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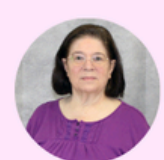
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DOWNLOAD OUR SUMC APP

Use our app to:

- watch LIVE or archived services
- access Sunday bulletins
- submit attendance
- make a donation/tithe
- make a prayer request
- view our calendar
- join group conversations
- access RightNow Media and other apps, like The Chosen
- read the Bible



AND SO MUCH MORE!

COMMUNICATION

We use SUBSPASH to communicate via email, text, and through Groups via our SUMC app. Be sure to have an updated email and phone number in your Subsplash church account to ensure all communication is received.

Church Account Login:
<https://bit.ly/SUMCaccount>

Texts will come from this number:
833-535-3884

Worship Online

When you can't be there in person, all three worship services are live streamed for your convenience.

The 9:00 am Traditional Service and 11:15 am Praise Worship Service can be live streamed on:

 SUMC App
  SchertzUMC.com
  Youtube.com/@SchertzUnitedMethodistChurch

The Gathering Worship Service is live streamed on our Facebook page.

 Facebook.com/SchertzUMC

SERVICE/SERMON ARCHIVES

Past services and sermons are archived on our website. Just go to SchertzUMC.com → Worship With Us → Service Archives.

SERMON BY PHONE

Listen to Pastor Jon's weekly sermon by calling 210-519-0553.

No Internet needed! 



Grace Place Learning Center

 Hours: 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM

210.658.0846

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 The church nursery is open every Sunday from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm for children five years (not yet in kinder) and younger. The nursery is located in the 100 Wing in Room 109.



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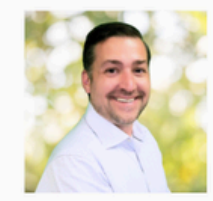
APRIL 2026

SUMC CONNECTOR

Building Relationships~Making Connection~Growing Together

A Message From Our Pastor

REV. JON SNAPE



Dear Schertz UMC,
"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'" -Lamentations 3:21-24

Lamentations 3 is the lectionary text for Holy Saturday. Julianne has invited me to observe "Silent Saturday," the day between Good Friday and Easter, in which we allow ourselves to be present "in between" the Cross and the empty tomb.

In Lent we pictured ourselves in the Holy Week Narrative of Jesus. What does it look like for us to picture ourselves in that first Holy Saturday? How do we sit with the pain, the questions, the doubts, and the mystery?

What does it look like to care for our world, for the poor, for the many who are hurting each day? How do we allow ourselves to be present to the hard news we hear and see? Is God inviting us to learn to stop, make space, lament, and feel?

How might it affect our later thoughts and actions if we made a little more time to be present to all that we are processing? If we found ways to rest in God in the silence, how might we experience Easter in new ways?

In Christ,
Pastor Jon

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

In Case of Emergency:
615-295-0509

Sunday Schedule

IN-PERSON & ONLINE
9:00 AM Traditional Service
10:15 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Praise Worship Service
11:15 AM The Gathering

Communion is served weekly at the 9 AM Traditional and 11:15 AM Praise Worship services. Communion is served on the first Sunday at The Gathering.

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Special Events This Month:

UWF LUNCH & MEETING
Wednesday, April 1, 2026
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Program: Creation Care

THE FAMILY ROOM
Wednesday, April 1 & 15, 2026
7-8:30 PM at Rich Johnson's Home

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
Thursday, April 2, 2026
6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Friday, April 3, 2026
6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

VENDOR EVENT
w/Easter Bunny Photos
Saturday, April 4, 2026
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday, April 5, 2026
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:15 AM

UWF CRAFTER-NOON
Saturday, April 18, 2026
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FESTIVAL OF GOD'S CREATION
Sunday, April 19, 2026
11:15 AM Outdoor Service
*Traditional Service & The Gathering Normal Times

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
Thursday, April 23, 2026
6:00-7:30 PM

GOODWILL COLLECTION
Saturday, April 25, 2026
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

UNITED METHODIST MEN
Wednesday, April 22, 2026
6:00 PM

DIAMOND CLUB
Monday, April 27, 2026
12:00 PM

SUMC Member Spotlight

DEREK CHARETTE

Derek was born in 1971 in Frankfurt, Germany, while his father was serving in the Army. His family later moved to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he enjoyed exploring the outdoors and spending time with his grandfather—someone who had a lasting impact on his life.



