



Simsbury United Methodist Church
2016 - 2017 Charge Conference Report
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KISSS Days

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KISSS is an acronym for Knit, Inspire, Sew, Stamp, & Scrap.

Events are held three times per year in October, January and March in Wesley Hall. Crafters gather for a day of food, fun, fellowship and to work on their craft; participation varies from 12 – 30 people and typically averages around 20. Everyone brings a dish to share and contributes a suggested donation of \$25 for the use of the space. Although the reason to gather is to work on a craft, this is an opportunity to reach out to new people, acquaint those people with the church, and provide a supportive environment for anyone who participates or stops in to visit. There is a core group of women who have continued to support this event for a number of years and are faithful ambassadors for the church; a great support to one another; and always willing to provide encouragement to anyone who may stop in during the day. At times there are opportunities to reach out to those in the group who may be having a difficult time or who want to share good news. In addition, others may stop in to visit and have similar circumstances and are met with a room full of people to provide encouragement in a loving, Christian way.

Proceeds are given to a church ministry. Last year this included the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry, Covenant to Care for Children Underwear Drive, and the youth summer Appalachian Service Project mission trip.