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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](http://graceplaceschertz.com)

**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,  
"Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with

weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong." -2 Corinthians 12:8-10

If we paused to sit with it for a few minutes, I think most of us could name a weakness we have in following Christ. Of course, the first step is being willing to spend that time acknowledging our weakness.

When we do, the next step of sharing that weakness with a brother or sister in Christ often challenges us. If we would take that step, I have found we start to see the Lord's strength in our lives. In my experience, I have received so much transformation from being willing to be vulnerable with my struggles. They are such ripe soil for new life and growth.

As we focus on growing as disciples, living into the fullness of life in Christ, may we be willing to share our weaknesses. Could we form relationships and habits in which we share our weaknesses with one another?

God's grace abounds and we have an opportunity to experience God's power among us. May we each take the next faithful step as the body of Christ.

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, May 2, 2026  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

UWF LUNCH & MEETING  
Wednesday, May 6, 2026  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Program: Creation Care 2

THE FAMILY ROOM  
Wednesday, May 6 & 20, 2026  
7-8:30 PM at Rich Johnson's Home

SOUL SISTERS  
Monday, May 11, 2026  
6:30 PM in Room 111  
\*This will be our last one until August.

TEXAS RAMP BUILD  
Saturday, May 16, 2026  
7:30 AM Meet at SUMC

MIRACLE SUNDAY  
Sunday, May 17, 2026

GRACE PLACE GRADUATION  
Wednesday, May 20, 2026  
4:30 PM in the Sanctuary

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION  
Thursday, May 21, 2026  
6:00-7:30 PM

GRADUATION SUNDAY  
Sunday, May 24, 2026  
9:00 AM & 11:15 AM Services  
UMYF Celebration at 12:30 PM

UNITED METHODIST MEN  
Wednesday, May 27, 2026  
6:00 PM in Room 106

MEN'S WALK TO EMMAUS  
May 28-31, 2026



SUMC Member Spotlight

LAURA BULL



This month, we are excited to highlight Laura Bull, a familiar and faithful presence in our church family whose roots run deep in our community.

Laura was born in New Braunfels and raised in Schertz, and she represents the third generation of her family in our church. Her twin sons, Mason and Chase, are now the fourth generation—a legacy that speaks to the enduring faith and connection her family shares with this congregation. Laura describes her boys as her greatest accomplishment, and it's clear how much pride she takes in raising two kind, compassionate, and joyful young men. Professionally, she serves the community as a pediatric occupational therapy assistant in Schertz, where she helps children grow and thrive.

Outside of work, Laura has a deep passion for animal rescue. For the past 10 years, she has worked with God's Dogs Rescue, and more recently, she has spent two years fostering kittens through Homes for Pets. It's not unusual for her home to be filled with puppies and kittens, reflecting her big heart and commitment to caring for God's creatures.

Laura credits her grandmother, Jackie Greer, as a powerful role model in her life. She remembers her as a woman deeply rooted in faith—active in the church, devoted to reading her Bible, and always radiating joy. That example clearly left a lasting impression.

In her personal time, Laura is an avid reader who enjoys a wide variety of genres. Rather than watching television, she prefers to spend her time immersed in a good book. She has also been learning Spanish for the past year and enjoys the challenge of picking up a new language.

Laura's involvement in the life of the church has been both extensive and impactful. Over the years, she has served in many roles, including nursery coordinator, Sunday School teacher for both children and adults, and a member of the youth choir and praise band. She has contributed to various committees, co-directed Vacation Bible School and children's Christmas programs, and brought joy to many as "Gordy the puppet" during children's time in worship.

Laura Bull's servant heart, dedication, and joyful spirit are a blessing to our church. We are grateful for the many ways she continues to share her gifts and live out her faith in action.

New Members



Welcome Debra Paez & Brittany Agre who joined SUMC on April 12, 2026.



If you haven't noticed yet, our Sanctuary has had a bit of a refresh! New projector screens have been installed on the walls, along with new bulbs in the projectors—making everything brighter and much easier to see, from graphics to lyrics.

