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The Gathering Pastor



## 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
- 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! 

**NOW Enrolling!** Please call for availability

**Grace Place Learning Center**

Hours: 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM  
210.658.0846  
[graceplaceschertz.com](http://graceplaceschertz.com)







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.



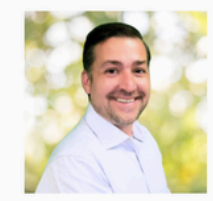
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# SUMC CONNECTOR

Building Relationships~Making Connection~Growing Together

## A Message From Our Pastor

REV. JON SNAPE



Dear Schertz UMC,  
"We must no longer be children, tossed to and from and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is

the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love." Ephesians 4:14-16

I continue to be so thankful to be a pastor at Schertz United Methodist Church. There are so many servant leaders among us, leading in ways that are both seen and unseen.

As we moved into a new calendar year, Nancy King (outgoing worship and board chair) and Sandra Lippert (outgoing lay leader) have paved the way for new leaders such as Taylor Hilliard (board chair), Greg Tillmon (lay leader), Dixie Shaw-Tillmon (9:00 worship), and Carolyn Stockton (11:15 worship). I'm so thankful for each of them.

As Pastor Terry has shifted her focus from preaching at the Gathering to Gabriel's Angels, Eilene Wollslager and Rich Johnson have carried the mantle. New classes have begun and wonderful opportunities to grow in Christ continue every single week in the life of our church. And I haven't even named that many who continue to lead ministries of charity, compassion, and justice locally, across the state, and into Mexico.

While there isn't space to tell the full story here, suffice it to say that together we are the body of Christ, and miracles happen every day among us where each member is working in unity.

By God's grace, may we continue to accept God's invitation to serve together as Christ's disciples.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Jon*

## Schertz United Methodist Church

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Schertz, Texas 78154  
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info@schertzumc.com

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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Special Events This Month:

UWF LUNCH & MEETING  
Wednesday, March 4, 2026  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

THE FAMILY ROOM  
Wednesday, March 4 & 18, 2026  
7-8:30 PM at Rich Johnson's Home

VENDOR EVENT  
w/Pet Blessings & Adoption  
Saturday, March 7, 2026  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

CATERPILLAR ADOPTION  
Sunday, March 8, 2026

SPAGHETTI DINNER  
PICKUP  
Sunday, March 15, 2026  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

FOOD PANTRY  
DISTRIBUTION  
Thursday, March 19, 2026  
6:00-7:30 PM

BLOOD DRIVE  
Sunday, March 22, 2026  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
in the Quad Room

UNITED METHODIST MEN  
Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
6:00 PM

PALM SUNDAY  
CONFIRMATION  
EASTER EGG HUNT  
Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 10:00 am

DIAMOND CLUB  
Monday, March 30, 2026  
12:00 PM

SUMC Member Spotlight

ANNE WILKINS



Anne Wilkins and her husband, Jay, moved to Schertz four years ago from the Hudson Valley in New York State to be near their son and grandsons. Anne retired from teaching high school English and Journalism; Jay retired as a Building Inspector and Assessor.

While in New York, she taught Sunday School at Grace Methodist Church and assisted with the Youth Fellowship. One fall, the youth were planning an overnight hike to Greylock Mountain in northeast Massachusetts. When asked to chaperone, Anne signed up—never having been on a hike before. This trip became a defining moment in her faith journey.

After being dropped off at the base of the mountain, she suddenly realized she was unfit to make it to the top of the 3,500-foot peak. Panicked, she began to pray and continued praying many times along the way. She felt as though Jesus walked beside her up the mountain. Her mantra to this day is, "Just put one foot in front of the other," and know that God will see you through.

This experience gave Anne a love of hiking, and she helped form the "At Your Own Risk" hiking club. With the club, she went on to hike several more mountains, as well as sections of the Appalachian Trail.

