



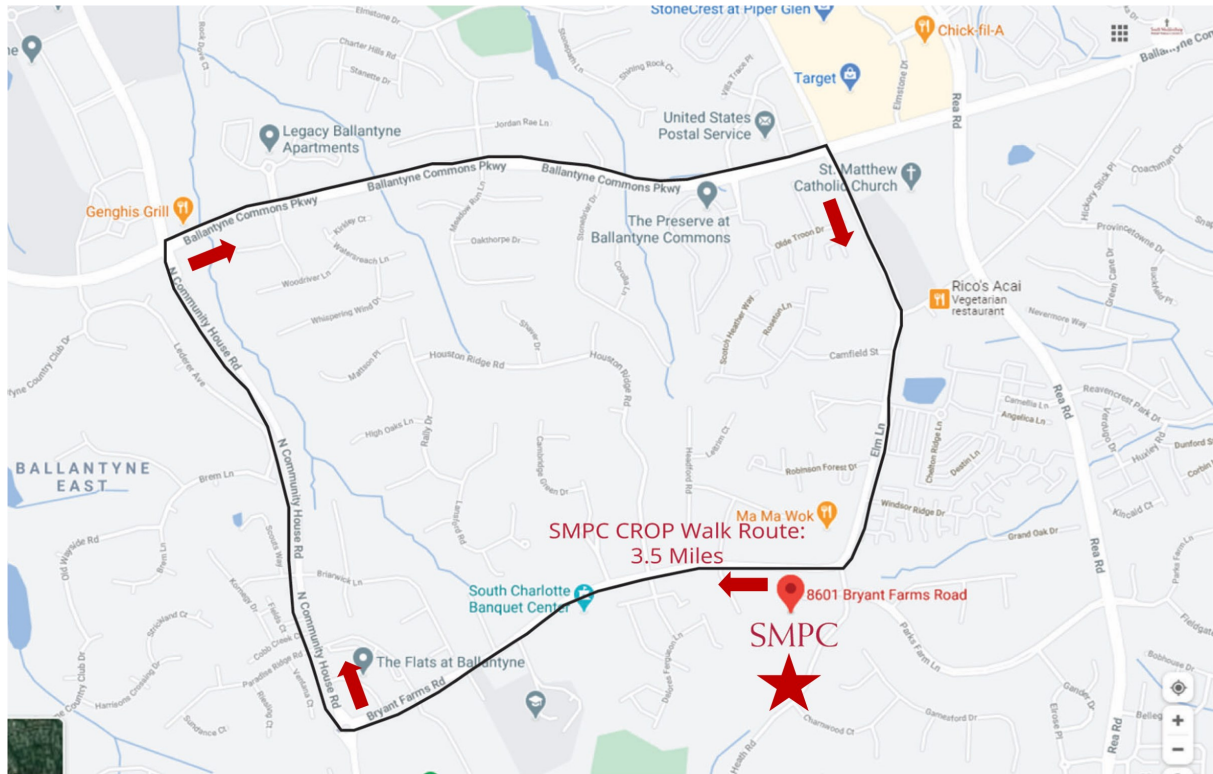
Celebrating it's 42nd year in Charlotte, the CROP Hunger Walk invites area residents and our SMPC family to come together for the annual event on Sunday, October 11 at 2:30 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, SMPC will be hosting our very own event starting in the church parking lot. Walkers will make a loop through the Ballantyne area and finish back at SMPC. Participants can register online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/charlottenc/smpc> and are encouraged to gather their friends, family, congregants, and community members to join us and walk in a safe and socially distanced manner. For those unable to walk, financial support for our team or individual walkers is greatly appreciated.

The Walk will benefit three local charities who work to address hunger and poverty in our community: Crisis Assistance Ministry, Loaves & Fishes, and Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. Additionally, funds raised will also support Church World Service's international relief programs across the globe. Corporate sponsorships allow for 100% of the money raised by walkers to go directly to the mission.

Even though the Charlotte CROP Walk may be a bit smaller this year, the need is more considerable than in previous years. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought significant shortages to our local communities and worldwide which means we need your support more than ever before.

Walk Details



The 3.5 mile walk will begin at SMPC and proceed west to the roundabout at Community House Road. At the Flats at Ballantyne, the route turns north to Ballantyne Commons Drive. At Elm Lane, the route proceeds south ending back at SMPC.

To begin the event, walkers will be released from SMPC at intervals to ensure proper social distancing. Water will be provided at two water stations along the route - The Flats and Camfield Corners. The total walk time should take 75 to 90 minutes.

Preparation

The Day of the Event - Preparation

Take your temperature and check for any symptoms within an hour of coming to the CROP WALK.

This includes a fever, coughing, sneezing, etc. Please err on the side of caution! Remember, even if you are not part of the vulnerable population, we have youth, volunteers, and families who are vulnerable and rely on others to stay home if they have symptoms.

Walkers should bring:

- ♦ A mask to wear in order to comply with social distancing protocols.
- ♦ A water bottle.
- ♦ Your dog, if he/she is well behaved outside and in groups.
- ♦ A stroller, wagon or other transportation for younger walkers that might become tired.

At the Event

- ♦ Youth Greeters will welcome you to the SMPC parking lot and will direct parking.
- ♦ Please keep socially distanced and wear your mask until the event starts.
- ♦ We will have designated restrooms at SMPC and cleaning supplies handy to clean after each use, however there are no facilities along the walk route.