MAY/JUNE 2026

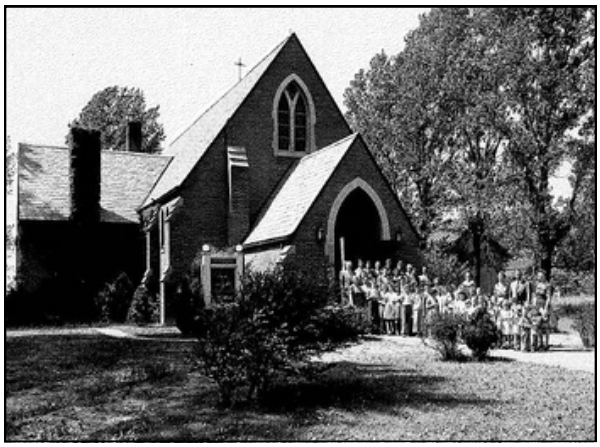
160 Years
Flat Rock
Restoring Hope Transforming Lives Living Faith

FAITH CONNECTIONS

NEWSLETTER

Faith Connections shares inspiring stories and pertinent updates that reflect our values, celebrate our community, and strengthen the bonds between families, churches, volunteers, and supporters.

160 Years Mission Strong



Ebenezer Church built in 1871

Employees of Flat Rock Children's Home

Prepare to Celebrate 160 Years with us!

As Flat Rock observes 160 years of faith and service, we invite you to join our celebrations this July!

An Evening of Faith & Fellowship with honored guest Bishop Hee-Soo Jung,

Make plans now to join us for a festive evening of faith and fellowship with Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, resident bishop of The Ohio Episcopal Area of the United Methodist Church.

An evening of delicious food, live music including our very own Care Center Singers, history displays, and a silent auction, is capped off by an inspiring message by the ever-engaging Bishop.

Reserve tables and tickets by calling Kaylee at 419-483-7330 ext. 1001 or emailing kcaskey@flatrockhomes.org. We look forward to celebrating with you!

TABLES & TICKETS

To purchase tables and tickets, call Kaylee at 419.483.7330 ext. 1001

Fellowship Circle Table (8 seats)	$750
Celebration Table (8 seats)	$500
Single Ticket	$65

FLAT ROCK WALK At The ROCK In Memory of Dick Parks

Walk at the Rock

Flat Rock Homes is excited to announce a new chapter for one of our favorite community events! This year, we are transitioning the longtime **Race at the Rock 5K** into the new and more inclusive **Walk at the Rock 1K** fundraiser.

The updated event is designed to encourage participation from all ages and abilities while continuing to support the mission and residents of Flat Rock. We invite families, friends, churches, partners, community groups, and supporters to tie on their walking shoes and join us on **Saturday, July 18,** for a morning of fun, fellowship, and fundraising. **Registration begins at 9:00 AM**, followed by the residents' **Walk of Hope at 10:00 AM** and the **Walk at the Rock 1K** shortly after. Participation is free, with the opportunity to support our fundraiser through the purchase of event T-shirts, residents' handmade items, and concessions.

In keeping with tradition, we will recognize the **top fundraising church** and **top fundraising team**! Rally your family, friends, supporters, and parishioners to help make a difference and take home one of this year's fundraising awards!

In addition to the walk, this year's event will feature several new **family-friendly activities**, including a **dunk tank, water features, inflatable axe-throwing, breakfast treats with coffee, a resident's art exhibit, and more.**

We look forward to bringing the community together for this exciting new tradition while supporting the residents and programs of Flat Rock Homes.

Geranium Appeal

Your support of the annual **Geranium Appeal** helps create a colorful, welcoming environment for everyone who visits, works, or lives here. Each gift made in someone's honor or memory includes a personalized marker placed beside a plant as a living memorial.

Thanks for your generosity as we continue to beautify the Flat Rock Main Campus Administrative Offices and Care Center.

Visit Flat Rock's Display at these Annual Conferences

A representative will be on hand to greet you and share the good news of how God is working through the prayerful support of churches and individuals throughout Ohio!

- **May 28–29:** West Ohio United Methodist Church Annual Conference in Columbus.
- **June 11:** The Mission Fair at the East Ohio Conference UMC. We are located in the tents along the pathway at The College of Wooster.
- **June 24-26:** The Allegheny West Global Methodist Annual Conference in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Resources

As your church considers ways to better serve individuals with disabilities, contact Mayfield UMC, North Coast District of the East Ohio Conference, for an overview of their program. From monthly evening community events to special Sunday school curriculum, the M.U.M.S. program offers numerous activities and Christian education gatherings.

A Winter Ball, Springtime Pretzels & Polkas, Summer Truck Night, and other activities are included on their monthly calendar. To learn more, contact Pastor Becky Stephens at becky@mayfieldchurch.org.

Fun with the M.U.M.S. Group Mayfield UMC

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

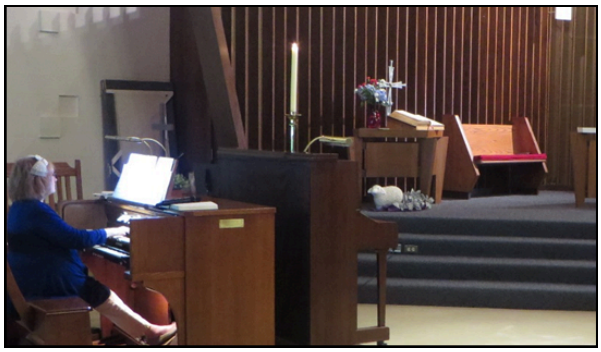
- Mental Health Month 2026 https://mhanational.org

June is National Safety Month

- National Safety Month 2026 https://www.nsc.org/

Church & Community Engagement

Flat Rock is pleased to offer pulpit or music supply, disability awareness presentations, and other group programs. Recent speaking or music engagements include: Birmingham Methodist; Boardman UMC; Canal Fulton UMC; Milton Presbyterian Church; Monroeville United Church of Christ; and Rittman/ Orrville UMCs. Contact engagement@flatrockhomes.org.



Limited availability: Hymns & Songs of America organ concert available to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

Save these Dates

July: Flat Rock's 160th Birthday Month

July 18: Walk at the Rock, fun and fundraiser

July 31: An Evening of Faith & Fellowship with Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

October 14: Adopt-a-Home and W.O.W. Appreciation Day

Alice in Wonderland Tea Party

Worship Our Way-W.O.W.

Pastor Kaufman

Pastor Ed Kovacik