



**Serving the East and West Ohio Conferences of the
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Annual Conferences 2026

Ohio delivered some of its finest spring weather for the West Ohio Annual Conference in May at Capital University in Bexley, near Columbus. ODMC and Flat Rock Homes, were each thrilled to share disability-awareness information with the 1,000-plus attendees and presenters. Pictured: (L) Rev Zachary (Zach) Holler (a Flat Rock Board Member) and (R) Rev Mimi Luebbers, co-director with Zach of the Ohio Disability & Ministry Collaborative (ODMC) and chair of the UMC Disabilities Ministry Committee.



Two weeks later, ODMC and Flat Rock Homes met up for the Missions Fair at the East Ohio Annual Conference at The College of Wooster. It was our pleasure to meet and greet old and new acquaintances and share the importance of disability awareness and ministries. Photo: L to R: Flat Rock Homes' President & CEO Karen Kilgo, Rose Darling, Church & Community Engagement Coordinator, and Jill Kinser, Director of Development & Sustainability.



ODMC and Flat Rock Homes offer resources and speakers to provide assistance and information as you seek to improve your disability ministries. Email Rose at rdarling@flatrockhomes.org to learn more.

MUMS the Word!

Pastor Becky Stephens, a member of the ODMC and associate pastor at Mayfield UMC of the North Coast District in the East Ohio Conference, recently shared their many disability ministries for the church and community. **Mayfield United Methodist Stars (MUMS)** offers weekly Sunday school classes with special emphasis on creative projects, songs, and worship, and monthly community events. These events range from an annual glitzy winter ball that offers a magical night of music, dancing, and celebration in a joyful and affirming environment. It's a red-carpet night for anyone in the community with a disability. The 2026 winter ball featured the music of RockAbility that "welcomes musicians with disabilities into existing, performance-based musical projects of varying genres." [RockAbility – NPower Services](#)

Other community events include Picture Bingo, a Fall Fest, a truck parade and display where friends may enjoy seeing a variety of trucks up close!

For more information about this unique ministry, contact Pastor Becky at becky@mayfieldchurch.org.

What unique disability ministries does your church offer? Please share your stories with Rose at rdarling@flatrockhomes.org.

Resources

Find multiple resources here: [Disabilities Ministry Committee](#) includes the accessibility audit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IJ1OFXoR6pSSzwRpCezTp9-f02mDYGZy/view?usp=sharing>

[United Methodist Committee on Deaf & Hard of Hearing Ministries - Deaf & Hard of Hearing Ministries Committee](#)

[What is an invisible disability?](#)

[Getting Started with Church Accessibility | Everybody Belongs, Serving Together | Faithward.org](#)