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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  
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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!



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Hours: 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM  
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**SUMMER SPECIAL!**  
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,

"While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven." -Luke 24:51

What a thought and what an image- Jesus resurrected and ascended to heaven with our Father. We've been given many images for Jesus and the beauty of his suffering love.

And we are told that we, the Church, are being transformed into His likeness. It can be a daunting, yet inspiring notion that we are to become like Him.

My hope is that we can hold onto that promise, in all of its weight and all of its joy. All the while, may we hear the Good News that God's grace is with us as we walk with and toward Jesus one step at a time. When that kind of transformation seems too far away, when we hear voices telling us we will fail, may we know that God is now inviting us to take our next faithful step. One step, by God's grace, is how we keep walking in faith.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Jon*



"God, create in me a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within me."  
-Psalm 51:10

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### Schertz United Methodist Church

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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:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 1-4, 2026
5:30-6:00 PM Family Dinner
6:00-8:00 PM VBS Activities

THE FAMILY ROOM

Tuesday, June 2 & 16, 2026
7-8:30 PM at Rich Johnson's Home

UWF LUNCH & MEETING

Wednesday, June 3, 2026
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Program by Sharon Galambo

VENDOR EVENT

Saturday, June 6, 2026
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

June 7-13, 2026
San Angelo, Texas

LADIES BUNCO

Monday, June 15, 2026
6:30 PM in Room 106

RIO TEXAS CONFERENCE

June 17-20, 2026

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

Thursday, June 18, 2026
6:00-7:30 PM at UC Veterans Park

UNITED METHODIST MEN

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

SUMC Member Spotlight

BARBARA GORDY



Barbara has been a longtime member of our church family whose heart for service and compassion has blessed so many throughout the years.

Born in Port Arthur, Texas, Barbara was actually raised in Barstow, California. It was in California that she met the love of her life, Wynn Gordy. Together they shared 52 wonderful years of marriage and built a loving family with two sons, one daughter, and seven cherished grandchildren.

Outside of church and family life, Barbara enjoys spending time outdoors with a good book, exploring new places, listening to music, and finding meaningful ways to support those around her.

When asked who has most inspired her life, she quickly points to her mother, Ola Mae Benson. She describes her as a strong and independent woman who always cared for her family, even during difficult times.

Barbara's connection with Schertz United Methodist Church began around 1989 when her family joined the church. Over the years, she has faithfully served in many different roles, including as the children's ministry coordinator.

We are grateful for her years of faithful service, caring spirit, and unwavering commitment to our church family and community.

New Members



Welcome Lori Beth Mullenix & Randy Clark who joined SUMC on April 26, 2026.



Welcome Steve & Shawn Stedman who joined May 10, 2026.

Welcome Corban, Emily, Rose, Quinn, Roslyn, & Lily who were confirmed on March 29, 2026.

Adult Mission Update

BY JOSEPH STULLER

On May 2nd, our team delivered the much-needed stove to the orphanage, and despite many unexpected roadblocks along the way, God faithfully made a way through every challenge.

Pastor Terry has joined the ministry and is already building relationships while teaching English classes. The team also visited the site of the former parsonage and orphanage that recently burned down.

We were encouraged to connect with our ministry partners, Hallelujah Ministries, as both groups delivered sewing machines to support the church's growing cottage business.

One of the biggest reminders from the trip came from the children, who notice when volunteers miss a month. Consistently showing up reminds people they are valued, loved, and not forgotten.

Congratulations!

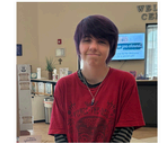
CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES



Hayden Mussi graduated from the School of Music at Texas State University on December 12, 2025. He plans to teach music and is currently looking for a job in our area.



McKenna Mussi graduated from Texas State University on May 14, 2026. She will be working for JHL Company in Austin.



Alaina Campbell graduated from Samuel Clemens High school on May 30, 2026. She plans to attend Northeast Lakeview College and then a university to study Forensics Psychology.



Haylie Doty graduated from Samuel Clemens High school on May 30, 2026. She plans to attend Northeast Lakeview College and then a university to study teaching.

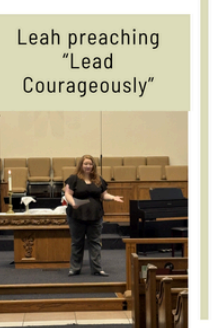


Lauryn Morgan graduated from Samuel Clemens High school on May 30, 2026. She plans to be a full-time nanny.

UMYF SUMMER PLANS
The youth will be going on mission to San Angelo to help with last summer's flooding.

United Women in Faith
The UWF meets on the first Wednesday of every month with a delicious lunch, informative program, and a brief meeting.

UWF Crafter-Noon
April 18th's Crafter-Noon was a day of fellowship and craftiness. Attendees worked together to sew several dozen dresses for the Africa Mission Project.



"One step, by God's grace, is how we keep walking in faith.." - Pastor Jon



Thank You for Supporting Our Ministries!

JUNE'S DONATION:  
DISH SOAP

Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP)

<b>April 2026 Financial Report</b> INCOME: \$50,919.39 EXPENSES: \$45,281.05 NET GAIN: \$5,638.34 NOISY OFFERING: \$512.89 <small>Miracle Sunday</small>	<b>Miracle Sunday Initiative</b> TOTAL GIVEN: \$2,133.64 
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### 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:
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• peanut butter crackers</li> <li>• cheese crackers</li> <li>• fruit cups</li> <li>• peanut butter</li> <li>• single serve cereal boxes</li> <li>• microwave popcorn</li> <li>• Ramen noodles</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• granola bars</li> <li>• jelly</li> <li>• shelf safe milk</li> <li>• single serve snacks (Ex. fruit snacks, Goldfish, pretzels, etc.)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">NO GLASS JARS</p> |
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### Texas Ramp Project

MAY 16, 2026



In just a few hours on a Saturday morning, volunteers with the Texas Ramp Project build wheelchair ramps for elderly and disabled neighbors who cannot afford one themselves.

