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.

Have a Happy Holiday Season: May the blessings of Thanksgiving, the joy of Christmas, and the hope of the New Year fill your hearts and homes. We pray God's blessings on you, and those you love and serve, each day of the year.





A Season of Gratitude, Generosity, and Christian Love

This holiday season, we reflect with gratitude on an extraordinary year celebrating 160 years of ministry, compassion, and service at Flat Rock. Your faithful support makes it possible for us to provide more than the essentials. Through your generosity, the individuals we serve receive 24/7 medical care, rehabilitation, daily living assistance, and meaningful social, spiritual, and recreational opportunities.

For 105 years, the Kiwanis Club of Bellevue, Ohio, has helped make the holidays brighter for the individuals served by Flat Rock. Through festive caroling, thoughtful gifts, and sweet treats, this remarkable tradition continues to bring joy and reflects a lasting commitment to serving others. We are deeply grateful to the Bellevue Kiwanis Club for more than a century of kindness and generosity.



2025 Bellevue Kiwanians' Christmas visit

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the many churches, businesses, and individuals who help make Christmas a truly special time of year by hosting holiday parties, purchasing gifts, and sending Christmas cards. Your generosity, thoughtfulness, and expressions of Christian love bring warmth, joy, and a deep sense of belonging to those we serve. Through your kindness, you help make the holiday season brighter and remind each person that they are valued, remembered, and loved.

GIVINGTUESDAY

This GivingTuesday, Help Flat Rock Make an Even Greater Impact!

Your generosity has already made a difference—from new furnishings in our Care Center Houses to essential upgrades at the Seybert Center.

On **Tuesday, December 1, 2026,** **we're asking YOU to help us do even more!** Your donation helps Flat Rock create meaningful opportunities and enrich the lives of the individuals we serve. **Mark your calendar and make a commitment to give!** Every gift matters, and every contribution helps us build a brighter, sustainable future together. **Give generously. Make a difference. Support Flat Rock!**

Appreciation Day: Honoring Adopt-A-Home and W.O.W. Volunteers



Touring the Flat Rock Care Center



Appreciation Day guests



Rex Stanforth

On October 14, we gathered to celebrate and honor our dedicated **Adopt-A-Home sponsors and Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) volunteers** for the time, talents, and compassion they share with the individuals at Flat Rock Homes.

Adopt-A-Home sponsors connected with fellow sponsors, learned more about the impact of their involvement, toured the Care Center, and enjoyed live music and a delicious meal. Freshly baked cookies generously donated by Huron United Methodist Church added a special touch to the celebration. Through cards, seasonal and birthday gifts, prayers, and other thoughtful gestures, Adopt-A-Home sponsors bring joy and encouragement to Care Center residents and individuals served through Community Services. These meaningful connections remind each person that they are remembered, valued, and cared for.

Our **Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) volunteers** from the greater Bellevue area also share their gifts of faith and service by leading worship for Care Center residents and staff. Through prayer, brief and engaging messages, and special music, these volunteers create meaningful opportunities for spiritual connection and fellowship.

Interested in getting involved? If you would like to learn more about **becoming an Adopt-A-Home sponsor or serving with W.O.W.**, we invite you to reach out to **engagement@flatrockhomes.org.**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to every volunteer for sharing their time, talents, faith, and love. The Appreciation Day luncheon and program celebrated their faithful and compassionate service and the lasting difference they make in the lives of the individuals and staff at Flat Rock Homes.

Faithful Giving

Your generous gifts help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities live in safe, secure homes where they receive the compassionate care, dedicated support, and skilled assistance they deserve.

There are several meaningful ways you can support Flat Rock and make a difference in the lives of the individuals we serve.

Become a Friend of Flat Rock
Make a lasting impact with a recurring monthly donation through our **Friends of Flat Rock** program: www.flatrockhomes.org/give/. Gifts of any amount are welcome and help provide ongoing care, support, and a safe place to call home.

Make a Monetary Donation
Give a one-time gift in any amount that is meaningful to you. Donations can be made online at www.flatrockhomes.org/give/ or sent by mail to:
Flat Rock Homes, P.O. Box 1, Flat Rock, OH 44828

Coming Soon! Watch for Our Year-End Appeal!

Watch your mailbox for Flat Rock Homes' **Year-End Appeal**! This special season of giving helps advance our mission, and your generosity makes a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

There are many ways to give and make an impact, including **gifts of appreciated stock, grants from donor-advised funds, and qualified charitable distributions from your IRA**, if eligible. However you choose to give, your support helps Flat Rock continue providing safe homes, compassionate care, and meaningful support to the individuals we serve. Thank you for helping Flat Rock finish the year strong!

Church Engagement

We are pleased to offer **Flat Rock Sunday**, which may include an inspiring, interesting message about Flat Rock's ministries, a PowerPoint presentation, take-home informational materials, and opportunities to support Flat Rock through prayer, donations, and monetary gifts. Recent engagements include Wadsworth UWF, Chippewa Church at the Lake UMC, Leroy UMC, South Forest District Fall UWF Gathering, Lakewood UMC, and Monroeville United Church of Christ. Now scheduling for 2027. Please send **Flat Rock Sunday** requests to engagement@flatrockhomes.org.

Resources

Find multiple resources here: **Disabilities Ministry Committee** includes the accessibility audit https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lJ1OFXoR6pSSzwRpCezTp9-f02mDYGZy/view
Getting Started with Church Accessibility | **Everybody Belongs, Serving Together Faithward.org**
Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities https://ohio.gov/

Flat Rock Homes, Care Center, & Community Services is a faith-based, mission-minded ministry supported by churches of many denominations, individuals, families, businesses, and foundations.

Fall Festival at the Care Center













Halloween Dance











Top: Fall Festival at the Care Center

Bottom: Care Center and Community Services Halloween dances