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SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday School:

10am

Worship: 11am

Pumpkin Patch Questions & Answers

Where are the pumpkins coming from? We are getting our pumpkins from "Pumpkins USA" they have been in business for 33 years. Pumpkins USA only works with non-profits and faith communities. They deliver pumpkins in 48 states. They contract with the Navajo Native Americans to grow the pumpkins.

How much do the Pumpkins cost us?

Nothing. There are no up-front costs, or fees, and we are not responsible for the pumpkins we do not sell or are damaged. We typically give our left over Pumpkins to Tiger Haven here in Roane County. Pumpkins USA assumes all shipping and delivery costs. Every patch makes a profit. The company sets the pumpkin prices, we provide the time and the labor of selling, and then we get a percentage of the profit. We make 25-40% off the profits, depending open our gross sale.

Why Pumpkins?

We have a great location and property with our grounds. People who come to our patch will know where First Christian Church is located, they'll get to meet our folks, and hear what we are about. In other words, this is a great way for people to learn about FCC

When will they arrive?

The Pumpkins arrive on Sunday, September 28th and we will unload immediately after worship. Come dressed casually. This is during the Fall Festival, which is not the ideal, but the only time available for us. We need LOTS of help to unload!

What are the hours of the Patch?

We will be open Monday – Saturday from 12pm -6pm. Closed on Sundays. We encourage volunteers to sign up in two hour time slots. Please consider signing up to help once a week.

How much do the pumpkins cost?

The prices for the pumpkins will be set according to size. They range from .50 to \$14.00 (and even higher for some especially large ones). Volunteers will not have to negotiate prices. You simply "size" a pumpkin according to size. We cannot discount for last days or bulk because doing that will only hurt our church's over-all profit & encourage more people to wait till the end of the month.

What does a volunteer do?

A volunteer should welcome folks into the patch. Explain that the pricing is based on size and answer any questions. You also help assist folks if need be in picking out the perfect pumpkin & take their money and make change. We welcome all ages to volunteer! We need lots of "Golden Pumpkin" Volunteers! Do you want to help with the decorating? Or have a wagon, trailer, or wheel barrow we can borrow for the month? Please call the Church, 354-1753. We'd love to have your ideas!

If you are "new" to volunteering & worried about the process, just sign up to volunteer with a "seasoned" Pumpkin seller. J

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Choir~6:30 Handbells 7:30 Wednesday Night Live begins! 5:30-7pm	4 Muscle Movers~10am Women's Christian Fellowship Circle 6:30 pm (parlor)	5	6
7 2pm Victorian Square Worship	8 Muscle Movers~10am Kids Cafe: 4:30-6:30	9	10 Choir~6:30 Handbells 7:30 5:30 - 7pm Weds Night Live	11 Muscle Movers~10am	12	13 FCC to serve at love kitchen @ First Presbyterian 4:30
14 9am Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 pm: Elders 7pm: Board Meeting	15 Kids Cafe: 4:30 Muscle Movers~10am	16	17 Choir~6:30 Handbells 7:30 5:30 - 7pm Weds Night Live	18 Muscle Movers~10am	19	20
21	22 Muscle Movers~10am Kids Cafe: 4:30-6:30	23	24 Choir~6:30 Handbells 7:30 5:30 - 7pm Weds Night Live	25 Muscle Movers~10am	26	27
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Thought for the Month:

"You May Outgrow Your Parents Lap, But You'll Never Outgrow Their Hearts."

September Birthday's

Sept. 2 - Taylor Jones

Sept. 8 - Sophie Cooley

Sept. 10 - Brenda Strong

Sept. 11 - Carol Johnson

Sept. 13 - Raelyn Albertson

Sept. 17 - Richard Montgomery

Sept. 23 - Carolyn Oaks

Sept. 24 - Kathy Cisson

Sept. 26 - Jennie Coppinger

Sept. 27 - Jason Dothard

Sept. 27 - Scott Sander

Sept. 28 Annie Foster

Sept. 29 JB Anderson

Sept. 30 - Lillian Brady

Children & Youth Ministry Happenings

Special thanks to all of you who came to the Worship and Wonder Training in August!

We are thrilled to begin another year of Children's Ministry here at First Christian Church. Thank you for making a difference! Worship and Wonder will begin again on Sunday, September 7th.

Wednesday Night Live will begin on September 3rd. WNL is for children four years through 12th grade. We will meet and eat together and then break into small groups. We have something for all ages! If you are interested in volunteering as an adult. Or if you'd be willing to provide a meal for the kids and volunteers some Wednesday night, please speak with Tracie Graham at traciesophiegraham@yahoo.com.