Anne's passion is lifelong learning. She enjoys spending time with her grandsons, as well as doing crafts, rock painting, reading, and building new friendships at SUMC.

Anne currently serves on the SUMC board and attends United Women in Faith meetings. She looks forward to many years at SUMC and to serving in as many ways as she can.



Brad Barrows working hard in the kitchen.



Watch out world... Future Drummer in the works!



Pastor Terry preaching on Transfiguration Sunday



The Chancel Choir is sparkling on Transfiguration Sunday!



The youth strenghting their faith with a game



Always a good lesson during Children's Time

Quinceañera Celebration & Mission Update from Piedras Negras

BY JOSEPH STULLER

On Saturday, January 30, 2026, three members of Schertz UMC had the honor of attending a beautiful quinceañera celebration at the orphanage in Piedras Negras. The celebration was held for two of the orphan girls, Judy and Meredith, marking this important milestone in their lives. Our church was specifically invited to attend, which made the occasion even more meaningful. The SUMC Pantry Group lovingly sent gifts to represent our congregation. A special thank you goes to Rachel Wall, who graciously organized the purchase and wrapping of the presents, ensuring the girls felt celebrated and cherished.



In what can only be described as a remarkable and "only-God" chain of events, officials from the City of Nava financed much of the celebration. The mayor and armed personnel were present for the event, demonstrating a powerful show of community support. It was a joyful reminder that God often works in unexpected and wonderful ways.

While there, we also received exciting news regarding the ongoing needs of the orphanage. Hallelujah Ministries committed to partnering with us to help fund a new stove for the orphanage kitchen. The stove, costing \$2,200, was already the focus of our upcoming spaghetti dinner fundraiser scheduled for March 15, 2026. We are grateful for this partnership and look forward to seeing how God multiplies these efforts.

God continues to reveal so much and open doors in ways we could never orchestrate ourselves. Thank you, Schertz UMC, for your prayers, generosity, and faithful support of Mission Piedras. We are excited to see what He will do next.



Spaghetti Dinner

PREORDER NOW!

Schertz UMC will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to raise funds to help purchase a much needed stove for Piedras Negras kitchen.

- Dinner includes:
    - spaghetti with homemade sauce (by Heather Alonso)
    - breadstick
    - salad
    - brownie
- Spaghetti Dinner: \$10**

Preorder until March 9, 2026!  
bit.ly/SUMCspaghetti

Spaghetti Dinner Pick-Up  
Sunday, March 15, 2026  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm



You're Invited!

THE 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY

Rich and Ivy Johnson are hosting a special fellowship that will take place twice a month at their home in Schertz. It will be a safe place where everyone is welcome (including kids) to discuss scripture and faith.

Join us the first and third Wednesday of every month from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

2221 Crary Meadow, Schertz, TX



Creation Care

A HUGE "Shout Out" to Noelle and Elliot who use their own bottle for water. Great job!

Look for more "Shout Out's" to come in future newsletters.



**"By God's grace, may we continue to accept God's invitation to serve together as Christ's disciples."  
- Pastor Jon**

# Thank You for Supporting Our Ministries!

## SUMC FOOD PANTRY

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> is our next distribution.

### 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, especially on the day of a distribution. If you have some time to spare, consider helping this amazing ministry.

Sign up:

[bit.ly/SUMCfoodpantryhelp](https://bit.ly/SUMCfoodpantryhelp)

**RANDOLPH AREA CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RACAP)**



**MARCH'S DONATION: RICE**

## BACKPACK 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

**March's Noisy Offering:**

**MEXICO MISSION: PIEDRAS NEGRAS**

## January 2026 Financial Report

INCOME: \$54,246.66

EXPENSES: \$52,437.49

NET GAIN: \$1,809.17

NOISY OFFERING: \$448.64  
Children's Ministries

## Family Mission Trip

### WANTED: VOLUNTEERS

Have a hand in God's answering the cries of his children.

