

Ministries & Committees of Simsbury UMC

Nurturing * Witnessing * Administrating * Worshiping * Musical Praising * Educating

Phone: 860-651-3356 Fax: 860-658-9754 Website: www.simsburyumc.org



Church Services

- 8:00 am** Traditional Worship Service: our small solemn worship with weekly communion.
- 9:00 am** Contemporary Worship Service: The “Come as You Are” (CAYA) Service is a relaxed, casual atmosphere with live contemporary hymns and popular Christian hits. Communion served first Sunday of each month. Nursery care is available.
- 10:30 am** Traditional Worship Service: our music flows on our beautiful Foreman Organ and weekly musical selections by the Chancel Choir; Communion first Sunday of each month. Church School is held during this time for 3 year olds through Grade 7. Nursery care is also available.
- 11:30 am** Fellowship Hour – time for coffee and fellowship.
- Summer Services: 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.**

Church Staff

Position	Staff Name	Contact
Pastor	Pastor Woody Eddins	woody@simsburyumc.org
Assistant Pastor	Pastor Peter Preiser	pastorpeter@simsburyumc.org
Minister of Visitation	Reverend Norma Rust	nrust352@att.net
Church Office Secretary	Michelle Ebert	churchoffice@simsburyumc.org
Church School Coordinator	Debbie Beckius	debbie@simsburyumc.org
Contemporary Service, Director Children & Youth Music Ministries	Dorothy Cowles	dorothy@simsburyumc.org
Director of Adult Music Ministries	Yves Venne	yves@simsburyumc.org
Randy Cole	Youth Worker (Sr. MYF)	randy@simsburyumc.org

Little Lambs & Ivy Childcare Center

Provides childcare in a nurturing, Christian environment. Enrolls children age 6 weeks and up; provides after-school care for older children.			Contact Joanne Maurer, Director Phone: 860-408-9467 Email: director@littl lambsandivy.org
Committee	Contact	Members of Committee	
Little Lambs & Ivy Childcare Center Committee	Chair: Jim Ray Phone: 860-651-4611 Email: ray-ja@att.net	Mary Gridley, Jolie Kline, Sue Fayerweather, Kojo Dankyi-Ampadu, Jan Baker, Linda Swearingen, Debbie Beckius Ad Hoc Members: Joanne Maurer, LLI Director Woody Eddins, Pastor Karen Boysen, Education Rep Hal Johnson, Finance Comm. Rep. David Jimenez, SPR Comm. Rep. Rudy Maurer, Trustee Rep.	

Send revisions to Church Office by email at churchoffice@simsburyumc.org. Thank you!

United Methodist Women (UMW)

Description of UMW	Contact
Local unit of the Woman's Division of the UMC. Supports mission and ministry on local and global levels. Meets quarterly. UMW supports these circle groups: Rachel Circle, Rebekah Circle, Susanna Circle, Sit in, Knit in – Prayer Shawl Ministry	Chair: Carol Bressor Phone: 860-653-3555
Rachel Circle Meets monthly in the daytime. Check meeting date and time on the website www.simsburyumc.org and click on "calendar".	Contact Barbara Stultz Phone: 860-408-9249 Jean Staley Phone: 860-658-2885
Rebekah Circle Meets monthly in the daytime. Check meeting dates on the website www.simsburyumc.org and click on "calendar".	Martha Dixon Phone: 860-675-4973
Susanna Circle Meets monthly in the evening. Check meeting dates on the website www.simsburyumc.org and click on "calendar".	Joyce Tullock Phone: 860-658-1564
Sit in, Knit in - Prayer Shawl Ministry Knits or crochets prayer shawls for delivery to those who are sick, hospitalized or in need of special prayers.	Carol Bressor Phone: 860-653-3555 Carrie Houghton Phone: 860-651-1645

Methodist Men's Fellowship

Description of Men's Fellowship		
Men's group meets 2nd Saturday of each month (except in summer) for breakfast & fellowship.		
Contacts		
Jon Gice Phone: 860-404-1826	Rudy Maurer Phone: 860-673-6758	Gene Morris Phone: 860-693-4442
David Hadd Phone: 860-404-1704	Bill Gerlach Phone: 860-218-5882	

