



HOUSE OF WORSHIP INFO SHEET

What is Love Your Neighbor (LYN)?

Faith communities in Knoxville unite each February for a month-long initiative spreading love in our community. During this month, faith communities share a unified, affirming message (through signage and mission) that is centered on the power of LOVE. This endeavor is a powerful signal to Knoxville that our diverse faith communities always have more in common than not. This will be the fifth year of this unique event, and we hope to continue expanding our list of partners.

In addition to our partnering houses of worship (**HOW**) focusing on community love in their ministry during the month, participating HOW will display event banners (provided) for passersby to see and individuals are invited to purchase and display yard signs.

This year (February 2024), Love Your Neighbor is partnering with **Second Harvest Food Bank** to collect food donations during Second Harvest's slowest season of the year. Love Your Neighbor houses of worship are encouraged, but not obligated to participate in this year's food drive.

May our unified messages of love resonate beyond our walls to make an impact in our community, throughout Knoxville, and around the world!

Second Harvest Food Bank - Service Element

If your house of worship opts in, Second Harvest Food Bank will drop off your specified number of collection barrels (oil drum size) on February 1, 2024. Your faith community will fill the drums with non-perishable food items during the month. On February 22, Second Harvest will collect the barrels.



When is Love Your Neighbor?

February 1-22, 2024

When does my HOW need to sign up by?

December 1, 2023

What's expected of me?

1. **Sign up if your HOW wishes to participate**
2. **Speak with your LYN coordinator***
3. **Communicate with your congregation****
4. **Collect food*****
5. **LOVE!**

**they'll reach out to you after you sign up*

***use our media materials to show your support*

****if you signed up for the Service Element*

How does my house of worship sign up?

Fill out the **House of Worship Signup form** at www.loveyourneighborknox.org. Please indicate if you wish to participate in the Second Harvest food collection.

If you need assistance, email info@loveyourneighborknox.org

What about signage & other LYN materials?

Provided Banners:

The Love Your Neighbor team will coordinate a time with your house of worship for our team to set up your vinyl banner (Feb. 2-3). Our team will put the banner up for you, so participating is no hassle! Our team will remove the banner after Feb. 24. Our vinyl banners are owned and stored by Love Your Neighbor to remove the cost from our partners.

Yard Signs: Order Deadline Jan. 14

Your house of worship, members, or friends may purchase yard signs (which may be kept) at www.loveyourneighborknox.org/signs. You will also find a printable order form as well.

Digital Media:

You may find downloadable PNG and PDF files & resources to share in communications and on social media at www.loveyourneighborknox.org/media.

How to get in touch

For questions, suggestions, and other inquiries, contact Matthew Fisher, our Marketing & Administration Coordinator at info@loveyourneighborknox.org

Our 2023 Partners

(We hope you'll sign up again or join the list!)

Ebenezer United Methodist Church; Episcopal Church of the Ascension; First Church of Christ, Scientist; First Seventh Day Adventist Church; First United Methodist Church, Knoxville; Laurel Church of Christ; Second Presbyterian Church; Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church; St George Greek Orthodox Church; St John's Episcopal Cathedral; Temple Beth-El; & TN Valley Unitarian Universalist Church.



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