

PURPOSE OF THE PATCH

We have been hosting the Pumpkin Patch for just under a gazillion years here at First Methodist Mansfield. The Pumpkin Patch serves as our only fundraiser for United Student Ministries and we raise over \$25,000 a year off of the pumpkin sales. It is not only a fundraiser, but it is also a great opportunity for our Student Ministries to connect with our community. The money we raise goes directly into our Student Missions fund that allows us to keep the registration cost down and adult registration free for United Mission Week as well as providing several scholarships a year for students to attend United Mission Week.

HOW DOES WORKING THE PATCH WORK?

We have several shifts a day for students/parents to serve at The Patch. Shifts are split up into 2 hour blocks, everyday from 9am - 7pm. We would like for Middle School students to sign up with an adult. As the time gets closer to you working your shift you will get a reminder text with specific instructions. You can register online by clicking this [link](#).

WHO CAN WORK THE PATCH?

Anybody can work the patch! Middle School Students, High School Students, families, small groups, teams, etc. This is a great way to get service hours. We would love for small groups of 6 or more students to sign up for a shift or two. Middle School students need to have an adult work with them as well.

HOW DOES THE MONEY WORK?

Each pumpkin is priced by the pumpkin company that runs our fundraiser. We are held to those prices so we are unable to give any deals. We give a percentage back to the company at the end of our fundraiser. For the past several years we have been able to keep 40% of the sales. This is a very successful fundraiser for us!

WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Please contact me if you have any questions about our Pumpkin Patch fundraiser! You can email me andrewh@fmcm.org.

IMPORTANT PUMPKIN DATES:

September 30th - 12:30pm - Pumpkin Unloading!

Everybody and their friends are invited to help us unload all the pumpkins! Bring gloves and a willing heart. It is so much fun...and a lot of work! This is a great way to clock some community service hours as well.

October 14th - 12:30pm - Second unloading of pumpkins!

Same great unloading fun, a second time around.

October 27th - 4:30 - Trunk or Treat at the Patch

Help us do something fun at the Pumpkin Patch for our church's Trunk or Treat! I hope that you and your family make plans to join us for this fun pumpkin season! Please sign up for a shift (or two) and make plans to join us for our important dates as well. Pumpkin season is something you do not want to miss!