

# Hurricane Sandy Recovery Orientation

## Departure

The group will assemble at the offices of Lend A Hand, 3040 Market Street, Camp Hill, on Sunday afternoon at 2 PM. **You are asked to park on the street adjacent to the building or at the rear of the parking lot behind the building.** We will travel in 15 passenger vans and a tool cargo van. The trip will take approximately three hours, with a brief stop at the Valley Forge Rest area on the Turnpike.

## Return

After five days of hard work, we will depart New Jersey late on Friday, arriving back in Camp Hill around 7 -8 PM. Our hosts need to re-set the fellowship hall on Saturday for weekend church events.

## Lodging

We will stay in the fellowship hall of the Point Pleasant Beach Presbyterian Church, 701 Forman Avenue. The church phone is 732 899 3946. There also is excellent cell phone reception at the church. The church has Wi-Fi. It is heated and air conditioned. Power strips are available to recharge batteries, cell phones, etc.

There are surplus army bunks, each with a six inch thick single mattress. The area will accommodate a maximum of 46, utilizing all lower and upper bunks, . It is anticipated that only groups of 22 will be sent most times.

## Living areas

Groups are expected to clean the living areas, the dining and kitchen areas, and the rest rooms prior to departure. Groups are to remove all garbage and trash to the dumpster behind the building. Recycling items are to be separated and placed in the appropriate containers.

## Things to take

A sleeping bag and pillow.... No linens are provided by our hosts.

Work clothes should be casual and warm. Plan to layer your clothing. When working indoors, we have heaters with our tool truck to warm the homes if the home does not have its heat system restored. Please bring a pair of hard soled work shoes since there will be hidden debris (nails, broken glass, broken furniture) on which you will be walking. Warm gloves, a hat, and warm socks are important. Bring knee pads, if you have them, for getting into crawl spaces.

Lend A Hand will take a tool truck with tools for all to use. Additionally, the Ocean County Long Term Recovery Committee is slowly assembling a tool shed with additional tools for volunteers. **If you have them**, each volunteer is asked to bring a tool belt or tool bag with a 25 foot tape measure, hammer, crow or pry bar, pencils, a note pad, a utility knife, and work gloves. If you have a cordless drill, contact the crew chief to see if it is also needed.

## Showers

Bring a small gym bag. The showers are available at the local Gold's Gym, one half mile away. A gym bag will transport your change of clothes and your toiletries to and from the fellowship hall. Bring towels and sundries since none will be provided. Showers are to be constructed at the Fellowship Hall this spring. There will be five uni-sex stalls, each with a private dressing area.

## Entertainment

If you have small board games, books, or other items to entertain yourself and the group, bring them along.

## Devotions

We will have daily devotionals and you may be asked to lead the prayers on one of the days. A bible and/or a small devotional would be helpful.

### **Restrooms.**

There are two stalls in the ladies room. The men's room has one stall and one urinal. A sink is in each area. A small rest room with a toilet and sink is near the kitchen. There are two portable toilets outside the rear entrance. Bring a flashlight if you need to make a visit during the night.

### **Meals**

The Point Pleasant congregation has volunteers who will prepare our food. Breakfast at 7 AM will be cold cereals, toast and jellies, and drinks. You will be required to pack your own lunch (sandwiches, fruit, snacks, and drinks) which will be placed in coolers and consumed at the job site. We will return to the dorm around 5 PM where a hot meal will be served around 6:30.....Lights out around 10 PM.

On one evening during the week, after dinner, church members and clients may like to join with the volunteers for and informal worship and sharing time. Work group members are invited to join in the leadership of the worship program.

### **Work assignments**

The actual homes have not yet been identified but we can anticipate cleaning out basements and first floors of sand and damaged furniture and stored items. We will remove flooring, drywall, and insulation. We will power wash affected areas and spray for mold and mildew. Tyvek suits, masks, and other safety gear will be provided when needed. **Most importantly, we will listen, pray with, console, and encourage the homeowners.**

### **Parking**

Parking at the church is limited for those driving there directly. There is ample on-street parking and free parking in the municipal lot one block north of the church. Parking is not permitted in the small lot at the rear of the church or in the manse driveway, except to load or unload your vehicle. There is no parking available for RV's.

### **Recreational time off.**

Groups planning to take time off for recreation and 'beach time' when the weather permits are reminded that a Beach Badge is needed. There are no 'free' beaches in the area to be serviced by the host church. The cost varies per municipality but averages \$8.00 a day. The Point Pleasant Beach boardwalk should be repaired and operational by May. Vendor stores and food kiosks are available.

### **Special Restriction**

For reasons of child safety, volunteers are asked not to go into the lower level of the Annex where the church's weekday-morning Pre-school holds classes. During the weekday, all volunteers are asked to use the rear entrance off the manse driveway behind the building....away from the street entrance where children are dropped off and picked up.

THERE IS A TOTAL PROHIBITION ON SMOKING IN THE BUILDING OR IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE THE FELLOWSHIP HALL BUILDING. If you must smoke, do so as you walk around the neighborhood.

ADDITIONALLY, NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE TO BE STORED OR CONSUMED IN THE BUILDING. Please refrain from purchasing alcohol to be brought home at the end of the week,

### **Valuables**

Volunteers are discouraged from bringing valuables with them. Although the building doors will be locked, the church assumes no responsibility for security of personal items. Laptops, cameras, cell phones, and similar items must be locked in the group members' cars or vans when the volunteer exits the building.

After reading this information, should you have questions, call the office at 717 731 8888 or Bill on his cell, 717 319 5018 or George on his cell, 717 433 0020

For in-depth background, go to [www.pointpresbyterian.org](http://www.pointpresbyterian.org), Go to e-news and click on 'click here' to read their recovery blog.....informative!