



PNEC Sleep Out For Homelessness
At St. John's UCC, Fullerton
575 Grape Street, Whitehall, PA 18052
Saturday, Sep 17 at 6pm – Sunday, Sep 18 at 9am

The idea:

To be the eyes, hands, and heart of Jesus in our community and the world.

To spend a night learning about what it might be like to be homeless.

To raise money for VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE which helps abandoned, abused and homeless youth.

Schedule:

Arrive at 6pm (eat supper at home), participate in various activities from 6pm-12 midnight to learn about homelessness and poverty. (Yeah, it's fun too, no worries.) We will try to stay outside all night, weather permitting. However, if people need to go inside to sleep that will be arranged. Our goal is to raise awareness and money, not to get everyone sick.

12 Midnight Sleep/Settle In

7:00am Wake Up, Get Dressed, Clean up

7:15 am Breakfast

7:45 am Leave for home church to can your own congregation**

7:45 am Collect donations from St John's Worshipers (for Churches that wish to stay)

8:15 am Worship (for Churches that wish to stay)

8:45 am goodbye's and leave for home

Dress warmly, bring a coat or extra clothing (hat and gloves). You are allowed to bring a sleeping bag and pillow, personal toiletries (meds), and pajamas (for outside, remember), flashlight. Ipods/music, cell phones must be off and away (used only with adult permission), no money or food is needed.

Cardboard boxes should be brought to St John's the night of the sleep out for your own church. Cardboard boxes will be used to create a sleeping area. No food will be served during the night (If you have health or medical needs, please bring your own food/drink.) You will be allowed to go inside the church to use the bathroom and to warm up when needed (beverages provided).

If you want to attend the sleepout:

YOUTH: GRADES 7TH-12TH Complete and return the enclosed covenant to your youth leader no later than Saturday, September 10th. Collect money from sponsors and bring your sponsor form and ALL money to the Sleepout . Try to raise at least \$25.

We hope to raise more than last years \$3000!

ADULT LEADERS: Hold onto paperwork and bring it to the event. Email /call Beverly McClure at the PNEC office with names , grades and gender of youth and adults no later than Saturday, September 10th.

ADULT CHAPERONES: There must be at least 1-2 adults attending from each church, with at least 1 per every 10 youth, more are welcome. You need to sign up now or as soon as possible. We need adult chaperones from 7pm-midnight as well as overnight. All adult chaperones must complete the PNEC Safe Child Disclosure form. Those who are sleeping over must apply for and provide copies of PA Child Abuse and Criminal Background checks. You may bring an air mattress and other comforts to sleep or you may volunteer to sleep inside.

For Information and Registration: Patty Rehrig patty@pneec.org 610-826-3113

Host Church Contact : Michelle Funk Stjohnsucc.youth@rcn.com 610-390-9624 Cell

David DiPalantonio: youthgroup@unionucc.org 610-349-9162 cell

*****It is requested that all church youth groups plan on returning to their home congregations if at all possible on Sunday, September 18th to "can" the congregation at their morning worship for additional donations for Synergy Project. Churches should send any additional donations from Sunday morning directly to Valley Youth House and write "PNEC Sleepout for Homelessness" in memo area so Valley Youth House can track the total donations from this event. Please email Michelle Funk with your totals from Sunday Morning collections stjohnsucc.youth@rcn.com***

RETURN FORM NOW—no later than Sept. 10th

YOUTH LEADERS contact the PNEC Office no later than September 10th with your list of participants. bring all forms to the sleep out with you.

Covenant for Sleepout for Homelessness

Youth and Adults:

Because God calls us to be a community of faith and leaders in Christ's church, I covenant with God and the group to conduct our life together at the event in a manner that promotes a community of faith.

1. I will participate in all activities, working together to learn and grow from my experience.
2. I will treat all people with dignity and respect, both in actions and language.
3. I will respect the property of all people.
4. I will use the facilities made available to us with care. If I hurt or accidentally damage property, I will take responsibility for the damage done and inform an adult advisor right away.
5. I will not bring or use tobacco products, alcohol, and/or illicit drugs. Prescribed drugs must be made known in writing and adult leaders will negotiate plan for administering.
6. I will share only music and media that is appropriate and I will only take/post pictures of others with their consent.
7. I will not engage in sexual activity.
8. I will observe the guidelines for visiting members of the opposite sex.
9. I will be mindful of others' rights to privacy and sleep.
10. I will honor the curfew for lights out and I will be in my bed for lights out and remain there (except to use bathroom) until wake up call. I will not leave the assigned group area during the night.
11. I will not travel alone. When I am not with the group I will be with 2 or more other participants. During free time I will do only that which is permitted.
12. I realize that violation of this covenant could mean apologizing to the group, congregation, or Consistory in writing. It may mean phoning parents and/or returning home before the event's conclusion.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

We/I accept this covenant and expect our child/ren to follow it. I give my child permission to attend this event.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

DATE: _____

Please check ____ I allow pictures to be taken of my child for the purposes of display and promotion in fliers, church/conference website, Facebook page, and / or the local newspaper.

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

Please list a number where you can be reached at all times during this event.

EMERGENCY NAME//PHONE (IF you can't be reached) _____

Your church name and town: _____

These are special needs of my child: (medical, food/diet, allergies, prescription/non-prescription meds bringing along) ALSO List here any schedule conflicts – will you be arriving at a different time, will you need to leave for part of the event, etc.

____ I am an adult who can chaperone from 7pm-12midnight.*

____ I am an adult who can chaperone the whole event/or sleepover.*

***All Adult Chaperones must provide copies of PA Child Abuse and Criminal Background checks to PNEC prior to September 10th.**

Please help me raise at least \$25.

- ~ spend a night learning about what it might be like to be homeless.
- ~ raise money for **VALLEY YOUTH HOUSE SYNERGY PROJECT** which helps local homeless youth.
- ~ learn more about being the eyes, hands, and heart of Jesus in our community and world.

PARTICIPANT NAME : _____

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CASH OR CHECKS, PLEASE CHECKS MADE TO: St. John's UCC, Fullerton
THANK YOU for your support.

All sponsorship money must be turned in at the time of the event on September 17th.
Additional sponsors/amounts can be listed on the back page.