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## Pumpkin Patch opens at Good Shepherd Friday

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Pumpkins being unloaded at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Thursday.

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A Lakeway Area Halloween tradition will begin Friday.

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, located at 2465 West Andrew Johnson Highway in Morristown, begins its annual Pumpkin Patch Friday, Oct. 20 and end on Monday, Nov. 6.

Hours of the pumpkin patch are from 11 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. daily except on Halloween, when the hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to allow for trick-or-treating.

During the hours the pumpkin patch is open, Glinda, the Good Witch will make appearances. She will give away bat rings or spider rings, plus additional prizes when one purchases a pumpkin.

Funds from this year's pumpkin patch will go towards Christ News Church of Morristown, who uses the church for services at 1:30 p.m. Sundays and at 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Previous organizations who have benefited from pumpkin purchases in past years include Serenity House, Isaiah 117 house of Hamblen County and the now-defunct Community Effort Against Spouse Abuse.

Last year's patch raised \$755 and went to the Ridin' High Therapeutic Riding program.

As in previous years, pumpkins will be provided by Combs Farms in Rutledge.

The pumpkin patch started at the church years ago with a national organization through the Lutheran Church. At that time, pumpkins came from the Navajo Indian nation in Arizona. In recent years, the church decided to break from the national program and buy from Lakeway Area farmers.

The Church Council Board decides the organization to which the proceeds will be donated to.