

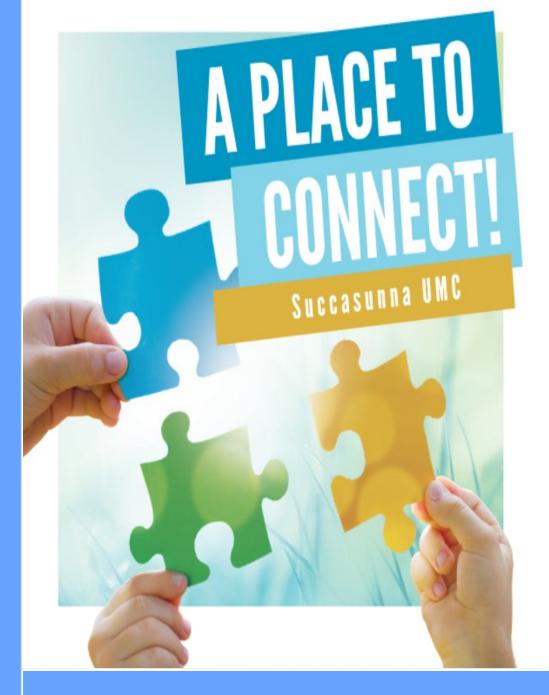


Small-groups
Make
Opportunities for
Relationships and
Enlightenment while
Serving God

Succasunna United Methodist Church

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SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

Succasunna United Methodist Church is a caring fellowship called to love and serve according to Jesus' example, welcome all people, worship God and grow as Christian disciples.

Regular Sunday Schedule

9am—Contemporary Service 10am—Sunday School & Special Bi- Monthly Fellowship 11am—Traditional Service

> Rev. Myounghun Stephen Yun, Pastor, pastorstephen@sumcnj.org Audrey Schultz, Director of Music Angie Stierch, Praise Band Leader Caryn Porter, Administrative Assistant Aura Smith, Sexton

For the most up-to-date events and news find us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SuccasunnaUMC



LOVE. SERVE. GROW.



Drives for Roxbury Social Services

This enables us to be the helping hands for needy individuals and families served by Roxbury Social Services and to respond to local needs as they arise. We deliver collected items weekly and monthly. Contact: Peggy Groh Email: pjgroh57@gmail.com

Rice & Beans Ministry (Costa Rica International Mission)

Seeking to put God's love into action, we send a work team to help with Morris County Habitat and assist families in need of decent, affordable housing.

Contact: Sam Perez Email: samperez134@qmail.com



Christian Outreach Project



For one week in June or July, teams of adults and youth from churches gather at the Camp Hoover Girl Scout Camp for a week spent in Christian fellowship providing house repairs during the day and participating in camp activities in the evening.

Contact: Linda Diffley; Email: lddrag@optonline.net

Bridges Ministry

The Bridges ministry is a hands-on small group dedicated to supporting generational caregivers. This outreach ministry dream up and deliver practical projects, such as "Parents' Night Out" along with game nights for youth, workshops, and service projects that foster meaningful connections with



caregivers. If you have a heart for children and families under pressure and enjoy creative planning, you'll find a welcoming home and plenty of purpose with the Bridges Team.

Contacts: Antoinette Fifoot & Stacey Waldron

Email: adominiccififoot@gmail.com, cmstacey@optonline.net

Missions & Community Engagement

Isaiah 6:8 ~ "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."

Missions Committee

This group meets every other month, to plan, evaluate, and promote church's missions. Whether you feel called to help the homeless or hungry, assist drives for social services, provide relief for those in need, this group has a place for you and welcomes your help!

Contact: Linda Diffley; Email: lddrag@optonline.net



Thrift Shop

Our thrift shop is open Tuesdays from 8am-11am to accept donations. Shoppers are welcome every Wednesday from 9:30am-11:30 am. Gently used clothing and household goods are offered at nominal prices.





CUMAC (Center of United Methodist Aid to the Community)



Our church works with CUMAC, a non-profit organization dedicated to feeding people and changing their lives. CUMAC works to alleviate hunger and its root causes for those in need in Paterson, Passaic County and northern New Jersey.

