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DOWNLOAD OUR SUMC APP

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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 SUBSPLASH 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
Youtube.com/@SchertzUnitedMethodistChurch

The Gathering Worship Service is live streamed on our Facebook page.

facebook Facebook.com/SchertzUMC

SERVICE/SERMON ARCHIVES

Past services and sermons are archived on our website. Just go to:

schertzumc.com/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
210.658.0842
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 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,

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
-Matthew 6:33

At the beginning of my appointment to SUMC, the church had a wonderful participation in the "cottage meetings" we set up to help me learn about our church. Since we had just made it through Covid, there was a fair amount of concern about our attendance, participation, and budget. One of the wonderful leaders of our church then remarked, "If we do discipleship well, all of those things will take care of themselves." I was so thankful for his sharing of that profound truth. I needed to hear it, and I don't think I was the only one.

As our church has leaned into a focus on discipleship, I know we will continue to see many other blessings in our community. New people will be reached, more dollars will be given, and greater impact will be had for the many in need in Schertz and beyond. On November 8th we will offer ourselves and our financial pledges for 2027 to God just a couple weeks after celebrating Laity Sunday in which we've begun to offer our time and our talent for the work of the Kingdom. By the grace of God, our community is being transformed to look more like Jesus. As we do, we will see that God has provided us with enough to do all we ever needed.

Thank you for continuing to join together in seeking the kingdom of the God who continues to welcome us and provide all we need.

In Christ,
Pastor Jon

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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.

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Facebook.com/SchertzUMC

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Instagram.com/SchertzUMC

YOUTUBE:
Youtube.com/@SchertzUnitedMethodistChurch

Special Events This Month:

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
Sunday, November 1, 2026

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
Wednesday, November 4, 2026
11:00am in the Quad Room

VENDOR EVENT
Saturday, November 7, 2026
10:00am-3:00pm

UMM TACO SUNDAY
Sunday, November 8, 2026
8:30am-12:30pm in the Narthex

BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday, November 8, 2026
9:00am-2:00pm in the Quad Rm

SOUL SISTERS
Monday, November 9, 2026
6:30pm in Room 111

FAMILY GAME NIGHT
Tuesday, November 10, 2026
6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Veteran's Day
Wednesday, November 11, 2026

WILLS & TRUSTS SEM.
Saturday, November 14, 2026
10:00am-12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

LADIES BUNCO
Monday, November 16, 2026
6:30pm in Room 106

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
Thursday, November 19, 2026
6:00-7:30pm at Knights of Columbus in Schertz

GOODWILL COLLECTION
Saturday, November 21, 2026
9:00am-12:00pm

UNITED METHODIST MEN
Wednesday, November 25, 2026
6:00pm in Room 106

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Happy Thanksgiving!
Thursday, November 26, 2026

Schertz UMC Member Spotlight

JOHN & SANDY BRYANT



Sandy and John have built a life centered on family, service, and community. Both served in the United States Air Force, where they met at Randolph Air Force Base while assigned to the Military Personnel Center. They married in 1981 and spent time stationed in the Netherlands and Germany before returning to San Antonio.

Military service runs deep in their families, with both fathers serving during World War II, two of Sandy's brothers serving during the Vietnam War, and their daughter later serving in the Air Force. Sandy retired after 20 years in Air Force computer systems and went on to work for the Schertz Public Library and the Parks, Recreation, and Community Service Division, retiring after 27 years of service. John served 21 years in Air Force computer systems before working in IT contracting and the trophy and awards business.

Together, they raised three children—a daughter born in Japan, a son born in the Netherlands, and another daughter born in San Antonio. They now enjoy life with their four grandchildren and a very spoiled Siberian Husky. Sandy enjoys walking, reading, and jigsaw puzzles, while John enjoys crossword puzzles and woodworking. Sandy grew up on a farm picking cotton, churning butter, and growing strawberries and tomatoes. She also participated in theater while stationed in Japan. John worked as a nuclear power technician, helping build and maintain nuclear reactors, and once had a pet skunk!

Sandy and John joined Schertz United Methodist Church more than 20 years ago and have served faithfully in many ministries. Both have volunteered as greeters, ushers, Communion servers, Fall Festival helpers, and in Faith in Action. Sandy taught second-grade Sunday School, served in Vacation Bible School for many years, and participated in the Board of Trustees, Calling and Caring, and United Methodist Women. John led a study group for young adults after high school and served on the Finance Committee, SPRC, and Church Council.

Sandy credits her fourth-grade teacher and neighbor, LaVerne Hale, with teaching her to treat everyone with respect and kindness. John looks to his father as a role model who taught him practical skills and the importance of being a good father and grandfather.
Their lives reflect a lasting commitment to family, service, and caring for others. Schertz UMC is grateful for Sandy and John's friendship, dedication, and many years of faithful service to the church and community.