Derek joined the Army and spent four years at Fort Hood. When he left the service in 2000, he returned to Universal City and began the job he still holds today.

Derek's faith journey has included Lutheran and Episcopal churches, but like many, he stepped away from church for a time. Years later, he returned and eventually found his way to Schertz United Methodist Church, where he felt called not just to attend—but to serve.

One of the most meaningful parts of Derek's journey has been mission work. Whether helping rebuild homes after disasters or serving families in need, these experiences have shaped his faith. He especially remembers seeing the joy and hope in a young girl's eyes after helping create a safe place for her family—a powerful reminder of Christ's love in action.

At Schertz UMC, Derek has been involved in restarting the Texas Ramp Project in Bexar County and continues to serve at Casa de Misericordia, an orphanage in Mexico. There, he helps improve living conditions, build relationships, and share God's love. He also volunteers with the Food Pantry, United Methodist Men, and assists with service setup, including coffee and communion.

Outside of church, Derek enjoys camping, hiking, fishing, and watching sports. He is grateful to be part of a church where serving others is central and where faith is lived out in meaningful ways every day.



Tommy Neal Johnson was baptized on February 22, 2026



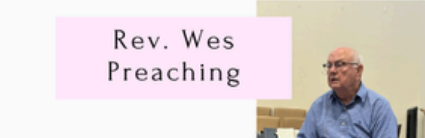
You're never too young to read the Bible!



...or take the collection!



UWF at UC Methodist Church



Rev. Wes Preaching



The Gathering Worship



Serving with Heart in San Angelo

BY SYDNEY MCCUTCHEON



Over the course of two meaningful and productive days, a team from our church had the opportunity to serve two families in San Angelo, offering not only practical assistance but also fellowship, encouragement, and care.



The Fleming Family—Darling, Jeff, and Stephanie—experienced severe flooding in the middle of the night when rising water caused a sewer backup that affected every room in their home. Despite the overwhelming situation and having nowhere else to go, they cleaned as best they could and continued living in the house.



Our team began work at the Fleming home by removing debris, scraping away old glue, and repairing holes left from previous flooring. New tile was then installed throughout the home, bringing both safety and renewed hope to the space. On the second day, work continued with the completion of tile installation and the addition of baseboards. A special highlight was spending time with Stephanie planting flowers—an uplifting moment that added beauty and joy to the day.



Yvonne Tinney also faced significant flooding in her home, which damaged her living room and destroyed sections of sheetrock. In the midst of this hardship, she opened her home to family members—her son and sister—whose own homes were also devastated by the flood. With multiple households now under one roof, the need for repairs was urgent. Damage to the foundation, caused during attempts to fix broken pipes beneath the home, added to the challenges.

At the Tinney home, our team installed tack strips, measured carefully, and then completed the installation of new carpet and padding in the living room, restoring comfort and functionality to a space that now serves several family members.

Though there were a few minor challenges along the way, the project was a success. Both homes were transformed through hard work, teamwork, and compassion. We are deeply grateful to everyone who gave their time, talents, and energy to this effort, as well as those who provided the delicious meals that kept our volunteers going strong.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Your service is making a real and lasting difference.



Picturing Ourselves

During the Lenten season, an art table has been a meaningful addition to the sanctuary, inviting children to engage more deeply with the story of Jesus' final week before the crucifixion. As the congregation reflects on picturing ourselves within the story, children spend worship time expressing their understanding through creative works—ranging from drawings and paintings to clay sculptures. This hands-on experience allows them to connect with the message in a personal and imaginative way, bringing the story to life through their unique perspectives.



COMING SOON...

We are excited to share that two children's areas are being created in the back of the sanctuary to better welcome and engage our youngest worshippers. One space will be designed for ages 0-5, featuring age-appropriate toys, books, manipulatives, and a sensory wall. The second area, for ages 5 and up, will include books, creative activities, child-sized seating, and a manipulatives wall. This project has been made possible through the "Making Meaning Together" grant from the Rio Texas Conference, which we were awarded in January. While these spaces are still a work in progress, we look forward to having them ready in the coming months.

