

**Community Ministry Support
Huntington St. Baptist Church
29 Huntington Street
New London, CT 06320**

Services:

Huntington Street Baptist Church provides a dry, affordable (but mostly un-air conditioned!) place to use your own cots, air mattresses, or foam mattresses, with four showers. There are no laundry facilities on site, but there is a Laundromat just a few blocks from the church.

Housing for up to 40 workers:

- Two large rooms:

- 1) Fellowship Hall (approximately 40x20 w/ unisex restroom nearby)
- 2) Gym (approximately 35x50 w/ unisex/handicap restroom nearby).

The Gym is roomier, but the Fellowship hall is cooler (window air conditioner!)

- Three smaller rooms: Downstairs classrooms, (each is approximately 18x25, with a unisex restroom nearby and mens room and ladies room up one flight of stairs). These rooms have street-level windows (with curtains). These rooms are best to have adults or young men stay in, if desired.

It is recommended that the team include at least one adult chaperone for every 7 high-school age workers and one adult chaperone for every 5 middle-school age workers. "Adult" in this case means age 22 or over.

Showers:

There are four showers in the building. Two in each restroom, located one level up on both sides of the gym at the top of each stairwell.

The building has two hot water heaters, so running out of hot water is normally not a problem.

Even though there are industrial vent fans in the ceiling, wet towels usually need to be hung in other rooms of the building to dry. The humidity in the shower rooms will keep them from drying out.

Kitchen:

The kitchen has a gas 10 burner stove and double-oven, and a small (older) microwave. The stove/oven is pretty old, and you must exercise caution to **keep the gas line turned off when not in use**. The control valve for gas is located near to the stove, and is easy to use.

There are two domestic-sized upright refrigerator/freezers in the kitchen/gym area, and a mini-fridge on the bottom floor of the building.

Two propane BBQ grills are available immediately outside the kitchen. The tanks will be full upon your team's arrival, and it would be appreciated if you could refill them before leaving, if the grills were used by your group. There are many places to get new full tanks in the area, which can be provided to you upon request.

Alarm System:

Every adult worker needs to be fully acquainted with how to arm and disarm the security system, and how to respond when/if it is accidentally tripped (which almost always happens!)

Security:

Keep exterior doors locked as much as possible, even when the building is occupied.

Open street-level windows only when the associated room is occupied.

Do not leave personal valuables out.

It is recommended that a secure place to store and re-charge personal electronics be established.

Don't leave the building at night alone.

Insurance Documentation:

The church's insurer requires an Insurance Certificate with Huntington Street Baptist Church, Inc. as a "named insured" with a minimum of \$1,000,000 liability coverage.

Huntington Street Baptist Church also requires a Memorandum of Understanding stating that guests agree to review and comply with our Child and Worker Protection Policy, which includes background checks be conducted by the guests' sending church or ministry for all who are working with children.

Parking:

The church owns 14 spaces nearest the Education Building (adjacent to the building and adjacent to Washington Street).

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church across Huntington Street can sometimes provide space for trailers and vans in their rear lot, but not during SailFest.

The church's neighbors on Huntington Street to the north and south (attorneys to the south, accountants to the north) own the lots adjacent to the building, and local parking shortages require them to guard their parking closely! Please honor their property rights.

On-street parking is limited to 2 hours at a time.

Internet Access:

The churches WiFi network will be made available with a secure password.

The Washington Street Coffe House (next door to the church) has free public WiFi for customers.

Password is available inside the resaraunt.

Paper Goods/Expendables:

It is requested that guests provide their own paper goods and expendables, including toilet paper, paper towels, and 55-gal trash bags. (You may arrange to buy and have these items shipped prior to your arrival, and the items will be stored for you.)

Trash Disposal:

There are three 90-gallon trash dumpsters available, but the city only picks them up on Tuesdays. If they are over-filled, the local feral cats and wildlife will "decorate" the neighborhood! Please only fill them to the point that the lid will close.

Plan on bringing the dumpsters or large trash bags to the [New London Waste Transfer Station](#) located at [63 Lewis Street](#) (~4 minute drive) each day or two. Unfortunately, the city will weigh each load and charge accordingly. (usually about \$5-7 for loads up to 4-5 bags). This transfer station is only for New London residents, so you may have to arrange to bring a church member with a New London address with you. Transfer station hours: Monday thru Saturday 7:30am - 11:45am, 12:30pm - 4:00pm. Closed on Sundays.

Transportation:

Each team will have to arrange for their own local transportation. The church does not own a van. Past experience has shown that local 12-passenger and 15-passenger rental vans in the region are in very short supply and in high demand during the summer. It is recommended that you reserve one as far ahead of time as possible if you think you'll need it.

