

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.
 Philippians 2:1-2

September Events in the Habitat Faith Community

- 9.12 -- Sherman Avenue build volunteers: Monrovia United Methodist Church
- 9.19 -- Sherman Avenue build volunteers: Emmaus Lutheran Church
- 9.19 -- Kenwood Street build volunteers: Good Neighborhood Church
- 9.20 -- International Day of Prayer and Action
- 9.20 -- Forum at Salem Lutheran Church
- 9.26 -- Sherman Avenue build volunteers: Christian Assembly of Eagle Rock
- 9.26 -- Kenwood Street build volunteers: La Canada Presbyterian Church

Sites to Bookmark

- SGVHFH faith relations page: www.sgvhabitat.org/get-involved/faith-builds
- HFHI faith relations page: www.habitat.org/cr/
- Blog: <http://sangabrielvalleyhabitat.blogspot.com>
- Fun YouTube videos created by AboutFaceMedia (under "Community" tab): <http://aboutfacemedia.com/Additional-Work.aspx>

Progress at our Current Builds

Sherman Avenue, Monrovia



North Kenwood Street, Glendale



Questions? Comments? Ideas?

Contact our Ecumenical Outreach Coordinator, Amy Borton: 626.387.6899 x16 or faithrelations@sgvhabitat.org

Faith Relations Committee

Connect with SGV Habitat and other spiritual leaders in our community! Our new Faith Relations Committee will be meeting once every 2-3 months to discuss our joint missions, encourage one another in ministry efforts, and share best practices to inspire consistent community service. It is *not* a vehicle for Habitat, it does *not* require any financial commitment, and meetings will *not* revolve solely around Habitat issues -- instead, it is my passion to open the floor for honest dialogue and encouragement among various religious traditions toward one common goal, based on the concept of [the theology of the hammer](#) advocated for by Habitat's founder, Millard Fuller.

International Day of Prayer & Action

Sunday, September 20 has been designated by Habitat for Humanity International as the [International Day of Prayer and Action](#) (IDOPA). This is the day we ask adherents of all religions and traditions to commit to pray for the mission of Habitat and the issues surrounding it, such as affordable housing, homelessness, and community development.

We have been fortunate to have some awesome houses of worship commit to observing this day in the form of a verbal announcement during service, an announcement in the bulletin, time set aside for a SGVHFH representative to speak, and/or a special offering collection on our behalf. Interested? Ask us about how your congregation can become involved!

Thank You!

Recent donors:

- + First United Methodist Church of Pasadena
- + Oneonta Congregational Church
- + St. George's Episcopal Church
- + La Canada Presbyterian Church
- + Village Presbyterian Church -- Christmas in July Fair

Recent volunteers:

- + All Saints Episcopal Church
- + St. Bede the Venerable Catholic Church
- + Montrose Church
- + First United Methodist Church of Glendale
- + Lake Avenue Church
- + Good Neighborhood Church
- + Monrovia United Methodist Church
- + St. Rita's Catholic Church

Prayer Requests

We would like to extend our prayers, sympathy, and support to the many individuals and organizations in our community that have been affected by the recent fires. Please know our faith family is in prayer for YOU, and we ask that our extended family joins in prayer and action to aid and protect those whose homes and places of work & worship are threatened.

We also ask for your blessing on our finances:

... We have to finish fundraising the last \$39,000 for our Sherman build in Monrovia -- the project will hopefully be finished by early January, so we need to raise this amount by the end of the year!

... We also are seeking sponsorship, specifically in the form of grants, to pay for the wheelchair adjustments and ramps at our Kenwood build in Glendale.

... We have launched the Geneva Campaign to raise the necessary funds for our next build on Geneva Street in Glendale, and we have already run into stumbling blocks due to the current economic climate.

... We have hired on two new staff members as well as acquired a new AmeriCorps*VISTA member (which is an unpaid, full-time, year-long staff member such as myself) -- all three are fund raising positions in an effort to not only survive but also grow during these turbulent financial times.

Finally, we have praise and thankfulness: our soon-to-be homeowners are all on their way to finishing their 500 hours of sweat equity! These families (and their friends!) have devoted so much time and effort into working on their future homes, and they are shining examples of the high character our Habitat homeowners possess.