Join us in September for a special worship series called, "God on your Ipod!" We want to hear the songs that speak to your soul! We don't care if they are technically Christian music. If the song speaks to your heart, we want to hear about it. We are going to incorporate the songs you give us into worship. Bring a friend! You won't want to miss! It's not too late to turn in your songs. You can email Rev. Kara Foster at fcckara@bellsouth.net or call the Church office (354-1753).

We are going Green! Did you know that you can receive your newsletter via email? Or check it out on the website? If you'd like us to receive your copy of the monthly newsletter through email -- you can email us at fccrock@bellsouth.net. You will be reducing cost and paper consumption! Thanks for your consideration! Don't forget! You can now listen to Sunday's Sermons at www.rockwoodfcc.org.

CHURCH FINANCES

July 28, 2014 - August 31, 2014

GENERAL FUND INCOME

August 3	4,003.10
August 10	2,295.00
August 17	1,023.64
August 24	2,655.00
August 31	<u>2,775.00</u>

Total Sunday 12,751.74

Total Office 215.00

Total G/F 12,966.74

DEPOSITED INTO FAIR ACCOUNT (DESIGNATED)
(UN-DESIGNATED)

Roof	25.00
Organ	20.00
Music	<u>20.00</u>
	65.00

Total All Money Received \$13,291.74

NEEDED WEEKLY 3,270.04

Special Funds G/F **In/Out	
WNL	250.00
Flowers	<u>10.00</u>
Total	260.00

Worship Leaders Serving in September:

Sept. 7 - Laura Booth Sept. 14 - Carolyn Oaks

Sept. 21 - Laura Conner Sept. 28 - Fran Long

Communion Preparation: Marsha Berry

Elders: Beth Howard, Eddie Bilbrey, Nell Bilbrey

Deacons: Jim Cooley, Marsha Berry, Rich Matthews,
Deb Matthews

Table: Jim Cooley, Marsha Berry

Narthex: Rich Matthews, Deb Matthews

Dear Friends,

I was driving down the road the last week flipping through the radio channels when I heard it. It was a silly pop song popular in the mid-1990's and suddenly I wasn't driving down the road in my mini-van with two car seats behind me. I was back there. Still in my teens cruising down the road with my cousin Jackie as we drove with the windows down and the music loud as we belted out the words to that song. Suddenly a memory of the two of us slipping away from our grandparent's house and getting Frank's Frozen Custard on a late summer night came back to me. I teared up suddenly remembering that moment because I know now that was the last summer we'd have with Jackie. She was killed at sixteen in a car wreck one November afternoon while she was driving around town putting in job applications. But with that song I was suddenly back there with her laughing as we sang our hearts out together. I felt the ache of grief at how much our family and the world is less without the light that was Jackie Quandt in it. I thought of how much we miss her. Grief and loss isn't something we just one day get over, but more learn to live with...

It was that one song that did that to me. It was that one cheesy song whose band name I don't even remember that took me back. Music does that to us. I've seen a woman with advanced Alzheimer's who could not speak anymore walk up to a piano and play beautifully. Music can speak to us when words won't or can't. Music can stir our souls and make us in awe of all that is holy by just the sound in our ears. It stirs. Connect us across time and place and is intimately a part of our memories.

That's one of the reasons we are doing our special series, "God on your ipod" in September. We have asked you to tell us the songs of your life and during the month of September we will be incorporating many of them into worship. Special thanks to Janice Mitchell and the choir who will be working extra hard to make this happen for all of us. If you haven't already given us your songs, you can email them to me at fcckara@bellsouth.net or 354-1753. We'd still love to hear from you! You won't want to miss worship in September! We are definitely stepping out of the box! It should be fun!

Our hope is that as you listen and sing a part of you will be connected to something bigger than yourself. We will look for the holy in the secular. We'll sing the songs of our faith and hopefully it will stir our souls. Just like music did for me last week, on another warm summer afternoon, I told the two riding with me in the back of the van that I was turning the radio up and rolling the windows down because we were going to sing this one loud -- for Jackie.

Glad to be in ministry with you!

Peace,

Kara

There is a new Sunday School Class beginning! Beginning on September 6th a Sunday School class will be beginning called, "Through the Bible." This in-depth Bible study will explore some of the most important stories of scripture and help you to gain a deeper understanding of the stories of our faith. This is a great class for anyone who isn't already a part of a Sunday School Class. Nell Bilbrey and Linda Myers will be leading it. For questions, call Linda at 354-1957 or email Nell at nbilbrey43@yahoo.com.

This class will meet in the parlor.