

Where did the farm come from? In 1953, Virginia Weiss (1914-1995), became the first female attorney hired by Licking County. In 1964, she became the first female prosecuting attorney, the first female probate and juvenile judge from 1974 to 1979, and the first female president of the Licking County Bar Association. She also became president of the Licking County Humane Society because of her love of animals. Her favorite poodle, Peter Moses, used to sit on her lap while she presided over court.

In 1988, she gave this land to three local Lutheran churches as a memorial to her parents. Samuel W. Weiss (1884-1956) and Delia Kreager Weiss (1892-1976). It was Judge Weiss' express wish that the land be used by people of the congregations "to commune with nature and God".

Instrumental in securing tax exempt status for the property as "church camp lands" was a man who later became one of Judge Weiss' successors as Licking County Juvenile and Probate Judge, the late Michael Radabaugh (1951-1995).

Who is in charge? There is a governing committee of representatives of the four congregations, which make policy for the farm and oversees its maintenance and development.

Our Mission Statement: The Four Church Farm is to provide the people of the four participating churches as well as others with a recreational experience of God's creation. The Four Church Farm serves people of all ages as a site for congregational outings, retreats, and the experiencing of the wonders of God's natural order.



The Four Church Farm & You

*Need a place for a family reunion?
Or Sunday School Picnic?
Or Youth Group Adventure?
Or other outing?*

What it is: The Four Church Farm is 17 acres of recreational land, located in the rugged and beautiful Flint Ridge hills in the southern part of Licking County. The farm is owned jointly by four Newark, Ohio Lutheran congregations: St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and Christ Lutheran Church. About half the land is a wooded hillside, and the remainder is cleared flat land on the summit of the hill.

What is it for? The Four Church Farm exists for the following purposes:

- joint events of the four congregations.
- parish picnics and other events of each congregation.
- family picnics, reunions, and other outings arranged by members of the four congregations.

There is no charge for the uses listed above. The basic policy does not encourage use of the facility by outside groups in which no one has any connection to one of the four churches.

What facilities are available? The farm offers the following:

- A shelter house, with electric outlets
- Both wooden and concrete picnic tables
- Two handicap accessible restrooms, with running water
- A rustic chapel area with an altar made of flint
- Recreation facilities: children's playground, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, ball diamond, basketball court
- Nature trail through the wooded area

How to schedule an event:

Check for available dates on http://www.christ-in-heath.org/Four_church.htm
Anyone wishing to schedule an event at the Four Church Farm should call the secretary at Christ Lutheran (740) 522-4505 or by email at mail@christ-in-heath.org

THE RULES:

1. Park in designated areas, to assist us in managing the land properly.
2. No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the premises.
3. Any fires must be in the designated fire ring, south west of the picnic shelter. Please make certain that all fires are extinguished before leaving the farm.
4. Turn off the pump and electric in the restroom and then lock the restroom before leaving the farm.
5. Keep in mind that others use the facility after you. Please leave it as clean as or cleaner than you found it.
6. Please take your trash with you.

How to get there: At the traffic signal at the intersection of Rt. 13 at Linnville Road turn east on Linville Road, going just past St. John's Lutheran Church, to the intersection with Flint Ridge Road (approximately 3.5 miles). Turn east on Flint Ridge Road and drive 3.6 miles to the intersection with Ballou Road. Turn south and proceed to the top of the hill. The entrance to the farm is directly across from the intersection with Fairview Road. For GPS use 7611 Ballou Road, Newark, Ohio 43055 as the address.