Lay Leaders

Position	Leader's Name	Contact
Lay Leaders Communicates with the Pastor regularly about the state of the church and opportunities for ministries.	Jan Bennett	Phone: 860-658-0292 Email: janbennett@cox.net
	Jon Gice	Phone: 860-404-1826 Email: jon_gice@sbcglobal.net

Lay Speakers & Member Representatives

Position	Name
Lay Speakers Lead or assist in worship services.	Mark Brady, Deb Clifford, Ed Dudley, Jerry Frazee, Ross Fritschler, Linda Stroud, Jane Whelchel
Certified Lay Speakers Can assist in worship services at other churches as well as our church.	Ed Dudley, Jane Whelchel
Lay Members of Annual Conf. Represent the SUMC by attending Annual Conference in June.	Dick & Pat Adams, Cassandra Garcia

Administrative Ministries

Committee	Contact	Members of Committee	
Church Council	Chair: Dick Adams Phone: 860-206-2600	Chairperson of each committee, club and/or group.	
Church Council and Charge Conference Secretary	Donna Motyl Email: motyl1@comcast.net	Members at Large: Ed Dudley	
Finance Tracks church budgetary affairs.	Chair: Hal Johnson Phone: 860-658-0634	John Acekifi, Don Baker, Larry Berger, Ed Dudley, Woody Eddins Arch Edgar, Ross Fritschler, Jon Gice, David Jimenez, Hal Johnson, Mike Levin, Charlie Mayer, Bob Sturgis, John Wiles	
Treasurer Manages all accounts & pays all bills.	Chair: Charlie Mayer Phone: 860-673-4117		
Financial Secretary Counts monies, deposits, posts to records.	Pat Dudley Phone: 860-651-0478		
Stewardship Advocates for contributions of time, talent, financial resources.	Jim Swearingen Phone: 860-651-6250		
Memorials Sends thank you letters and accounts for, and manages memorials	Mary Gridley Phone: 860-651-0805	Linda Swearingen & Marilyn Webber	
Historian Maintains SUMC history.	John Stewart		
Board of Trustees Oversees of church property and legal representatives	Rudy Maurer Phone: 860-673-6758	Rudy Maurer Oliver Dickins Peter Royal	Class of 2011
		Charlotte Bacon Mary Gridley Howard Stewart	2012
		Don Baker Ed Morrison Dana Scott	2013
Staff Parish Committee Hires non-appointed staff; counsels with appointed clergy.	David Jimenez Phone: 860-651-6532	Bob Sturgis Jim Swearingen Missy Iler	2011
		Nancy Fields Ken Hamblett Jan Bennett	2012
		David Jimenez Bob Shea Paul Douglas	2013
Lay Leadership/Nominating Committee Nominates laity for leadership in congregation; educates and prepares active members for leadership responsibilities.	Co-Chair: Pastor Woody Eddins Phone: 860-651-3356 Co-Chair: Amy Bobinski Phone: 860-651-3398	Amy Bobinski	2011
		2 Open Positions	
		Heather Ryan Heidi Fitzgerald John Acekifi	2012
		Jean Staley Peter Gailey Karen Morrison	2013

Music Ministries

Provides music for contemporary and traditional workshop services; educates children and adults in the art of music ministry. Music supports the following programs:

Choir	Rehearsal Time	Contact
Chancel Choir Participates in 10:30 am service.	Thursdays @ 7:20 pm	Yves Venne Phone: 860-678-7608
Chancel Bell Choir Participates in various services throughout the year.	Thursdays @ 6:00 pm	
Music Makers Participates in various services throughout the year. For children ages 4 - Kindergarten.	Wednesdays @ 3:30 pm	Dorothy Cowles Phone: 860-693-9799
Children's Choir Participates in various services throughout the year. For children in grades 1-5.	Sundays @ 11:45 am	
Celebration Ringers Participates in various services throughout the year. For children in grades 2-6.	Wednesdays @ 5:00 pm	
Wesley Ringers Participates in various services throughout the year. For children in grades 6-12.	Wednesdays @ 4:00 pm	
Youth Praise Participates in various services throughout the year. For youth in grades 6-12.	Various Sundays @ 5:30 pm	
9:00 Music Team Participates in 9:00 am service.	Wednesdays: Musicians @ 5:45 pm Musicians & Singers @ 7:00 pm	
Pageant Committee Organizes annual holiday pageant.	November	
Carillon This is an opportunity for students' age 10 and older with musical ability (on any instrument) to learn to play the 55-bell Foreman Carillon.	Lessons every Thursday evening at 5:00 pm. Free lessons are available to all.	Dan Kehoe: Email: dankehoe@cox.net

Nurturing Ministries

Stephen Ministry

Provides distinctively Christian caregiving to members/friends identified by the pastors or members.

