

The First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Owasso will be hosting its 17th annual Pumpkin Patch for Mission October 5-31. Held every fall, FUMC's Pumpkin Patch for Mission is one of Owasso's largest pumpkin patches, featuring around 7,500 bulk pumpkins and several thousand small, specialty pumpkins over the span of the month. The church has been hosting the event at its campus location at 13800 E. 106th St. N. since 2001, with all proceeds from pumpkin sales going toward local, regional and global missions.

Our (goal) is to offer a safe and fun fall activity for families and students to enjoy year after year while also funding local, regional and global mission," said FUMC staff in a recent press release. FUMC's pumpkins, grown in New Mexico and transported to Owasso in tractor trailers, come from Pumpkins USA/Pumpkins Fundraising, which provides them to nonprofit organizations for fundraising sales. In addition to the pumpkins for sale, which come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors, FUMC's activities will include an outdoor classroom, weekend hayrides, a fun maze, stickers and photo backdrops. The outdoor classroom will provide a fun learning opportunity for school field trips, and the Hance Henrie Memorial Run for the Patch will be held as well. A free outdoor movie night and the Halloween Trunk or Treat will also be featured at the patch. "Purchasing pumpkins at the patch makes a difference locally and globally," FUMC staff said in the release. "The 2016 pumpkin proceeds allowed us to provide financial support or donated items" to nearly a dozen nonprofit and charity organizations. Hours are Sunday-Friday daily, from noon to dusk, and Saturdays and fall break (October 19-24) from 10 a.m.-dusk. For information, visit fumcowasso.org/pumpkin-patch/, or visit @Pumpkin Patch for Mission on Facebook Instagram. Be the first to know Get local news delivered to your inbox! Sign up! * I understand and agree that registration on or use of this site constitutes agreement to its user agreement and privacy policy.