"In the next few months, you will be hearing more and more about ways to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ, our central mission as Christians. God has raised some wonderful leaders from within our church for this and some of our groups are testing the curriculum they've created. We will use the coming weeks to watch those groups and prepare for even more groups to be formed. Please pray about how you may be called to join one of the groups soon! God is moving among us!"- Pastor Jon

Thank You for Supporting Our Ministries!

SUMC Food Pantry

DISTRIBUTION: 3RD THURSDAY MONTHLY

Food Items Needed:

- peanut butter (18 oz)
- dried beans (1 lb)
- pasta (1 lb)
- pasta sauce (16 oz)
- canned meat (12 oz)
- rice (1 lb)
- crackers (1 box)



The food pantry is always in need of volunteers throughout the month, but especially on the day of a distribution. If you have some time to spare, consider helping this amazing ministry.

Sign up:

bit.ly/SUMCfoodpantryhelp

MARCH 19, 2026 DISTRIBUTION

Our Food Pantry ministry continues to grow and make a meaningful impact in our community. At our March 19th distribution, we served 126 families, representing 502 individuals. This is a significant increase from February. It is clear that this ministry is fulfilling its purpose—providing support and care to those who need it most.

April's Noisy Offering:



February 2026 Financial Report

INCOME: \$50,247.44

EXPENSES: \$63,196.17

NET LOSS: \$12,948.73

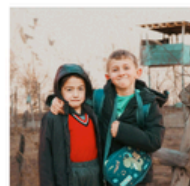
NOISY OFFERING: \$597.50
Adult Missions

Backpack Ministry

HELPING KIDS ONE BACKPACK AT A TIME

Food Items Needed:

- peanut butter crackers
- cheese crackers
- fruit cups
- peanut butter
- single serve cereal boxes
- microwave popcorn
- Ramen noodles
- granola bars
- jelly
- shelf safe milk
- single serve snacks (Ex. fruit snacks, Goldfish, pretzels, etc.)



NO GLASS JARS

RANDOLPH AREA CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RACAP)



APRIL'S DONATION:
PASTA MEALS



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Our recent spaghetti dinner fundraiser was a wonderful success, raising a total of \$1,212—surpassing our goal! These funds will go toward the purchase of an industrial oven for the orphanage in Piedras Negras. A heartfelt thank you to Heather Alonso and her "Commis Chefs" for preparing an incredibly delicious meal, complete with homemade sauce. Your hard work and generosity made this fundraiser a huge success!

Holy Week & Easter

SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 2nd

- Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 pm

Friday, April 3rd

- Good Friday Service at 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 5th

- Sunrise Service at 7:00 am
- Easter Services at 9:00 am & 11:15 am
- Butterfly Release at 10:00 am
- The Gathering at 11:15 am



40 Cans in 40 Days

GIVE TO THOSE IN NEED

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! For every day in Lent, consider donating ONE can of food to those in need. By Easter, you will have donated 40 cans of food! All cans are going to our Food Pantry and RACAP. Look for donation bins around the church for your cans.



March 4th UWF Luncheon & Meeting



Volunteers Needed! Crafter-Noon

HOSTED BY UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Join us on Saturday, April 18th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm for a fun day of crafting! We'll be sewing pillowcase dresses for the African Mission Project. You don't have to know how to sew to join us! All craft levels are invited!

We are still in need of the following:

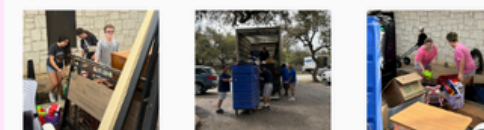
- sewing scissors
- white thread

*We have plenty of pillowcases & fabric.

Contact Jennifer Felty for more information.

Goodwill Collection

FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER



The Food Pantry's biggest fundraiser is our bi-annual Goodwill Collection. We would love your participation!

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
9 AM - 12 PM

Donations may be dropped off early by placing them in Room 202. If you need help dropping off your donation, contact Joe Stuller or any youth member.