The Family Mission Trip will take place in San Angelo from March 19–22. We will be helping make repairs from the July 4, 2025 flooding. The group will leave Thursday evening after work and return on Sunday.

You do not need construction experience to participate. All that is required is a willingness to be open to where God is leading you. There are many ways to serve.

Basic accommodations will be provided, so please bring a sleeping bag, cot, or air mattress.

This trip is an opportunity to bring hope back through cleanup, repairs, and Christ-centered love. If you're looking to serve in a meaningful, hands-on way, we invite you to join us.

If you'd like to go or have questions, contact Jamie Alonso and Sydney McCutcheon.

Jamie - [hthralonso@gmail.com](mailto:hthralonso@gmail.com) / (210) 464-3659  
Sydney - 210-724-3780



## NEEDED: CASSEROLES FOR MISSION TRIP

Help provide breakfast and dinner for the members of the Family Mission Trip. The participants will need a total of 3 breakfast casseroles and 2 dinner ones.

Sign Up:

[bit.ly/SUMCcasseroles](https://bit.ly/SUMCcasseroles)



## Goodwill Collection Fundraiser

The Food Pantry's biggest fundraiser is our bi-annual Goodwill Collection. Goodwill will be here on April 25<sup>th</sup>, and we would love your participation.

Good news! You don't have to wait to contribute! Room 202 is designated for Goodwill, so you can drop off your items anytime. Contact a youth member or Joe Stuller if you need help with your donation.

NO FURNITURE, MATTRESSES, LARGE ITEMS!

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

## Getting Ready for Easter

### CANDY/TOYS NEEDED!



Candy and small toys (that fit inside an egg) are needed for our Easter Egg hunt, which will take place on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>. Candy must be wrapped or in small boxes/packages. Look for donation boxes around the church. Please donate by Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### ADOPT A CATERPILLAR



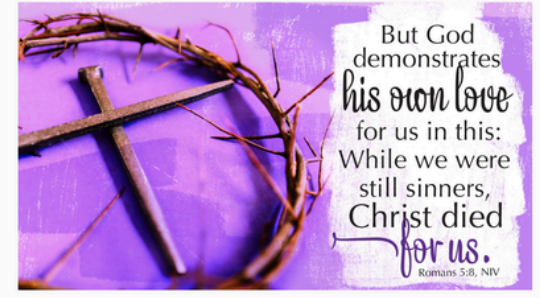
On Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, your family can take home a caterpillar to watch it as it metamorphosizes into a Painted Lady Butterfly! Bring your butterfly back to church on Easter for a collective butterfly release. Instructions, a small butterfly cage, and caterpillar food will be provided.



## Blood Drive

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
IN THE QUAD ROOM

Sign Up to Give:  
[bit.ly/SUMCblooddrive322](https://bit.ly/SUMCblooddrive322)



### 40 CANS IN 40 DAYS

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.

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

#### Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

- ONE Service at 10:00 am
- Easter Cantata
- Confirmation
- Potluck Lunch
- Easter Egg Hunt

#### Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 pm

#### Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Good Friday Service at 6:30 pm

#### Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

- 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

## UWF Crafter-Noon

Donations are needed to help make little dresses for the Africa Mission Project.

- gently used pillowcases (no white or beige)
- 1 and 2 yards of fabric
- 1/4" elastic
- thread

Drop items off at the church office.

Contact Jennifer Felty for table craft information.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH  
11:00 AM-2:00 PM



## Happy Birthday to...

### MARCH

- 1 Robert Edris
- 1 Brian Harrell
- 1 Radonna Jernigan
- 1 Makenna Neal
- 2 Ron Kuerner
- 5 Kathleen Thiele-Posey
- 6 Telle Johnson
- 6 Belle Stoker
- 7 Dar Johnson
- 9 Robert Jones
- 10 Nicole Dubensky-Pogue
- 14 Kristen Dubensky
- 14 Bonita Kuerner
- 14 Jeanne Rigg
- 15 Curtis Jenkins
- 15 John Jones
- 15 Lucy McCann
- 17 Trinity Barrows
- 17 Corban Snape
- 18 Bill Bond
- 18 Chuck Sutherlun
- 19 Brad Barrows
- 21 Tina Harrell
- 24 Maybrey Irle
- 24 Stuart Spivey
- 25 Claudia Miller
- 28 Jessie Fisher
- 28 Harper Salter
- 30 Juli Mussi
- 31 Hayden Mussi