Stephen Leaders	Phone	Email
Deb Gice	860-404-1826	Debra_gice@sbcglobal.net
Marilyn Webber	860-658-2422	webbathome@aol.com
Barbara Berger	860-658-2157	bcberger@comcast.net
Pat Adams	860-243-1959	Patadams17@comcast.net
Charlotte Ray	860-651-4611	Ray-ja@att.net
Stephen Ministers	Phone	Email
Dick Adams	860-243-1959	dickadams@comcast.net
Kate Frazee	860-651-0248	Kate3745@comcast.net
Ann Gallion	860-658-1266	kanharveststormy@sbcglobal.net
Jon Gice	860-404-1826	Jon_gice@sbcglobal.net
Russell Stroud	860-651-6765	r.stroud@techni-met.com
Bob and Judy Sturgis	860-658-0566	(Bob) bstur15@sbcglobal.net (Judy) jstur15@sbcglobal.net
Linda Swearingen	860-651-6250	lindaswearingen@yahoo.com

Eucharistic Ministry

Celebrates Holy Communion with those who are unable to attend worship services.

Contact Person	Phone	Email
Pastor Woody Eddins	860-651-3356	woody@simsburyumc.org
Charlotte Ray	860-651-4611	ray-ja@att.net

Family to Family

	Contact
Meals Provides meals for a person or family who had a loved one pass away, baby born or has an illness.	Barbara Dennis Phone: 860-651-3494
Transportation Provides rides for people to and from medical appointments occasionally.	Mary Gridley Phone: 860-651-0805
Respite Care Provides short-term relief for a primary caregiver at home when needed.	Charlotte Ray Phone: 860-651-4611

Greeters & Hospitality

	Contact
Greeters: Welcome visitors and members before the 10:30 am service.	Charlotte Ray Phone: 860-651-4611
Hospitality: Coordinates luncheons, special events, and fellowship hour.	Marilyn Webber Phone: 860-658-2422
Dinner for Eight: Couples meet in groups of eight for dinner and fellowship.	Joyce Tullock Phone: 860-658-1564 Joanna Hamilton Phone: 860-217-1627

Prayer Support

	Contact
Prayer and Praise Chain Provides group prayer and praise support on behalf the congregation.	Ann Gallion Phone: 860-658-1266
Weekly Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays @ 5:15 pm in the Prayer Room	

Witnessing Ministries

Committee	Contact	Members of Committee
Communications Committee Handles external communications and public relations.	Chair: Carol Bressor Phone: 860-653-3555	Jim Ray, Cindy Horsler, Melinda Lazor, Mike Motyl
New Member Committee Welcomes new visitors, coordinates greeters and New Member Sundays.	Chair: Jon Webber Phone: 860-658-2422	Clayton Cutler, Carol Kagel, Jan Bennett, Keith Leite, Penny Carroll, Mike Motyl, Mike Ausere Wanda Jones, Jean Staley
Member Care Committee Integrates members into SUMC, conducts member events.	Chair: Linda Stroud Phone: 860-651-6765	Bruce Reynolds Marcia Haytaian Lynn DeMatteo Heather Ryan
Outreach Identifies and assists with the needs of local, state, national and international groups.	Chair: Marianne Kalogeros Phone: 860-651-5345 Co-Chair: Jason Soltero Phone: 860-413-9555	Paul Douglas, Lori Burrous, Jan Bennett, Jon Webber Peter Royal, Marianne Kalogeros
South Park Inn Shelter Coordinates and prepares monthly food donation to the South Park Inn shelter.	Jon & Marilyn Webber Phone: 860-658-2422 Missy Iler Phone: 860-658-4522	
Peter's Retreat Visits to this facility that houses persons with AIDS who need support and love.	Paul & Joanne Douglas Phone: 860-651-5773	
Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Coordinates mission trips to local, national and international sites.	Chair: Cassandra Broadus-Garcia Phone: 860-651-5773	Pastor Woody Eddins, Paul Collen, Dorrie DeNagy, Missy Iler, Peg Mayer, Peter Royal, Richard Carlson, Jon Wiles
IRIS Representative Coordinates refugee family resettlement in area.	Jan Baker Phone: 860-242-8620 Martha Dixon Phone: 860-675-4973	
Covenant to Care Partners with a local social worker to provide help to the children of families in need.	Lori Burrous Phone: 860-217-1861	
Messenger The parish newsletter provides information about upcoming events, as well as uplifting messages written by the pastors. Published monthly, except Dec./Jan. and July/Aug. are combined issues.	Heather Ryan Phone: 860-408-9076	

