

The Pumpkin Patch

September 29 to October 31, 2019

Following a very successful **2018 Pumpkin Patch** event, **The Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale** will once again be selling a variety of pumpkins and decorative gourds that were grown on the Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico. This year, we are adding a venue for local businesses, schools and community organizations. You will enjoy free publicity and exposure by offering demonstrations, performances and presentations to our customers (both children and adults). We invite you to propose a 30 to 45-minute program that you would present at our site located on the lawn between the Federated Church and the Joshua Hyde Library. Indoor space will be available in case of inclement weather.

The theme for the month of October will be **"Harvest in New England."** Dates and times for your program may be scheduled after school, all day Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

If your organization would like to schedule an event, please provide the following contact information:

Business/School/Organization Name: _____

Contact Person's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Best time to call:** _____ **AM** _____ **PM**

Email address: _____

Briefly describe your proposed program:

Please submit this information to:
Pumpkin Patch Committee
The Federated Church of Sturbridge
8 Maple Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566
Email: churchoffice@sturfed.org
Phone: (508) 347-3915
Weekdays 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon





The Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale 2018 Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser

Two thousand eighteen was the first year the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale participated in the Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser program. Our church is blessed with a highly visible, well trafficked location to run a pumpkin patch. We share a sidewalk with the town library - which attracts thousands of users each month – and the busy Sturbridge Town Hall which is next door. Less than a block away is the popular Publick House Historic Inn and Restaurant, and across the street from that is the historic town common, where the Annual Harvest Festival attracts huge crowds.

The Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser program which began in 1974, provides quality Pumpkins and gourds to non-profit groups nationwide. They are grown on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Farmington, New Mexico giving employment to hundreds of Native Americans. Our profits enable us to support our many missions and charities. Local media generously printed a front-page story about our first-time fundraiser. Our local Chamber of Commerce shared the story with member businesses which include numerous hotels, retail shops and restaurants that use pumpkins in their fall decorating.

We also promoted it on the Church's Facebook page, along with the Facebook pages of many communities including Sturbridge, Southbridge, and Brookfield.