# MARCH 2026



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<p>1 Spaghetti Preorders Before &amp; After Service @Welcome Center ~ 2nd Sunday in Lent ~ 12:30pm UMYF 5:30 Confirmation Class</p>	<p>2 4:30-6 PM Spiritual Practices 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team</p>	<p>3 <b>ELECTION DAY</b> 10am-1pm Staff Planning Day 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting</p>	<p>4 11:30am UWF Luncheon &amp; Meeting 7pm The Family Room @ Rich &amp; Ivy's Home 7pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>5 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thur Morning Bible Study 11am Magnolias 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting &amp; Alanon</p>	<p>6 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting</p>	<p>7 7am Men's Bible Study 10am-3pm Vendor Event Adult Mission Trip to Piedras Negras</p>
<p>8 <b>UMM Taco Sunday</b> ~ 3rd Sunday in Lent ~ Spaghetti Preorders Before &amp; After Service @Welcome Center Caterpillar Adoption Spring Forward 12:30pm UMYF</p>	<p>9 Last Day to Preorder Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-6 PM Spiritual Practices 6:30pm Soul Sisters 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team</p>	<p>10 6:30pm Game Night 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting</p>	<p>11 7pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>12 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thur Morning Bible Study 11am Magnolias 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting &amp; Alanon</p>	<p>13 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting</p>	<p>14 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance</p>
<p>15 Spaghetti Dinner Pickup 10am-1pm ~ 4th Sunday in Lent ~ 12:30pm UMYF 5:30 Confirmation Class</p>	<p>16 4:30-6 PM Spiritual Practices 6:30pm Ladies BUNCO 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team</p>	<p>17 <b>HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b> 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting</p>	<p>18 7pm The Family Room @ Rich &amp; Ivy's Home 7pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>19 <b>Family Mission Trip</b> 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thur Morning Bible Study 11am Magnolias 6pm Food Pantry Distribution 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting &amp; Alanon</p>	<p>20 <b>Family Mission Trip</b> 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting</p>	<p>21 <b>Family Mission Trip</b> 7am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>22 <b>Family Mission Trip</b> ~ 5th Sunday in Lent ~ 9am-2pm Blood Drive 12:30pm UMYF 5:30 Confirmation Class</p>	<p>23 4:30-6 PM Spiritual Practices 6:30pm Soul Sisters 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team</p>	<p>24 5:30pm Board Meeting 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting</p>	<p>25 6pm UMM 7pm Praise Team Practice</p>	<p>26 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thur Morning Bible Study 11am Magnolias 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting &amp; Alanon</p>	<p>27 10am Round Tuits 7pm WAC - TBD 7pm AA Group Meeting</p>	<p>28 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance</p>
<p>29 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Easter Cantata - One Service @ 10:00 am CONFIRMATION Potluck Lunch after Service No Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt 12:30pm UMYF</p>	<p>30 12pm Diamond Club 4:30-6 PM Spiritual Practices 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team</p>	<p>31 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting</p>	<p>Save the Date</p> <p>April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30pm April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Good Friday Service at 6:30pm April 4<sup>th</sup> - Vendor Event April 5<sup>th</sup> - Easter Services: 7am, 9am, 11:15am / Butterfly Release at 10:00am April 18<sup>th</sup> - UWF Crafter-Noon 11am-2pm April 25<sup>th</sup> - Goodwill Collection 9am-12pm</p>			