Adult Mission Update: Orphanage Support in Mexico

BY JOSEPH STULLER



We are excited to share that the new stove for the orphanage has been delivered and loaded onto the trailer. Our team is scheduled to transport it on May 2, and both our group and the orphanage staff are eagerly looking forward to its arrival. The stove was made possible through a three-way partnership between Schertz UMC, Hallelujah Ministries, and a Mexican contractor—an inspiring example of collaboration in mission.

If anyone feels led to contribute, we would also like to take a set of cookware with us on this trip to further support the orphanage kitchen.

In addition, Hallelujah Ministries has reached out for assistance with another orphanage in Mexico that was recently destroyed by an electrical fire. We are grateful that all residents are safe. They have requested a sewing machine to help the orphanage begin making and selling clothing as part of their recovery and sustainability efforts. We will be delivering a sewing machine during our May 2 trip. As always, we will also be providing adult diapers for the adult orphanage as part of our ongoing care.

Finally, we ask for your prayers as we prepare for the upcoming border crossing. After speaking with Tito, a Mexican national, about recent changes at the border, there is a heightened awareness of the challenges ahead. We deeply appreciate your prayerful support for safe passage and a smooth journey as we continue this important work.



"God's grace abounds and we have an opportunity to experience God's power among us." - Pastor Jon

Thank You for Supporting Our Ministries!

### Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

#### MIRACLE SUNDAY INITIATIVE

This spring, congregations in the Rio Texas Conference are invited to join a global United Methodist movement through a six-week initiative: Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously & Miracle Sunday.

This effort unites more than 30,000 churches worldwide to support theological education outside the United States, where many pastors serve growing congregations but lack access to training and resources. Through the Miracle Sunday offering, the initiative helps fund education for an additional 500 pastors each year.

For the Rio Texas Conference, this season is both a time of prayer and generosity and an opportunity to reconnect with the global mission of the United Methodist Church—making disciples and strengthening the church around the world.

Here at Schertz United Methodist Church, we are excited to take part in this meaningful initiative. During the months of April and May, our “Noisy Offering” will be dedicated to supporting Miracle Sunday. In addition, we will collect a special offering on May 17. These gifts, both large and small, will help equip pastors around the world and make a lasting impact through faith, education, and service.



### SUMC Food Pantry

#### DISTRIBUTION: 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 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](http://bit.ly/SUMCfoodpantryhelp)

### Backpack Ministry

#### HELPING KIDS ONE BACKPACK AT A TIME

- 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;">NO GLASS JARS</p> |
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#### Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP)



MAY'S DONATION:  
JELLY

#### FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

At their monthly distribution on April 16th, the pantry served 106 families for a total of 443 people. They also served another 17 families with 42 people on April 22nd.

March 2026  
Financial Report

INCOME: \$56,908.35  
EXPENSES: \$59,656.03  
NET LOSS: \$2,747.68  
  
NOISY OFFERING: \$870.12  
Piedras Negras

### Meals for Alyssa King

Nancy King's granddaughter, Alyssa, has been placed on bedrest for the remainder of her pregnancy. To help support her and her family during this time, we're organizing meals three times a week. Alyssa, her husband, and their three children are grateful for anything—simple, easy meals are perfect!

Dixie Shaw-Tillmon will handle all meal deliveries, so all you need to do is sign up and decide what you'd like to prepare. If cooking isn't convenient, you can also donate a gift card, and a meal will be purchased and delivered on your behalf.

Thank you so much for caring for this family in such a meaningful way.

Contact Dixie: 210-683-3130.

SIGN UP FOR A MEAL:  
[bit.ly/SUMCmeals4Alyssa](http://bit.ly/SUMCmeals4Alyssa)



### Texas Ramp Project

#### HELP SOMEONE IN NEED

Our next ramp project will be on **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**. Volunteers are needed to build the ramp. Children ages 14-15 may attend with a parent/guardian present. Children 16 years or older may volunteer without a parent/guardian.



Meet at the church at 7:30 am. Breakfast tacos will be provided for breakfast. A sandwich lunch will be served.

Bring a battery operated drill if you have one, but you can still volunteer if you do not have one.

Sign up: [bit.ly/SUMCramp](http://bit.ly/SUMCramp)



### Graduation Sunday

We will celebrate our graduates on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Graduate boxes for cards will be placed out by May 3<sup>rd</sup> for you to drop them a congratulatory note.