Worship Ministries


Committee	Contact	Members of Committee
Worship Committee Provides input about weekly worship services; plans and coordinates special worship times.	Chair: Joyce Tullock Phone: 860-658-1564	Pastor: Woody Eddins Assistant Pastor: Peter Preiser Amy Bobinski Dorothy Cowles Wanda Jones Ed Hamilton Donna Motyl Joyce Tullock Yves Venne
Altar Guild Prepares elements, cares for linens & vessels, assists pastors during communion.	Joyce Tullock Phone: 860-658-1564	
Flowers Coordinates weekly altar flowers and rosebuds for births and baptisms.	Jean Staley Phone: 860-658-2885	
Usher Coordinator Schedules and trains ushers each week to greet and seat worship participants; gathers weekly offering.	Ed Hamilton Phone: 860-217-1627	
Lay Reader Coordinators Prepares individuals to read scripture during worship and coordinates weekly duties.	8:00 service: Mike & Donna Motyl 9:00 service: Wanda Jones Phone: 860-653-5592 10:30 service: Joyce Tullock Phone: 860-658-1564	
Acolyte Coordinator Schedules and trains 6 th + graders to light the altar candles and Christ candle.	Amy Bobinski Phone: 860-651-3398	

Additional Committees

Committee	Contact	Members of Committee
Stained Glass/Future Directions Committee	Chair: Sean Riley Phone: 860-651-0247	Clayton Cutler, Ed Dudley, Dick Adams, Heather Ryan, Lori Garcia

Committee	Contact	Members of Committee
Stained Glass/Esthetics Committee	Chair: Lori Garcia Phone: 860-653-4681	Peter Royal, Leslie Kirkwood

Adjunct Ministries

		Contact
 PLOWSHARES I·N·S·T·I·T·U·T·E	Plowshares Institute An organization that teaches nonviolent strategies and promotes peace on a global level.	Rev. Bob Evans and Alice Evans Phone: 860-651-4304

Adult Education

Spiritual Growth

Committee	Contact	Members of Committee
Spiritual Growth Committee Provides ongoing opportunities for adults to grow in the spirit. Classes are available throughout the year.	Chair: Debra Gice Phone: 860-404-1826	Donna Motyl, Judy Sturgis Leslie Kirkwood, Ross Fritschler, Susan Woodward, Bill DeDominicis

Thursday Morning Woman's Bible Study

Group	Meeting Time and Place	Contact
Adult Bible Study Meets throughout the school year (except on school vacations).	Thursdays from 9 – 11:00 am in the Annex.	Leslie Kirkwood Phone: 860-658-0097

Men's Book Club

Club	Meeting Time and Place	Contact
Men's Book Club Meets bi-monthly to read and discuss "masculine" books.	Check calendar for dates and times by going to www.simsburyumc.org and click on "calendar".	Ross Fritschler Phone: 860-658-0552

Children/Youth Education

Group	Meeting Time and Place	Contact
Nursery During church service nursery care is provided for infants – 3 yrs old.	Sundays from 8:45 am – Noon	Debbie Beckius Phone: 860-408-0034
Church School Provides church school classes for children age 2 through grade 7.	Sundays at 10:30 am Note: Children in grades K-5 attend the 10:30 service and go to classes after the Children's Message.	
Vacation Bible School One week camp each summer for children ages 4 & up.	One week in the summer at the church.	Dorothy Cowles Phone: 860-651-3356
Confirmation Program This is for 8 th and 9 th graders.	Sunday evenings, Sep-May	Pastor Woody Eddins Phone: 860-651-3356