On May 16th, eleven dedicated volunteers came together to build a ramp for Ms. Virginia Sirio, who lives with a debilitating form of arthritis. Some days, her pain is so severe that leaving her home is nearly impossible. But on her better days, this new ramp will provide her with safe and easier

access to the outside world, helping her maintain both her independence and quality of life.

### SUMC Food Pantry

**DISTRIBUTION: 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY MONTHLY**

- Food Items Needed:
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• peanut butter (18 oz)</li> <li>• dried beans (1 lb)</li> <li>• pasta (1 lb)</li> <li>• pasta sauce (16 oz)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• canned meat (12 oz)</li> <li>• rice (1 lb)</li> <li>• crackers (1 box)</li> </ul> |
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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 UC Veterans Park (meet at the church at 5:15 pm to carpool as there will be no place to park)
- **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](https://bit.ly/SUMCfoodpantryhelp)

### FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

At their monthly distribution on May 21st, the pantry served 132 families which included 557 people. They had a total of 40 volunteers, including church members and nonmembers. Volunteers helped bag groceries, load the truck, and distribute food.

### Schertz UMC Green Team

We are called to practice environmental holiness to conserve natural resources in every gathering & ministry of our congregation and church.

Goal of the Green Team: Manage waste by reducing one-use plastics & replacing them with fully-recyclable non-plastic items or reusable SUMC kitchen items.

For more information and to join our SUMC Green Team, contact co-chairs Jennifer Felty or Dixie Shaw-Tillmon.



#### CREATION CARE

Our Social Principle, Community of All Creation, states:  
All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it.



#### WINSTON COUCH

Born at 12:05 a.m. on May 4, 2026, Winston entered the world weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. Proud big brother Barrett is already smitten with his new baby brother. Hunter and Rebecca are both doing well and soaking up this special time as a family.



#### ELIJAH THORSON RYON

Baby Elijah arrived on May 14, 2026, at 27 weeks and 5 days due to unexpected complications. He weighed 2 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 14 inches long. Elijah is currently in the NICU, where he is receiving special care as he grows stronger each day. Please continue to keep Elijah and his family in your prayers during this time. Elijah is the great-grandson of Nancy King.



### Rio Texas Annual Conference

The 2026 Rio Texas Annual Conference will take place June 17-20, 2026, in Corpus Christi, bringing together United Methodist clergy and lay members from across South Texas for a time of worship, prayer, fellowship, and important decision-making for the churches of the region. Centered around the theme, "Adelante con Esperanza" ("Moving

Forward, with Hope"), the conference will unite congregations from communities including Austin, McAllen, San Angelo, and Victoria as they work together to support ministry, missions, and the future of the church.

Pastor Jon, several staff members, and a few members of our church family will be attending this year's conference. We are also excited to celebrate Julianne Snape as she is ordained during the conference. Please keep all who are attending in your prayers as they represent our church and participate in this meaningful gathering.

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

# Happy Birthday

- 2 Harvey Seiler
- 8 Rose Baker
- 8 Noah Ellis
- 9 Jodi Gutierrez
- 10 Wanda Howell
- 10 Alicia Little
- 11 Sally Armstrong
- 11 Kenny Barrows
- 11 Michael Jernigan
- 12 Michelle Reilly Barrows
- 14 Ginger Giuttari
- 15 Kimberly Spivey
- 15 Sheldon Green Jr.
- 15 Braeden Taylor
- 19 Pauline Newsome
- 19 Joseph Stuller IV
- 20 Asher Ward
- 20 Eli Ward
- 20 Judah Ward
- 21 Mary Haynie
- 22 Ben Dancy
- 24 Anne Wilkins
- 27 Beverly Doty
- 28 Forge Irlle
- 28 Tam Nelson
- 28 Devon Nixon
- 29 Emily Torgerson
- 30 George Mendiola
- 30 Benjamin Taylor

# JUNE 2026

Sunday

Monday


Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1 5:30-8pm <b>VBS</b> 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	2 12pm Food Pantry Unload Groceries 5:30-8pm <b>VBS</b> 7pm The Family Room @ Rich & Ivy's Home 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	3 11:30am UWF Luncheon & Meeting 5:30-8pm <b>VBS</b>	4 9am Ladies Bible Study 11am Magnolias 5:30-8pm <b>VBS</b> 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	5 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	6 7am Men's Bible Study 10am-3pm Vendor Event Adult Mission Trip to Piedras Negras
7 <b>VBS SUNDAY</b> Youth Mission to San Angelo	8 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	9 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	10 7pm Praise Team Practice	11 9am Ladies Bible Study 11am Magnolias 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	12 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	13 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance
14 UMM Taco Sunday  12:30pm Youth Mission Lunch	15 6:30pm Ladies BUNCO 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	16 7pm The Family Room @ Rich & Ivy's Home 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	17 11:30am Food Pantry Unload Groceries Rio Texas Annual Conference	18 9am Ladies Bible Study 9am Food Pantry Pack Bags 5pm Food Pantry Load Truck 6pm Food Pantry Distribution @UC Veterans Park 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	19 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	20 7am Men's Bible Study
21 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	22 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	23 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	24 6pm UMM 7pm Praise Team Practice	25 9am Ladies Bible Study 9am-12pm Food Pantry Work Day 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	26 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	27 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance
28 John Wesley's Birthday	29 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	30 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting				