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- 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.

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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
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50% off Registration Fee

Church Nursery
SCHERTZ UMC

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.



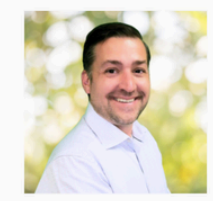
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SUMC CONNECTOR

Building Relationships~Making Connection~Growing Together

A Message From Our Pastor

REV. JON SNAPE



Dear Schertz UMC,

"The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart..."
- 1 Samuel 13:14

During this year's ordination service, the candidates were asked if they would practice and recommend fasting and

abstinence, as a part of our tradition of asking Wesley's Historic Questions. That experience sparked a conversation between Julianne, one of the newly ordained, and I about the ways we live out this vow in ministry.

Fasting is much more than a practice during Lent and abstinence is about more than relational intimacy, so let's open our minds with some other examples. Some fast from screens at certain special times of the day or the week. Some fast from speaking (as Eilene Wollslager has led us), watching the news, alcohol, secular music, and many other things as we practice connecting with the presence of God.

A personal abstinence list follows a similar idea but moves us from refraining for a short, defined period to abstaining for longer seasons—or even for the rest of our lives.

Are the things that fill our bodies, minds, and schedules bringing us closer to God and neighbor? Are there examples that have been beneficial for a time but then have become harmful habits over time? What are we willing to give up, that we may be transformed, coming near to God?

I hope you will talk about these questions and practices with your brothers and sisters as the God of grace continues to lead us to God's own heart as with David before us.

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

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Facebook.com/SchertzUMC

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Instagram.com/SchertzUMC

YOUTUBE:
Youtube.com/@SchertzUnitedMethodistChurch

Special Events This Month:

THE FAMILY ROOM
Tuesday, July 7 & 21, 2026
7-8:30 PM at Rich Johnson's Home

ADULT MISSION TRIP TO PIEDRAS NEGRAS
Saturday, July 11, 2026

UMM TACO SUNDAY
Sunday, July 12, 2026
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM in the Narthex

GAME NIGHT
Tuesday, July 14, 2026
6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
Thursday, July 16, 2026
6:00-7:30 PM at Knights of Columbus

BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday, July 19, 2026
9 AM - 2 PM in the Quad Room

UNITED METHODIST MEN
Wednesday, June 24, 2026
6:00 PM in Room 106

SUMMER HIATUS
Many groups/classes are taking a break during the summer months:

- United Women in Faith (July only)
- Magnolias (July only)
- Soul Sisters
- WAC (Working Age Christians)
- The Searchers Sunday School
- Thursday Morning Bible Study
- Ladies Bible Study
- Ladies Bunco

SUMC Member Spotlight

RON & SALLY DANCY

After years of moving around with the Air Force and searching for a church home, Ron and Sally found one at Schertz United Methodist Church. Both grew up active in their churches and were seeking a congregation where they could feel welcomed and connected despite their diverse backgrounds.

Over the past 20 years at SUMC, they have faithfully served in many ministries and leadership roles. Together, they coordinated and taught Confirmation classes, and both have been active in children's and worship ministries. Ron has served as a delegate to Annual Conference and currently serves as a liturgist, while Sally has chaired the Worship Committee. They were also founding members of God's Rainbow Sunday School Class and today enjoy singing together in the choir.

Ron, who was born in Michigan and raised in Florida, met Sally, a Pennsylvania native raised in South Carolina, while attending college in Charleston. Married for 37 years, they have raised three children together.

Ron served 21 years as an Air Force pilot and now trains Air Force pilots as a civilian. His commitment to service has been shaped by influential mentors and continues through his work, church involvement, Scouting, and family.

Sally's passion for education, music, and the arts was nurtured by family members and teachers who inspired her throughout her life. Today, she supports young families and children as an early childhood arts specialist.

A few interesting facts: Ron was adopted, and his stepfather was a Baptist minister. Sally grew up in a Congregationalist church with roots dating back to the 1600s, has Pilgrim ancestry, and a great-grandfather who served as a Methodist circuit-riding minister.

We are grateful for the many ways Ron and Sally have enriched the life of Schertz United Methodist Church through their faith, leadership, and service.



Youth Mission Trip

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

During their mission trip to San Angelo, the youth group had the opportunity to serve two families whose homes had been impacted by flooding.

At the first home, the team assisted a family facing significant challenges. The homeowner was recovering from an injury that made movement painful, and his father-in-law was receiving hospice care. Before the youth even arrived, the homeowner had attempted to move heavy furniture on his own, including a piece weighing nearly 500 pounds. The home required new flooring due to flood damage, and several youth and adult leaders spent three days removing old flooring and installing new flooring in the homeowner's bedroom. Each day, furniture had to be carefully moved out of the room and then repositioned so the homeowner would have a place to sleep at night.

The second project involved a family with children whose home had also suffered flood damage. The team worked to install new flooring, but first had to overcome extremely uneven subfloors. After trying several different approaches, they spent two days preparing the surface before beginning installation. The flooring project took an additional two days and included repairing trim, replacing baseboards, and painting to help refresh the space.

Through these projects, the youth gained a deeper understanding of the challenges many families face every day. They worked hard alongside one another, sharing God's love through acts of service and compassion. The group is grateful for the prayers, donations, and support that made the trip possible. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, the youth were able to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others while growing in their own faith.



New Members



Welcome Ricky & Mikki Austin who joined May 31, 2026



Welcome Jan & Karen McIntosh who joined June 10, 2026



Congratulations Julianne Snape on becoming a deacon!



Rebecca Couch with baby Winston



Pastor Terry getting some love from the children in Piedras Negras



Sharon "Sarita" Galambos presenting a program on one of the Mexico orphanages we support



The youth demonstrating VBS dances



End-of-School-Year Celebration



Learning about the Holy Spirit

"Are the things that fill our bodies, minds, and schedules bringing us closer to God and neighbor?" - Pastor Jon

Thank You for Supporting Our Ministries!

Backpack Ministry

HELPING KIDS ONE BACKPACK AT A TIME

Summer time is the perfect time to collect food for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year! Please continue to give to this amazing ministry!

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)

JULY'S DONATION:

CEREAL

SUMC Food Pantry

CHANGE OF LOCATION

To help alleviate traffic congestion caused by the large number of vehicles attending food distribution, the Food Pantry distribution site will be moving to a new location beginning July 16.

Starting July 16, all food distributions will take place at the Knights of Columbus in Schertz.

We are grateful for our partnership with the Knights of Columbus and look forward to continuing this important ministry in a location that better accommodates our guests and volunteers.

MAY 2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME: \$58,059.18	NOISY OFFERING:
EXPENSES: \$55,539.39	\$1,536.10 Miracle Sunday
NET GAIN: \$2,519.79	\$430.15 VBS

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 beginning at noon.
- THIRD WEDNESDAY** - Volunteers help unload produce at 11:30 am.
- 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

JUNE'S FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

At the June 18 Food Pantry distribution, volunteers served 74 families, representing 297 individuals. While attendance at the park distribution was slightly lower than usual, the ministry continued to meet important needs throughout the month by providing food to an additional 13 families, serving 27 more people. In total, 87 families and 324 individuals received assistance through the Food Pantry's efforts.

NOTE: The Food Pantry distribution has moved to the Knights of Columbus - 509 Schertz Parkway Schertz, TX.

JULY NOISY OFFERING:



Save a Life! Give Blood!

JULY 19, 2026

Sign Up: bit.ly/SUMCblooddrive

LET'S MAKE IT A

MOVIE NIGHT BLOOD DRIVE!

SUNDAY, JULY 19
9 AM - 2 PM
Quad Room

SCHERTZ UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3460 Roy Richard Dr. | Schertz, TX 78154

Donate blood and receive a ***SANTIKOS BUNDLE!**

Includes 200 Free Movie Tickets

SCAN ME

Schedule your appointment!

BLOOD DRIVE COORDINATOR
Toni Grasshaupt
tgrasshaupt@sumc.org 210-281-8004

South Texas Blood & Tissue

Caretakers of God's Creation

To join our SUMC Green Team, contact co-chairs Jennifer Felty or Dixie Shaw-Tillmon.

SHOULD CHURCHES BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF BATTLING PLASTICS?

REDUCING ONE USE PLASTICS (ONE FORK AT A TIME!)



AUGUST 1ST
Vendor Event 10am-3pm

AUGUST 2ND
3rd Grade Bible Ceremony
Grace Place Teacher Blessings

AUGUST 9TH
Blessing of the Backpacks
Back-to-School Celebration

AUGUST 16TH
Children's Sunday School Starts:
PK-1st grade - Room 104
2nd-4th grade - Room 105
5th-8th grade - Room 204

Children's Sabbath Rehearsals Begin
12:30-2:00pm

SEPTEMBER 27TH
One Service at 10 am
Children's Sabbath

Mission U

JULY 10TH & 11TH, 2026

New Braunfels FUMC

A DEEP KNOWING:
Experiencing Emmanuel Through Every Part of Our Lives

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

- Todd Halverson
- Steve Salazar
- Joseph Stuller III
- Cookie Baker
- Colleen Norris
- Diane Bornmann
- Millie Vigil
- Michael Ricks
- Kellen Taylor
- Myrna Taylor
- Darcy Wells
- Wendy Edris
- Cooper Martinez
- Fran Macaraig
- Abby Gordy
- Don Downey
- Inge Bruner
- Angelina Kiser
- Michael Neal
- Lou Ann Allison
- Barry Blackman
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- Jennifer Hickman
- Dejanique Campbell
- Priscilla Delventhal
- Jake Harrell
- Sandra Lippert
- Pastor Wes Brookshire
- Ashley Burtch

JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 7pm AA Group Mtg & Alanon	3 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	4 Happy Independence Day
5	6 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	7 12pm Food Pantry Unload Groceries 7pm The Family Room @ Rich & Ivy's Home 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	8 7pm Praise Team Practice	9 7pm AA Group Mtg & 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	13 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	14 6:30pm Game Night 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	15 Newsletter Items Due 11:30am Food Pantry Unload Groceries	16 9am Food Pantry Pack Bags 5pm Food Pantry Load Truck 6pm Food Pantry Distribution 7pm AA Group Mtg & Alanon	17 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	18 7am Men's Bible Study
19 9am-2pm Blood Drive	20 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	21 7pm The Family Room @ Rich & Ivy's Home 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	22 6pm UMM 7pm Praise Team Practice	23 9am-12pm Food Pantry Work Day 7pm AA Group Mtg & Alanon	24 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	25 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance
26	27 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	28 5:30pm Leadership Board 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	29	30 7pm AA Group Mtg & Alanon	31 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	