



**Simsbury United Methodist Church**  
**2016 - 2017 Charge Conference Report**  
Monday, December 5, 2016, 7:30 pm

## **Memorial Committee & Garden**

*By Mary Gridley*  
*Chairperson*

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**MEMORIALS COMMITTEE:** The Memorial Committee sends acknowledgements of donations received to the SUMC Memorial Fund. Memorial funds are administered by the committee in conjunction with Board of Trustees and the wishes of the family. Funds have been used this past year for miscellaneous needs including beautification of the church grounds i.e. weeding/gardening and for purchase of Christmas trees and wreaths.

Mary Gridley, Linda Swearingen, Marilyn Webber, Woody Eddins

**MEMORIAL GARDEN:** The Memorial Garden was established five years ago. This year we reviewed the plantings and met with the professional gardener who maintains the garden to make some small changes. The stone tablet in the garden lists the names of those whose ashes have been interred, as well as names of spouses who wish to have their ashes interred in the Garden in the future. The tablet which has spaces for 30 names now has 20 names. The family of Richard Adams has graciously offered to purchase the second table with funds given to the church in memory of Dick, and from family funds. A cross sculptured by Vicente Garcia and donated by Don Baker is now hanging on the west wall of the garden and is a lovely addition. The annual service of remembrance was held November 6th. Brochures with information on the Garden are available in church or church office.

Diane Roach, Mary Gridley, Linda Swearingen, Marilyn Webber