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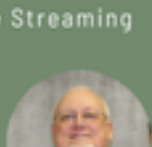
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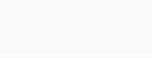
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Connect With Us!

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



Apple Store
Google Play
Amazon

- 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/@Schertz
UnitedMethodistChurch

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!



NOW Enrolling! Please call for availability
Grace Place Learning Center

Hours: 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM

210.658.0846

graceplaceschertz.com



SUMMER SPECIAL!
50% off
Registration Fee



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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SUMC CONNECTOR

Building Relationships-Making Connection-Growing Together

A Message From Our Pastor

REV. JON SNAPE



Dear Schertz UMC,

"For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."-Romans 12:4-5

I am often asked what makes a strong church.

Schertz UMC has been identified by many in our conference as a strong church. The church has grown in impact in its community; she is receiving new members; she has vitality among all generations (though the "20-Something" category remains a major challenge denomination-wide); and the church is growing spiritually (in closeness to Jesus). Praise God!

What is most obvious to me is that strength is not pastor-centric. There is so much wonderful ministry happening at SUMC, and very little of it is led by your pastor!

It's a wonderful thing to get to tell new families that this church isn't about me; it's about Jesus. And that won't change the next time a bishop appoints a new pastor. What has become increasingly clear to me through this wonderful church is that my main job is to support and encourage other leaders to lead. It is such a gift to see so many use the gifts that God has given them to serve God through this church. And I know God isn't finished calling us, equipping us, and sending us in new ways as we follow Jesus together. Yes, we are a strong church, because God has put us together.

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.

Follow Us

WEBSITE: SchertzUMC.com

FACEBOOK:
Facebook.com/SchertzUMC

INSTAGRAM:
Instagram.com/SchertzUMC

YOUTUBE:
Youtube.com/@SchertzUnitedMethodistChurch

Special Events This Month:

VENDOR EVENT

Saturday, August 1, 2026
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

3RD GRADE BIBLE CEREMONY

Sunday, August 2, 2026
9 AM & 11:15 AM Services

GRACE PLACE TEACHERS BLESSING

Sunday, August 2, 2026
11:15 AM Praise Service

UMYF KICKOFF

Sunday, August 2, 2026
12:45-3:00 PM in Room 204

UMYF SUMMER RETREAT

Friday, August 7th, 7:30 PM -
Sunday, August 9th, 10:00 AM
at Schertz UMC

BACKPACK BLESSING

Sunday, August 9, 2026
9 AM & 11:15 AM Services

BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Sunday, August 9, 2026
10:15 AM at TBA

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

Sunday, August 16, 2026 @ 10:15 AM

CHILDREN'S SABBATH REHEARSALS

Sunday, August 16, 23, 30, 2026
12:30-2:00 PM at TBA

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, August 20, 2026
6:00-7:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus in Schertz

SUMC Member Spotlight

MARY HAYNIE

Originally from Corpus Christi, Texas, Mary has spent a lifetime serving others through her work, her church, and her community. She and her husband moved to San Antonio after both were transferred with AT&T, where they each enjoyed 30-year careers. For 20 of those years, they worked side by side as technicians—a partnership that often amazed people who wondered how they could spend so much time together! Together, they have one son, Jason, who lives in Round Rock and works for Q2.

Creativity has always been one of Mary's passions. She enjoys making beautiful centerpieces, wreaths, and corsages, as well as restoring weathered statues with a fresh coat of paint. She also loves working outdoors and has enjoyed helping give the Schertz UMC grounds a little extra TLC whenever she can.

One of the greatest influences in Mary's life was her middle school algebra teacher, who constantly encouraged her to work hard, do well in school, and "reach for the stars." That encouragement stayed with her throughout her life and career.

Retirement at age 50 didn't last long before Mary realized she missed staying busy. She took part-time positions at Tuesday Morning, Garden Ridge, and Kohl's Customer Service. She especially enjoyed her years at Tuesday Morning—except for unloading the trucks! She also dedicated five years to volunteering with RACAP, continuing her commitment to serving her community.

Before coming to Schertz UMC, Mary attended Universal City United Methodist Church, where she served as a greeter, assisted with Holy Communion, and faithfully led the United Methodist Women as president for five years.

Mary has been a part of the Schertz UMC family for about a year and a half and has quickly become a familiar face as one of our greeters. She says what she enjoys most about our church is the warm and loving people who make everyone feel welcome. Her servant's heart, friendly smile, and willingness to lend a helping hand have already made a lasting impact on our church family, and we are grateful she is part of Schertz UMC.



New Members



Mission Piedras Spaghetti

TAKE HOME LUNCH

Sunday, August 16, 2026

The orphanage needs a **new main circuit breaker box** to keep the children safe and ensure reliable electricity. The estimated cost is a little over \$2,000.