A CONGRATULATIONS goes out to:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Haylie Doty (high school)</li> <li>• Alaina Campbell (high school)</li> <li>• Rylee Spreeman (high school)</li> <li>• Lauryn Morgan (high school)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hayden Mussi (university)</li> <li>• McKenna Mussi (university)</li> </ul> |
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*If you need to add a graduate to our celebration list, please complete this form ASAP:*

[bit.ly/SUMCgrads2026](http://bit.ly/SUMCgrads2026)

### Vacation Bible School

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our annual VBS is just around the corner, and volunteers are needed to help make it successful!

- VBS Assistant Director
- Registration Leaders
- Opening & Closing Assistant Leader
- Games Leaders
- Games Assistant Leaders
- Dinner Prep Assistants
- Craft Leaders
- Bible Assistant Leader
- A.V. Technician

Children in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up can be an assistant.

Sign up: [bit.ly/SUMCVBS2026](http://bit.ly/SUMCVBS2026)

### Endowment Fund

#### A GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING

Did you know our church has an active endowment fund? Each year, a portion of the earnings—about 4%—is available to support important needs within the church. This year, endowment funds were used to help cover the cost of repairing the exterior doors of the Fellowship Hall. What a wonderful blessing and resource for our church family! Anyone is welcome to contribute to the endowment fund and help support the church's long-term mission and care for our facilities. For more information, please reach out to Pastor Jon.

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday

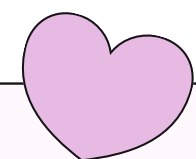
- 1 Ridge Irle
- 1 Rachel Resop
- 2 Ela Anderson
- 6 Rosemary Dinwiddie
- 6 Dixie Shaw-Tillmon
- 7 Racquel Campbell
- 8 Jeff Cox
- 8 Terri Virost
- 10 Karlie Baker
- 10 Allison Burtch
- 10 Richard Patefield
- 11 Pam Martin
- 15 Michael Martin
- 15 Greta Stuart-Gittens
- 17 Todd Nixon
- 21 Chelsea Brown
- 24 Seamus Brady
- 24 Cynthia Fossum
- 24 Gary Martin
- 25 Julie Martin
- 26 Greg Martin
- 26 Kyra Stuller
- 27 Rich Johnson
- 29 Alissa Brett
- 29 Todd Rector Jr.

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
					1 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	2 7am Men's Bible Study 10am-3pm Vendor Event Adult Mission Trip to Piedras Negras
3 12:30pm UMYF	4 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	5 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	6 11:30am UWF Luncheon & Meeting 7pm The Family Room @ Rich & Ivy's Home 7pm Praise Team Practice	7 9am Ladies Bible Study 11am Magnolias 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	8 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	9 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance
10 Mother's Day UMM Taco Sunday 12:30pm UMYF	11 6:30pm Soul Sisters 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	12 6:30pm Game Night 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	13 7pm Praise Team Practice	14 9am Ladies Bible Study 11:15am Magnolias @ Harmon's BBQ 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	15 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	16 7am Men's Bible Study 7:30am Texas Ramp Build
17 MIRACLE Sunday 12:30pm UMYF	18 6:30pm Ladies BUNCO 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	19 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	20 4:30pm Grace Place Graduation 7pm The Family Room @ Rich & Ivy's Home 7pm Praise Team Practice	21 9am Ladies Bible Study 11am Magnolias 6pm Food Pantry Distribution 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	22 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	23 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance
24 GRADUATION SUNDAY 12:30pm UMYF - Graduation Celebration	25 MEMORIAL DAY Church Office CLOSED 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	26 ELECTIONS 5:30pm Board Meeting 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	27 6pm UMM 7pm Praise Team Practice	28 9am Ladies Bible Study 11am Magnolias Men's Walk to Emmaus 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	29 10am Round Tuits Men's Walk to Emmaus 7pm AA Group Meeting	30 7am Men's Bible Study Men's Walk to Emmaus
31 Men's Walk to Emmaus 12:30pm UMYF		<p>June 1-4 Vacation Bible School 5:30-8:00pm June 6 Vendor Event 10am-3pm June 7-13 Youth Mission Trip June 14 Mission Lunch June 16-20 Annual Conference</p>				



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13