



First United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat – A Safe Halloween Event

Sunday, October 25, 11:15 – 11:45

How to Keep FUMC Trunk or Treat Safe and Fun*

Trunk-or-Treaters

Let's have fun together but from a safe distance.

- Stay home if sick
- Bring a bag to collect treats. Walk around Trunk-or-Treat with people you live with, only one child or family in front of trunk at a time.
- Remain 6 feet apart from people not in your household
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose, even with a Halloween costume mask
- Hand sanitize (with sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol) especially during key times like before eating or after coughing or sneezing
- Wash your hands as soon as you return home

Car-Based Treat Givers

Check out these tips to create a safe celebration setup for our FUMC children.

- Do not hand out candy if you are sick
- Park and set up your station in the church parking lot by 11:15, leaving one parking space empty on either side, with the trunk facing the center of the lot.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose
- Bring a small distribution table to position between yourself and trunk-or-treaters. If you don't have one, we'll have six snack tables on site to borrow
- Distribute candy or other individually packaged treats on disinfected table to eliminate direct contact. We'll have disinfecting wipes on site you can use to clean your table often
- Hand sanitize especially during key times like after cleaning table, before eating or after coughing or sneezing
- Let the children know how happy we are to see them, but avoid prolonged conversation
- You are welcome to dress in costume and decorate the trunk and the table. However, doing so is not necessary. Your joyful presence is all that is required

Parents

Help us keep your children safe and ensure a fun time is had by all.

- Stay home if you or anyone in your family is sick
- Talk with your children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations. You do not need to attend church prior to this event. Some families are not comfortable bringing children inside the church during COVID-19 and that's just fine
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose for all except those under age 3
- Wash your hands as soon as you return home
- Inspect treats and sanitize packaging for added safety

*Guidelines based on general recommendations provided by Hershey company.

Trunk or Treat will be held in light rain or sprinkles, so bring your umbrella or rain hat. In case of storms or heavy rain the event will be canceled.

Plan on providing treats for 20 children, however we'll be successful if only a few children attend. They and their families will know that we care and we have missed them. Leftover candy can be used for Beggar's Night or we can see that it is donated to the Nelsonville Food Cupboard.

We are seeking individuals to join our Children's Team in planning fun, safe activities during these challenging times and beyond. We welcome your ideas and as much or as little of your time as you can spare. If you are interested, please contact Ainsley Kuhn, Director of Education or the church office.

Thank you.

The Children's Team at First United Methodist Church Nelsonville

