

## Habitat for Humanity Good News House Committee

Mike Muha, committee chair

We coordinate volunteers to work on-site building and refurbishing homes and grounds, provide lunches for the on-site crew, and/or donate toward building costs. We are one of 16 area churches which form the Good News Group, working together with the local Habitat for Humanity office to provide decent, affordable housing for people in need.

This aligns with several of our principles because we strive to make a difference in our community, in a way that supports our work on economic injustice, racism, sexism, together with other congregations in the community, an interfaith cooperative effort.

The building season runs from May thru August. For the past several years, instead of building one new house, we have rehabilitated two foreclosed houses. We do such things as repair the structure, hang drywall, install windows, do landscaping. There is a professional house leader who coordinates the activities and works with volunteers to assure they are comfortable with what they are working on.

In 2018:

- 68 congregants participated, including those providing lunches and those working on the houses
- The congregation donated over \$8,000 toward building expenses.
- Had a table in the social hall each Sunday to signup volunteers and educate

We've been part of the Good News Group since 2000. In 2018, the group finished our 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> houses, helping 33 families, and over 70 children, move into affordable, energy efficient homes.

In 2019, we will be working on only one house because Habitat has been so successful in rehabilitating neighborhoods that there are few eligible houses left to work on. Our committee will continue to provide volunteers and financial support.

Committee members include Mike Muha, Sandy Simon, Fran Lyman, Gwen Guthrie, Lucy Graff