutting ceremony May 18.th



[The Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock | Flat Rock Homes](#)