



WINTER 2021 BUILDING ON FAITH newsletter

Lent Build fundraiser to help Repair Program



Cara Middendorf, Repair Program Manager, explains Lent Build in a taped message to air on Habitat Susquehanna's social media platforms on Ash Wednesday

What is the Repair Program?

Helping your low-income neighbors in need of repairs

The second annual Lent Build fundraiser begins on Ash Wednesday and this year's

How can my place of worship or faith group participate in Lent Build?

Following our 40-day Lent Build calendar (found on our [website](#)) can be a fun way to support our Repair Program while

proceeds (putting aside pocket change for 40 days) will go towards helping to fund repairs for low-income homeowners in Harford and Cecil counties.

The **Repair Program** assists homeowners with their critical home repairs as well as weatherization needs. Examples of critical home repairs include roof repair or replacement; flooring, plumbing and/or electrical issues; and, accessibility needs or modifications such as ramps, chair lifts, grab bars, raised toilet seats, converting tubs into walk-in showers, etc.

This year, we were not chosen to receive an annual grant that helps Veterans with their critical home repairs. And, the cost of repairs in general has escalated.

Therefore, the **Lent Build 2021** fundraiser was selected as a means to help offset expenses currently faced by our Repair Program.

To date, the Repair Program has served **442** homeowners with **653** repair needs.

giving appreciation and prayers for all things concerning your home.

How can you help? Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to follow along and donate to our Repair Program. OR see if the congregants at your place of worship or members of your faith group would be interested in participating as a whole to take up a collection. With the pandemic making it difficult to volunteer with Habitat at this time, this could be a perfect project for those who wish to be involved with us!

Who applies to our Repair Program?

Read what one applicant told us about their situation:

"I have been scared of being homeless and have been sick for over a year now. I have nowhere to go. I need a home. I am grateful for a roof over my head but it's falling apart fast. I don't know what you can do for me, but anything would be a blessing."

We've received these types of letters time and again. Help us to help a neighbor in need!

Lent Build calendar and
donations

Acknowledgements

Since our last published newsletter thanks, we've received monetary donations from **Wilna Seventh Day Adventist Church** (for holiday meals for the Repair Program homeowners and to fund a small repair); **Christ Fellowship Church**; **Susquehanna Ministerium of Greater Havre de Grace**; **Churchville Presbyterian Church**; **Union United Methodist Church**; **Linden Heights United Methodist Church**; **Bethel Presbyterian**; and, **Havre de Grace United Methodist Church**. Thank you for these blessings!

In addition, **Bel Air United Methodist Church** is assisting one of our Habitat homeowners -- Mulatwa -- since the passing of her husband, Lemma. As you may recall, the Gutemas have a daughter who has been disabled since the age of one. BAUMC has been assisting the mother and daughter with food needs, and looking into the possibility of obtaining a wheelchair-accessible van as well as building an accessibility ramp for the home. If you are interested in helping BAUMC with this family's needs, please reach

out to that church. (Point of contact is Tim Knabe.)

In other news...

Faith partners invited to participate in Unity Build

Our hope is to bring together congregations from a variety of faiths to volunteer side-by-side to help fund and build affordable homes with Habitat Susquehanna. It will be a time of tolerance, cooperation, and love for one's neighbor. To learn more, visit our [website](#).

Habitat Susquehanna's tithing results overseas

Habitat for Humanity's tithe program supports carefully chosen building and shelter projects that provide housing in the world's poorest places. Tithe funds allow families to stand on their own and build stronger, more stable communities.

Since 1995, Habitat Susquehanna has served **101** international families through tithing.

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