



**Disability Ministries**  
The United Methodist Church



**Ohio Disability & Ministry Collaborative**  
**Enlighten. Educate. Engage.**



**Christ is risen!**  
**He is risen, indeed.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Disability Awareness Sunday is Coming Soon in WOC!**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> is the big day!**

**Another Sunday may be chosen, but we urge you to present Disability Awareness as part of your ministries, because the people in your church and community with disabilities need your support.**

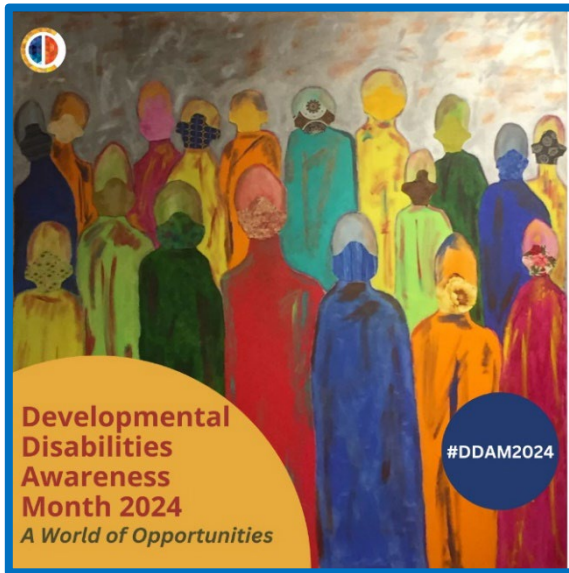
**Contact us to help make your plans or to arrange for a guest speaker!**

**The Dick Parks Memorial Race at the Rock is Back at the Rock!**

On Saturday, May 18, gather with us at Flat Rock Care Center & Headquarter in Flat Rock near Bellevue, Ohio for the Race at the Rock and the Grand Opening & Dedication of the Outdoor Therapeutic Center! Enter as a race participant or be a Sponsor!

Visit [www.flatrockhomes.org](http://www.flatrockhomes.org) and watch for the registration page under Events! Email [RDarling@flatrockhomes.org](mailto:RDarling@flatrockhomes.org) for more details.

## March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



In the U.S. National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month (NDDAM) is observed each March. This class of disabilities refers to learning and behavioral disabilities, such as autism, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and impairments in physical and/or intellectual functioning such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, and Down syndrome. World Down Syndrome Day is March 21<sup>st</sup>.

This year's NDDAM theme is *A World of Opportunities*

*" We're celebrating people and working together to remove obstacles. Our goal is to build a community that's committed to creating a world where everyone can do well and succeed. Join us in making a world where all kinds of people have the chance to thrive.*

### End the Stereotypes!

March 21<sup>st</sup> each year is World Down Syndrome Day. Learn more by following this link:

[End The Stereotypes - World Down Syndrome Day](#)



### Resources:

[Institute on Theology and Disability | Facebook](#)

[Presbyterians For Disability Concerns \(wordpress.com\)](#)

[Disability Ministries of the United Methodist Church – Accessible ministries with resources for people with disabilities, families and churches \(umcdmc.org\)](#)

<https://umcdmc.org/worship/>

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