

# INTERFAITH BUILD GROUP UPDATE

## NEWS & UPDATES

Congregations are reporting that all kinds of fundraising efforts and events are underway, from designated collections to speaker events to youth group involvement in Habitat's Gingerbread Build. We have received pledge forms from six faith organizations to date and hope to double that number by the end of September.

Before volunteering on the Habitat worksite, we ask that individuals attend a new volunteer orientation session. **Volunteer orientations are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm and the third Saturday at 9 am at the Habitat office.** Prefer to do an orientation at your house of worship? If you have a group of ten or more interested individuals, contact Lindsay Berry, volunteer coordinator, at the Habitat office at 413-586-5430 to set up a time for her to visit.

**Public presentation and volunteer orientation: Sunday 23 September, 11:30 am, Edwards Church**

Edwards Church at 297 Main Street in Northampton is hosting an information session presented by Megan McDonough, Pioneer Valley Habitat executive director. The session, which will give a project overview and progress to date, will be followed by an optional 30-minute new volunteer orientation.

**Blessing of the Site: Sunday 30 September 2018, 4 pm, Glendale Rd. build site**

At 4:00 the afternoon of Sunday 30 September, we will gather near the foundations of the three homes for a Habitat tradition. It is customary for us to celebrate the raising of the first wall on a Habitat home, but in this case, where the walls will arrive having been connected in the factory, we will share together instead in a ceremony to bless the site. We hope you'll plan to join Habitat board and staff, financial supporters, local officials, neighbors and others that afternoon to meet the future homeowners.

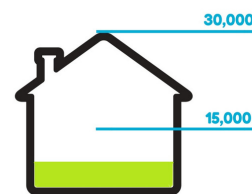
Please share with others in your community and RSVP so we know how many from your congregation to expect!

**Gingerbread Build: Saturday 1 December, 12:30 pm, Eastworks, Easthampton**

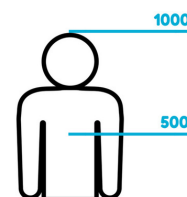
Register teams of four now for this fun afternoon of friendly competition and truly small home building. A great way to involve youth or others who are not interested in construction but would like to support the Interfaith Build. Follow this link for more information (including award categories) and to register.



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## VOLUNTEER HOURS



**Note:** We are just starting to collect your hours! Enter them here: <https://goo.gl/forms/wJVYDZD4jBYeO2dC2>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: [PVHABITAT.ORG/INTERFAITH](http://PVHABITAT.ORG/INTERFAITH)  
PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY!**