Our Spaghetti Take Home Lunch will be a fundraiser to help with the cost of the main circuit breaker box. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Pre-order your spaghetti lunch from **NOW until August 11th**. Each dinner is \$10 and will include spaghetti with sauce, garlic bread, salad, and dessert.

Pre-order your spaghetti dinner at:
<https://bit.ly/SUMCspaghetti>

Need help ordering or wish to pay with cash/check? We'll be taking pre-orders at the Welcome Center on Sunday, August 2nd and 9th.

Pick up your pre-ordered dinners on Sunday, August 16th time to be determined.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Children's Sabbath is Coming!

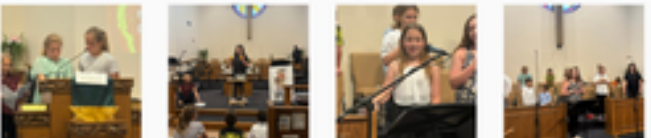
Join us on Sunday, September 27th for Children's Sabbath, a special worship service led by the children and youth of our church. We'll gather for one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m., followed by a potluck lunch. This is always a meaningful and inspiring Sunday that you won't want to miss!

Rehearsals

Rehearsals begin Sunday, August 16th, and will be held every Sunday from 12:30-2:00 p.m. through September 20th as we prepare for this special day.

All children and youth in Pre-K through 12th grade are invited to participate in this beloved annual tradition. Whether your child has participated before or is joining for the first time, we would love to have them be a part of this exciting worship experience.

If you have any questions, please see Jodi. We hope your child will join us as we prepare to lead our congregation in worship!



Goodwill Fundraiser

NOVEMBER 21, 2026

The Schertz Food Pantry will hold their bi-annual Goodwill fundraiser on Saturday, November 21, 2026 at Schertz UMC.

No need to wait until November to drop your stuff off... You can drop off your Goodwill items in Room 205 (youth room, ping pong table side).

Our Goodwill fundraisers, which we hold twice per year, are the main fundraisers for the pantry. Your support is needed and appreciated!

If you'd like to give the food pantry a monetary donation, you can use this link:

<https://bit.ly/SUMCfoodpantrydonate>



"We are a strong church, because God has put us together."
- Pastor Jon

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sharon Schirmer
- 4 Ann Blassongame
- 5 Hannah Marbach
- 6 Jan Gaska
- 8 Corey Harrell
- 9 Dale Snape
- 10 Melinda Lomeli
- 10 Paula Thies
- 12 Jessica Armentrout
- 13 Edward Mendiola
- 14 Amy Rector
- 15 Mikki Austin
- 15 Tony Thompson
- 20 Raymond Seymour
- 20 Debbie Wells
- 25 Rene Dymale
- 25 Mabel Sluder
- 26 Ethel Rhame
- 27 Bill Beardsley
- 29 Debbie Griffith
- 29 Jordan Myers
- 30 Kathy Nealy
- 30 Julia Waugh
- 31 Bobbie Dirr
- 31 Carmen Rinehart



Thank You for Supporting Our Ministries!



JOIN THE SUMC GREEN TEAM!
Caretakers of God's Creation

Together, we can make a difference by caring for the earth and building a more sustainable future.

WANT TO JOIN?
Contact Jennifer Felty or Dixie Shaw-Tillmon
We'd love to have you!

Small actions today create a better tomorrow!

Reduce Waste

Conserve Resources

Protect Our Planet

Build a Greener Church

Backpack Ministry

HELPING KIDS ONE BACKPACK AT A TIME

The new school year begins THIS MONTH!! Let's make sure ALL kids have food in their bellies over the weekend!!

- 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



AUGUST DONATION:

Dry Pasta

Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP)

JUNE 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME: \$41,709.75

EXPENSES: \$55,889.76

NET LOSS: \$14,180.01

NOISY OFFERING: \$612.88
Outreach

THIS MONTH'S NOISY OFFERING



OUTREACH





Serve Joyfully

and support each month to help make our food pantry ministry a welcoming and dependable resource for our neighbors.

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:

- FIRST TUESDAY** - Volunteers help unload groceries
- THIRD WEDNESDAY** - Volunteers help unload produce
- THIRD THURSDAY** -
 - pack food at 9:00 am
 - load truck at 5:00 pm
 - distribute food at 6:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus in Schertz.
- FOURTH THURSDAY** - Pantry Work Day from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

If you have some time to spare, consider helping this amazing ministry.

Sign up:
bit.ly/SUMCfoodpantryhelp

JULY'S FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Our July 16 Food Pantry distribution was a wonderful success as we served from our new location at the Knights of Columbus in Schertz. The change in location did not seem to impact participation, as we were blessed to serve 83 families, representing 345 individuals in our community. A dedicated team of 30 volunteers—including 27 adults and 3 youth—made the day possible. Of those volunteers, 22 were members of Schertz UMC and 8 were community volunteers. We are incredibly grateful for everyone who gives their time, energy,

Why We're Encouraging Everyone to Use the UMC App

BY MICHELLE NEAL

About a year ago, we upgraded our church's communication system to make it easier, more reliable, and more secure for everyone to stay connected.