Contac: Linda Diffley Email: lddrag@optonline.net

An Invitation...

How can I grow in faith? Do I belong? What can I give? If you have ever asked any of these questions, we invite you to consider joining our Small Group Ministries. Also if you've been thinking about Church as what you do on Sunday, it's time to Rethink Church!

At Succasunna United Methodist Church we understand that Church is *not* just what you do on Sunday morning. All week through our Small Group Ministries we reach out to each other, our community, and those in need. We gather to learn, work, and play together in a variety of activities designed to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, while embracing each other and the world around us.

Whether you want to learn more about God, get to know other women or men in a comfortable atmosphere for openness, learn Christian music, help to feed the hungry, work with our youth or just gain a more positive outlook, Succasunna United Methodist Church's Small Group Ministries have something for everyone, at every age. We will welcome you with open hearts, open minds and open doors.

Within theses pages lies an opportunity for you to grow in your faith while improving your life and the lives of others as part of something bigger, better and worthwhile. We hope and trust that they will become a source of encouragement and accountability for you in your walk with God. We prayerfully encourage you to check out the listing of small groups and consider joining.

Rev. Myounghun Stephen Yun

Pastor of Succasunna United Methodist Church

Children & Youth Ministries

Matthew 14:19 ~ "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



Sunday School

Sunday School is provided for children ages three and up each Sunday morning at 10am, September through June. Children are encouraged to learn about the Christian faith through Bible studies, projects, and other activities in a caring and safe environment. Contact: Tami Haupt

& Jennifer Sauter Email: education@sumcnj.org







Confirmation Class

Confirmation offers youth an opportunity to learn what it means to be a Christian through the United Methodist Church. Held every other year and taught by confirmation leaders and adult mentors, the class enables youth in grades 7 and 8 to explore faith more deeply.

Contact: Tami Haupt & Jennifer Sauter Email: education@sumcnj.org



Post Confirmation Class

Post confirmation class meets every Sunday in the small room behind the sanctuary for a time of fellowship and discussion. They use one of the short devotionals to let an organic conversation flow. It will be a very relaxed, but safe and Christ-centered environment.

Contact: John Dewart, Email: jkdewart@aol.com

Digital/Multimedia Ministry

This group meets monthly to enhance the worship experience in our church, to share God's story and our church story in the digital realm, and to find new ways to relay the Gospel in today's high-tech world. They capture and save the messages, the events, the outreach, and the music through live stream, videos, PPTs, and photography.

Contacts: Larry Priester & Dick Preuss Email:llpriester@gmail.com; preuss@pobox.com



Music

Children's Choir

Music is a vital part of our ministry. Children ages pre-K to grade 4 are encouraged to participate. Contact: Elena Dewart, Email: ElenaDewart@aol.com



Adult Choir

The adult choir sings every week at the 11am service. Practices are Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:00pm, and again on Sunday mornings at 10:30am. New singers are always welcome! *Contact: Audrey Schultz*

Email: schultzaudrey0@gmail.com

Praise Band

Our Praise Band, the Red Doors, plays contemporary songs each week at our 9 am Worship Service. Additionally, they perform periodically throughout the year. If you are interested in joining, please apply for an audition. Contact: Angie Stierch. Email: angelinemarie@msn.com



Adult Small Groups

Congregational Care Ministry

The Congregational Care Ministry (CCM) is a small group of lay persons focused on meeting the care needs of our church family. We meet one-on-one with persons in need of contact via phone calls, home visits, hospital visits, and card ministry to lend an ear, offer encouragement, prayer and



support and deliver communion to the homebound.

Contact: Melanie Newton Email: mel.g.newton@gmail.com



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our knitters and crocheters share the love of God with the sick and hurting through their handiwork and their prayers. Newcomers and beginners are always welcome to join. Contact: Stephanie Reidinger Email: sreidinger78@optonline.net

Meals from the Heart

This group meets periodically to cook for those in the community or our SUMC Church Family who are in need of home cooked meals. Contact Gina Morgan Email: g_mo1005@yahoo.com





Hospitality Ministry

This group meets every other month to share the ministry of welcoming and grow as hospitality ministers.