New Members



Connie Piper joined on September 20th.



The Nielsen Family (Makayla, Caleb, Jace, Kimberly & Olivia) joined on September 27th.

Welcome
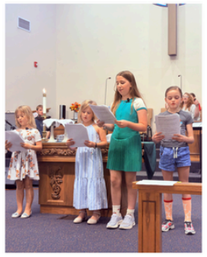











Children's Sabbath










Happy Birthday, Jeri!

Raymond, Praise Band

Barbara Ann's Art Class




Connie on Piano


UWF Woman at the Well Short Play

Collection Helpers



United Women in Faith

Multi-Generational Serving

Potluck Lunch


World Communion Sunday

Wills & Trusts Seminar

SATURDAY, NOV. 14, 2026
10AM-12PM

This FREE Seminar will include:

- Understand wills, trusts, and powers of attorney
- How to protect your legacy
- Steps for ensuring your family is cared for
- Real-life strategies for minimizing tax liabilities

RSVP by November 6th to Kathy Nealy
txgrannee@satx.rr.com

GILSONLAW
PURPOSE DRIVEN PLANNING

Goodwill Collection

SATURDAY, NOV. 21, 2026
9AM-12PM

It's time to start cleaning out those drawers, cabinets, closets, and garages! Gather up the things you no longer use and bring them to the church on **Saturday, November 21st, from 9 AM to 12 PM** for our Goodwill Collection. The more bins we fill, the more money our SUMC Food Pantry receives to help feed families in need!

Our Goodwill Collections, held just twice a year, are the Food Pantry's only major fundraisers, and your support makes a big difference! Spread the word to your family and friends, and let's work together to fill as many bins as possible!

Please note: Large items, such as furniture, cannot be accepted because they won't fit in the collection bins. Thank you for helping us make this fundraiser a success!

Scheria Food Pantry

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Save the Date!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Thursday, December 24, 2026
3:30 PM - The Gathering
5:30 PM - Praise Worship
7:30 PM - Traditional Service

ONE SERVICE

Sunday, December 27, 2026
The Gathering at 11:15 AM

Blood Drive

SUNDAY, NOV. 8, 2026
9AM-2PM

Save a life! Our last blood drive of the year is this month. Our goal is to have as many people as possible sign up and give.

If you are able and willing, please sign up for a time slot:
bit.ly/SUMCblooddrive

(Signup will be available soon.)

Operation Christmas Child

AN ANNUAL SUMC TRADITION

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, shares God's love with children around the world through shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and personal care items. For many children, these shoeboxes are the first gifts they have ever received!

Individuals, families, and groups can participate by packing a shoebox with age-appropriate gifts that bring joy and demonstrate God's love. Each shoebox is delivered to a child through local churches, providing an opportunity to share the message of Jesus Christ.

A $10 donation per shoebox helps cover shipping and delivery. You can even use the Follow Your Box feature to track your gift and discover where it goes!

For packing instructions, gift suggestions, and drop-off locations, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Together, we can make Christmas brighter for children around the world!



Get your box on Sunday, November 1st!

Collection Days/Times:

- Bring on Sundays - November 8, 15, & 22

Mon. 11/16 - Fri. 11/20
10AM-12PM

Sat. 11/21 10AM-2PM
Sun. 11/22 1PM-3PM
Mon. 11/23 9AM-11AM

November Birthdays

1 Chase Snook
1 Mason Snook
2 Barbra Blackman
2 Aaron Morris
3 Hans Grosshaupt
4 Eilene Wollslager
5 Brianna Alonso
5 Roslyn Ellis
5 Frances Escueta
7 Cheryl Johnson
7 Aaron Resop
7 Jeffrey Ford
8 Barbara Ricks
9 Jacob Beck
9 Marc Runkle
10 Martha Hennig
10 Todd Rector
11 Gary Blouse
11 Kerene Campbell
12 Chase Salter
13 Toni Grosshaupt
13 Christian Myers
14 Laura Bull
16 Austin Posey
17 Carole Hooge
17 Margaret Jones
17 Rick Mussi
18 Marielena de la Cruz
21 Carmen Alonso
23 Carolyn Williams
24 Jamie Alonso
24 Mary Lou Clarke
27 Sher Little
28 Donna Layman
28 Melina Neal



Thank You for Supporting Our Ministries!