Before then, church communication happened in many different places—text message threads, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, GroupMe, emails, and church texts from different sources. While each of these worked for some people, they often created confusion. Important information could be missed, conversations became scattered, and not everyone received the same messages.

With our transition to Subsplash, we brought all of our church communication together in one place through the Schertz UMC app. Instead of needing multiple apps and trying to remember where a conversation took place, you now have one central location for church communication.

One of the best features of the app is its built-in messaging system. You can join ministry groups, Sunday School classes, Bible studies, committees, and other church groups, receiving updates and participating in conversations all in one place. You can also send private messages to other church members without needing to know their phone number or email address. As long as both people have a Subsplash account, they can easily connect.

Using one communication platform benefits our entire church family. It helps ensure that:

- Everyone receives the same information.
- Important messages don't get buried in multiple apps or text threads.
- New members can easily be included in conversations.
- Communication is more organized, secure, and accessible.
- Ministry leaders don't have to manage several different communication platforms.

The app is available on the Apple App Store, Google Play, and Amazon devices.

Whether you prefer using your phone or your computer, you can access your groups and messages. If you don't want to use the app on your mobile device, simply log in to your Subsplash account from your computer, and you'll have access to the same features.

Our goal is to make the Schertz UMC app our primary method of church communication by the end of this year. That goal is only possible if we all participate. The more people who create an account and begin using the app, the more connected our church family becomes. Rather than wondering where an announcement was posted or whether someone was left off a text thread, everyone knows exactly where to go for church communication.

If you haven't created your Subsplash account yet, I encourage you to do so and join one or two groups to get started. I've included several short tutorial videos at the bottom of our Wednesday emails that walk you through creating an account, joining groups, and sending messages.

Beyond messaging, the Schertz UMC app offers many other helpful features. You can view the church calendar, register your attendance, give online, watch live worship services or archived sermons, read the Bible, access RightNow Media and other resources, submit prayer requests, and much more. It truly is a valuable tool for staying connected with the life of our church.

If you have any questions or need help getting started, please let me know. I'd be happy to help. Together, we can make communication simpler, more effective, and ensure that everyone stays connected as we continue to grow as one church family.

Schertz UMC Quarterly Report

JANUARY - JUNE 2026

Membership

- 285 members
- +16 New Members

Worship

- 5,308 Attendance
- 377 Service Participants

All Services Saw Growth in Attendance!

- Traditional Service → Grew by 21 %
- Praise Worship Service → Grew by 19 %
- The Gathering → Grew by 27 %

People Serving

- Food Pantry x 6 → 287
- Mexico Mission x 6 → 41
- Ramp Builds x 2 → 24
- San Angelo Youth → 14
- Del Rio → 11

Mission Gifts

- Noisy Offering = \$3,947
- Backpack Ministry = \$875
- SUMC Pantry = \$8,597
- Q1 Apportionments = \$14,729
- Q1 Outreach = \$699
- Vendor Event = \$1,281



United Women in Faith

LUNCHEON PROGRAM & MEETING

All women are invited! Join us for lunch and fellowship.

AUGUST 5, 2026

11:30 AM

Program - Faith Talks: Aging with Love & Care

Faith - Fellowship - Friendship

August 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						1 7am Men's Bible Study Adult Mission Trip to Piedras Negras 10am-3pm Vendor Event
2 12:45pm UMYF Kickoff 3rd Grade Bible Ceremony Grace Place Teachers Blessing	3 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	4 7pm The Family Room @ Rich & Ivy's Home 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	5 11:30am UWF 7pm Praise Team Practice	6 9am Ladies Bible Study 11am Magnolias 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm AA Group Mtg & Alanon	7 UMYF Retreat 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	8 UMYF Retreat 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance
9 UMYF Retreat UMM Taco Sunday Blessing of the Backpacks 10:15am Back-to-School Celebration	10 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	11 12pm Food Pantry Unload Groceries 6:30pm Game Night 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	12 7pm Praise Team Practice	13 9am Ladies Bible Study 11:15 am Magnolias at The Crust 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm AA Group Mtg & Alanon	14 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	15 Newsletter Items Due 7am Men's Bible Study 7:30am Texas Ramp Project
16 10:15am Children's Sunday School Begins Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 12:30pm Children's Sabbath Practice Begins 12:45pm UMYF	17 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	18 7pm The Family Room @ Rich & Ivy's Home 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	19 11:30am Food Pantry Unload Groceries 7pm Praise Team Practice	20 9am Ladies Bible Study 9am Food Pantry Pack Bags 11am Magnolias 5pm Food Pantry Load Truck 6pm Food Pantry Distribution 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm AA Group Mtg & Alanon	21 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	22 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance
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