Donation Examples:

clothing, small appliances, office equipment, kitchenware, toys, bikes, home decor, holiday decor, books, sporting goods, electronics, bedding, etc.

NO FURNITURE, MATTRESSES
OR LARGE ITEMS!

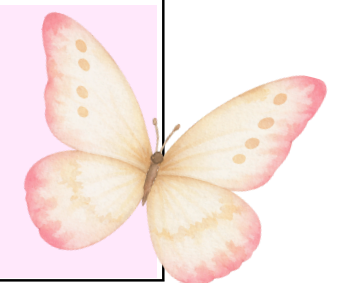
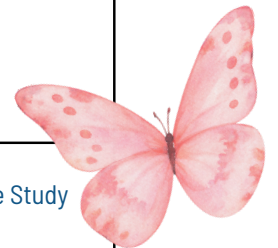
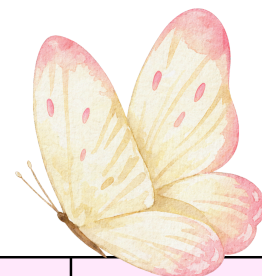
Happy Birthday to... APRIL BIRTHDAYS




- 1 Rowan Beck
- 5 Clara Baning
- 5 Scott Felty
- 5 Jim Miller
- 5 Asher Volante
- 7 Ryan Manning
- 8 Caroline Burtch
- 8 Katherine Burtch
- 9 Sarah Downey
- 10 Meloney Funk
- 11 Lisa Halverson
- 11 Sandy Vivian
- 12 Greg Doty
- 12 Scott Myers
- 12 Diane Sutton
- 14 Stephanie Martin
- 15 Elisha Ellis
- 15 Ethel Seiler
- 17 Isaac Gutierrez
- 18 Misun Caldwell
- 18 Bill Fuller
- 18 Roy Howell Jr.
- 18 Mary Qyandt
- 22 April Bagley
- 23 Eric Neleigh
- 25 Wayne Cooper
- 26 David Posey
- 30 Renee Harvey

DONATE TO THE FOOD PANTRY



APRIL 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 11:30am UWF Luncheon & Meeting 7pm The Family Room @ Rich & Ivy's Home 7pm Praise Team Practice	2 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thur Morning Bible Study 11am Magnolias 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	3 10am Round Tuits 6:30pm Good Friday Service 7pm AA Group Meeting	4 7am Men's Bible Study 10am-3pm Vendor Event
5 EASTER 7am Sunrise Service 9am Traditional Service 10:15am Butterfly Release 11:15am Praise Worship Service 11:15am The Gathering ~No Sunday School~	6 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	7 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	8 7pm Praise Team Practice	9 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thur Morning Bible Study 11:15am Magnolias @ Catalanos 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	10 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	11 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance Adult Mission Trip to Piedras Negras
12 UMM Taco Sunday  12:30pm UMYF	13 6:30pm Soul Sisters 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	14 6:30pm Game Night 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	15 7pm The Family Room @ Rich & Ivy's Home 7pm Praise Team Practice	16 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thur Morning Bible Study 11am Magnolias 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	17 10am Round Tuits 7pm WAC @ SUMC 7pm AA Group Meeting	18 7am Men's Bible Study 11am-2pm UWF Crafter-Noon
19  Festival of God's Creation 9am Indoor Service 11:15am Outdoor Service 11:15am The Gathering 12:30pm UMYF	20 6:30pm Ladies BUNCO 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	21 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	22 6pm UMM 7pm Praise Team Practice	23 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thur Morning Bible Study 11am Magnolias 6pm Food Pantry Distribution 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	24 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	25 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance  9am-12pm Goodwill Collection Fundraiser
26 12:30pm UMYF	27 12pm Diamond Club 6:30pm Soul Sisters 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	28 5:30pm Board Meeting 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	29 7pm Praise Team Practice	30 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thur Morning Bible Study 11am Magnolias 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	Save the Date May 2 - Vendor Event May 24 - Graduation Sunday May 28-31 Men's Emmaus Walk June 1-4 Vacation Bible School	