Groceries and other supplies:

Food stores include: **Shop Rite** (~5 minute drive) at [351 Interstate 95 Frontage Road](#), **Super Stop & Shop** (~4 minute drive) at [117 Boston Post Rd](#) in Waterford, and **WalMart Super Center** (~8 minute drive) at [155 Parkway N](#) in Waterford.

For other items you may need, there is the WalMart Super Center mentioned above, a **WalMart** (~5 minute drive) at [150 Gold Star Highway](#) in Groton, a **Target** (~8 minute drive) at [900 Hartford Parkway](#) in Waterford, and a **BJ's Member's Warehouse** (~9 minute drive) at [125 Cross Rd](#) in Waterford, which is similar to a Sam's Club. There is also a **Home Depot** (~8 minute drive) at [816 Hartford Turnpike](#) in Waterford and a **Lowe's** (~8 minute drive) at [167 Parkway N.](#) in Waterford.

Dining:

IT'S GREAT TO EAT LOCAL!

The surrounding towns have the "usual suspects" of chain restaraunts, but please take a look at our [local eateries](#) around town. Especially close are those on State Street, Broad Street, and Huntington Street. You can at at Ruby Tuesday's, Longhorn, or Chili's anytime!

Recreation Day:

Each team is encouraged to set aside a half-day or full-day for enjoying our regional fun! In order of proximity (and cost!) please consider:

-[New London Attractions](#)

-[Events in the area](#)

-[The Nautilus Submarine Museum](#), Groton, no charge!

-[Ocean Beach Park](#), New London, about 10 minutes away. Costs vary.

-[Misquamicut Beach](#), Rhode Island, about 40 minutes away. Costs and traffic varies.

-[Boston, Massachusetts](#) is about 2 hours away depending on traffic.

- Great history; walk the "[Freedom Trail](#)" and/or visit "[Old Ironsides](#)" - [USS Constitution](#), if you have the opportunity.
- Traffic can be a mess. Parking in a commuter lot and taking "[The T](#)" [public rail system](#) is often a better option.

[New York City](#) is also about 2 hours away.

Many find it helpful to just drive to New Haven and take the train in. Others prefer to take a van and research parking arrangements online.

[Block Island, Rhode Island](#): an all-day trip, including ferry ride out of Point Judith, RI (Cheaper, with more scheduling options; longer drive, but a very short ferry trip) or out of New London (Closer, but a longer transit over the water, more expensive, fewer scheduling options); a very enjoyable combination of beaches, rental bikes, and eclectic shops.

Medical Attention:

Walk-in medical centers:

- [Pegot Health Center](#) located at [52 Hazelnut Hill Rd](#) in Groton (~7 minute drive)
- [Charter Oak Walk-In Medical Center](#), located at [324 Flanders Rd](#) in East Lyme (~11 minute drive).
- The local hospital emergency room, [Lawrence and Memorial Hospital](#), located at [365 Montauk Ave](#) is only about 5 minutes away, but the wait times can be extensive.

In all cases of emergency, Dial 911

Nearby pharmacies include:

- [CVS](#) at [817 Bank Street](#) which has a drive thru window, with store hours of 8am to 10pm every day. Saturday and Sunday pharmacy hours are 9am to 6pm.
- [Walgreens](#) at [698 Bank Street](#), with store hours of 8am to 10pm every day. Saturday pharmacy hours are 9am to 6pm and Sunday pharmacy hours are 10am to 6pm.
- [Rite Aid](#) at [280 Broad Street](#), or [Rite Aid in Waterford](#) at [75 Boston Post Road](#), with store hours of 7am to 9pm every day, Pharmacy hours of 8am to 9pm M-F, 9am to 6pm on Saturdays, and 10am to 6pm on Sundays.

Weekly operations:

See: [Weekly Schedule](#)

Additional Church uses:

- Tuesdays 2:00pm to 7:30pm: Hit and Switch Athletics in the Gym
- Tuesdays 7:00pm to 9:00pm: Work and Learn in the Fellowship Hall (Beginning August 5th)
- Thursdays 2:00pm to 5:30pm: Hit and Switch Athletics in the Gym
- Fridays 7:00pm to 9:00pm: Malta Ministries feeds the homeless in the side parking lot, owned by neighboring attorneys.
- Saturday Afternoons (times vary): Brazilian Church discipleships in the Fellowship Hall or Snow Room; Praise Team practice in the sanctuary.
- Saturdays 7pm: Brazilian Church worship in the sanctuary.