

Habitat for Humanity Good News House 2023 Lunch Information

Thanks for volunteering!

For each build day, there will be a designated FUMC AA Lunch Coordinator. The Coordinator will contact the other Lunch Crew volunteers to determine who will bring what to the lunch site. Generally, each Lunch Crew member will purchase and prepare the items assigned to them and then deliver them to the worksite. If purchasing the items are a hardship for you, please

Quantities: Generally, prepare to feed 13-15 construction volunteers, but verify with the FUMC AA Good News Group Volunteer Coordinator. You may be sharing lunch duties with another congregation.

Time: Arrival time of 11:00-11:15 should work well for 11:30 lunch serving. Two folding tables are available onsite for food service.

Needed non-food items: Napkins/roll of paper towels, Paper plates, Plastic/paper cups, Plastic silverware, serving utensils (if appropriate), trash bag for rubbish, Plastic table cloths for 6 foot tables, Wet Ones - these are helpful for construction volunteers to clean up before eating.

Typical Menu Items (lots of room for variations):

Beverages: cold, mix of caffeinated and non-caffeinated, or ice tea, lemonade, juice (water is available on site all day)

Sandwich Fixings: Breads and lunch meat, tuna, cheese or other sandwich fillings, and maybe even a peanut butter and jelly alternative for vegetarians. Condiments (mayonnaise, mustard, etc.) are often brought in jars (with spatulas or knives) or squeeze containers to let folks add their own to their sandwich. Sandwich fixings rather than pre-made sandwiches work well, as volunteer workers are able to choose what they like or can eat.

Cut-up vegetables and/or fresh fruit: celery, carrots, broccoli, peppers, pickles etc. And/or apples, strawberries, bananas, grapes, watermelon slices, etc.

Chips and/or Salads and/or yogurt: potato chips, taco chips, cheese & crackers and/or coleslaw, potato or macaroni salad, etc. Individual yogurt cups also seem to be well received.

Dessert of some kind: cookies, brownies and other finger desserts work well

And in general:

If it is more convenient for the people providing the lunch, lunch items can be brought to the site earlier in the day using coolers, etc. to keep items fresh. Sometimes, especially in July/August, a church will choose to spring for a pizza, in which case a variety of pizza toppings should be chosen. However, many of our builders seem to have fallen into a healthy lifestyle eating pattern (by choice or necessity), so pizza may not be the "ideal lunch." And, we frequently encounter volunteers who are vegetarians as well.