Schertz UMC Food Pantry

DISTRIBUTION: 3RD THURSDAY MONTHLY

October 15th's Distribution

We served:
- 94 families
- 333 people

Volunteers:
- 27 total
  - 16 church members
  - 11 non-members
  - 20 adults
  - 7 youth/children

Next Distribution:
November 19, 2026



Help Needed!

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
- **FOURTH THURSDAY** - Pantry Work Day from 9:00am-12:00pm

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

Sign up:

bit.ly/SUMCfoodpantryhelp



Donate $10 for a whole chicken! **bit.ly/SUMCchicken**

September 2026 Financial Report

INCOME: $45,747.72

EXPENSES: $63,163.65

NET LOSS: $17,415.93

NOISY OFFERING: $539.99
(Children's Ministry)

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





Seminary Shares

BY LEAH KRENEK

If you've seen me lately and asked how I'm doing in seminary, you probably received a bewildered look, wide eyes of shock, and a smile that poorly tried to hide incredible overwhelm. I am learning so much that my brain hurts sometimes. And it is a good hurt. It is the hurt of challenge and growth and transformation. I'm thankful to process and share some of my learning with you.

Theology: The doctrine of Trinity is a head-bending mystery. How can one be three and three be one? Yet the Oneness of the Three is important, and the Threeness of the One is important. But more important than grappling with the how of trinitarian doctrine is sitting with the why. I learned a great Greek word, perichoresis, which describes the relationship of the trinity as a "mutual indwelling". The individual hypostases (another fun word meaning "individual part of person") are in constant being with one another, and we are invited into perichoresis with God by building loving community with one another. This description gets to the why of trinitarian doctrine. God is relationship.

Pastoral Care and Counseling: I recommend a book I am reading for this course called "The War for Kindness" by Jamil Zaki. Zaki describes neuroscientific research on empathy, asserting that it is both an innate and a learnable skill. Empathy, compassion is life-changing. It is what we as Christians and as people are called to have for one another. It can be built up or torn down in an individual or community. The research shows that empathy has decreased over the last few decades. I hear of discourse in some circles that vilify empathy, and I wonder if the trait and practice of empathy is doomed. But Zaki's research gives me so much hope, and practical ways that we can practice empathy ourselves, and encourage empathy in others.

New Testament: Before any gospel accounts were written down in the forms that we know them, they were shared orally. Manuscripts exist of more than just the four gospels we recognize in our bibles! As do other written works. But over time, the four gospels we know today, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, were adopted as official canon. The gospel writers probably used existing written sources of "Jesus sayings" that had been circulating in early Christian sects. Looking at the similar and diverging materials in the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) it is believed that they used such a source, and scholars refer to it as "Q". I would love to see that source.

Greek: One of my vocabulary words for Greek this month is εὐχαριστέω, which is a verb meaning "to give thanks" or "I give thanks". It is also the root word of "Eucharist". This little tidbit opens so much to me about the Sacrament of Communion. The sacrament is giving thanks. It is the prayer we do together, that we call "The Great Thanksgiving"---that is eucharist! Giving thanks in community. This might be a hot take (or even a heresy! though I hope not) but I'm thinking in this moment that the bread (ἄρτος) and wine (οἶνος) are secondary to the act of thanksgiving. It's not really about eating bread and drinking juice. But eucharist is about remembering all of the God's goodness and being truly thankful.

Gabriel's Angels

Three years ago, thanks to the tireless efforts of our Pastor Emeritus, Terry Weber-Rodriguez, the Angels Ministry was born! The Angels are a caring group of volunteers who visit, make phone calls, and send cards to church members who are unable to attend services for any reason. Through these simple but meaningful acts of kindness, the Angels help our members stay connected and remind them that they are always an important part of our Schertz UMC church family.

If you'd like to be a part of this important ministry, contact Jan Bond:

254-238-2438 or
jlbond712@aol.com

Gabriel's Angels

Methodist Healthcare Ministries at Schertz UMC

Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas offers community-based counseling services for individuals who are uninsured, have limited mental health coverage, or cannot afford traditional counseling. Following the closure of the George Ricks School-Based Health Center, the counseling team recently moved into Schertz United Methodist Church (SUMC) and is currently serving students in the Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City Independent School District (SCUCISD). In addition to counseling services, Sonia Bruzzi works with young parents, providing guidance and education to help them develop parenting skills and build strong foundations for their families. These services help connect individuals and families with support in a safe, welcoming environment. For more information about counseling services, contact Aydee Lambert, LPC, at 210-386-1105, or visit www.mhm.org



Green Team

RESOLUTION

The Schertz UMC Green Team met on October 11, 2026 and generated a resolution for environmental holiness:

- We will reduce our use of throwaways.
- We will concentrate on 4 areas of action: worship, education, practice, and advocacy.

Input is welcome from the congregation.