Contact: Marge Peletier,

Email: mmpeletier@gmail.com

Brothers and Sisters in Christ (B.A.S.I.C.)

This is the middle school youth group of SUMC (Grades 6-8) that meets twice a month. It is designed to give youth a safe place to fellowship with peers, become part of the church community, and grow in their faith through faith and life-based discussions, facilitated by both youth and youth leaders. Contact: Jessica Gramando Email: missc abc@yahoo.com



United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

This is the high school youth group of Succasunna UMC (Grades 9-12) that meets throughout the year for fellowship, fundraisers for COP, and discussions about faith-related matters.

Contact: Tami Haupt & Jennifer Sauter

Email: education@sumcnj.org

<u>Christian Outreach</u> <u>Project (COP)</u>

Youth in grades 9-12 are eligible to attend this summer mission program. The teens serve their neighbors



of Northern New Jersey by repairing homes for the disadvantaged and disabled. Contact: Linda Diffley; Email: lddrag@optonline.net

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Vacation Bible School (VBS) packs five summer mornings with faith-filled fun. Kids rotate through upbeat music, hands-on science, creative crafts, outdoor games, missions moments, and—yes—snacks, all woven around a fresh Bible theme each year. Every station points back to the day's story, helping children meet Jesus, make friends, and discover that faith is a blast.

Contact: Jennifer Antoncich Email: jantoncich@sumcnj.org



Adult Small Groups

Matthew 18:20 ~ "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Building Better Women

pjgroh57@gmail.com

Building Better Women brings women of our church and community together with funfilled monthly events where we learn from one another through faith and fellowship.

Contact: Peggy Groh Email:



Adult Sunday Bible Study Group

Our adult Sunday school group meets 10am each Sunday. Meetings consist of group discussions on scriptures. It is a great place to recharge yourself and regroup with the support of others sharing experiences on how to live in today's world. Contact: Deb Fellner; Email: djfrmnj@aol.com



United Methodist Men

The UMM host a family breakfast at 8am on the third Saturday of each month. Featuring speakers on a wide range of topics, it is an opportunity for Christian fellowship and growth.

Contact: Stephen Fifoot Email: sfifoot@qmail.com

T.A.B.S. (Tuesday Adult Bible Study)

This bible study group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from noon until 2pm. After a shared lunch, they focus on studying sections of the Old Testament.

Contact: Audrey Schultz

Email: schultzaudrey0@gmail.com



Bible Study

A study of the Bible, emphasizing small study groups, to ensure a respectful and instructive atmosphere for the contemplation of God's Word. Contact: Pastor Stephen Yun Email: pastorstephen@sumcnj.org



Lenten Soup Suppers

Throughout the Lenten season we gather on Wednesday evenings for a light soup supper followed by a short time of discussion and fellowship.

Contact: Tami Haupt & Jennifer Sauter mail: Education@sumcnj.org

Book Club

This informal group meets regularly at a local parishioner's house to discuss a pre-selected book. Meets evenings. Contact: Jennifer Antoncich, Email: jantoncich@sumcnj.org

Church & Society (Open Doors)

This group meets monthly with a mission statement based on five pillars: Poverty, Climate, Health, Peace, Civil & Human Rights. Contacts: Antoinette Fifoot & Stacey Waldron Email: adominiccififoot@gmail.com, cmstacey@optonline.net



Fellowship for Parents with Young Children

This group meets for a time of fun, food, and fellowship with families with young children. It's a great place to get to know one another and share the joys and struggles of life with young children.

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Coffee with the Pastor (Monthly)

This small group brings together newcomers, long-time members, and curious friends for heartfelt conversation with Pastor Stephen about life, Methodism, and the everyday walk of discipleship. No RSVP, homework, or agenda—just an open table where every question is welcome and

every voice is valued. You'll leave with new connections and a warm sense of community. Come as you are; the coffee's on us!

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