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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!



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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,

"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." -Romans 12:4-5

Did you know Schertz UMC is one of the fastest growing churches in our Annual Conference? We rank near the top in new members, attendance, and professions of faith by percentage. Praise God!

God has gifted this church with some wonderful resources, mainly amazing church members who use their gifts to serve. What has God given us that can be used beyond our local church? For example, the Food Ministry has already been intentional to partner with other churches and our United Women in Faith partner with other United Methodist churches across our district.

What strengths do we have among us that could be shared beyond SUMC? How might God be looking to expand our impact by connecting with other churches?

We are so blessed by a God who gives us gifts that can be shared. The Kingdom comes and we are made alive as we share what God has given us wherever we can.

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](http://SchertzUMC.com)

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[Facebook.com/SchertzUMC](https://Facebook.com/SchertzUMC)

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YOUTUBE:  
[Youtube.com/@SchertzUnitedMethodistChurch](https://Youtube.com/@SchertzUnitedMethodistChurch)

Special Events This Month:

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
Sunday, October 4, 2026

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**  
Wednesday, October 7 at 11:30am



Program: Mission U “Woman at the Well” Play, starring Linda Bell, Jen Hickman, and Bonita Kuerner

**MAGNOLIAS LUNCH**  
Thursday, October 8, 2026  
11:15am at Willie’s

**UMM TACO SUNDAY**  
Sunday, October 11, 2026  
8:30am – 12:30pm

**SOUL SISTERS**  
Monday, October 12 & 26, 2026  
6:30pm in Room 111

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT**  
Tuesday, October 13, 2026  
6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

**FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION**  
Thursday, October 15, 2026  
6:00–7:30pm at Knights of Columbus in Schertz

**SILENT RETREAT**  
Saturday, October 17, 2026  
9:00am – 2:30pm

**LADIES BUNCO**  
Monday, October 19, 2026  
6:30pm in Room 106

**HARVEST SUNDAY**  
Sunday, October 25, 2026

**UNITED METHODIST MEN**  
Wednesday, October 28, 2026  
6:00pm in Room 106

**HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL**  
Saturday, October 31, 2026  
3:00–5:00pm

Schertz UMC Member Spotlight

DAVID & KATHI POSEY

David and Kathi’s story actually goes all the way back to the 1960s, although they didn’t know it at the time!

Their families were stationed together at Tachikawa Air Force Base in Japan. David’s father was a hospital chaplain, while Kathi’s father was the chief of surgery. Kathi’s father traveled back and forth between Japan and Vietnam during his service. David’s family lived at military bases in Turkey, where he was born, as well as Germany, North Dakota, New Jersey, and finally San Antonio. Kathi was born in Washington, D.C., and her family lived in Japan, Arizona, Illinois, Wichita Falls, Turkey, and eventually Schertz.

Years later, David and Kathi met at Northside ISD. They became friends, coworkers, and fellow school psychologists. For 7½ years, they worked together, had lunch together, and enjoyed spending time together as friends.

Then, one Tuesday, Kathi decided to kiss Dave.

Two weeks later, they were married!

Kathi came into the marriage with a 10-year-old daughter who had actually chosen David to be her father when she was just three years old. After several miscarriages, David and Kathi decided to grow their family through adoption, welcoming two boys, Cody and Austin.

Before Kathi’s health issues, the couple enjoyed traveling and making memories together. Some of their favorite destinations have included Mexico, Colorado, New York, and Great Britain.

Today, they are looking forward to more adventures, including future trips to Mexico with the church, as well as Turkey and Italy.

Their story is one of friendship, family, faith, unexpected turns, and a lot of love—and they are grateful for all the chapters that have brought them to where they are today.



Save the Date!

**Operation Christmas Child Collection**  
November 1 – 22, 2026

**Will & Trust Seminar**  
Saturday, November 14, 2026  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

**Goodwill Collection Fundraiser**  
Saturday, November 21, 2026

**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

United Women in Faith



Fun Food & Follies  
VACATION DREAMS  
Saturday, October 3, 2026  
3703 N Loop 1604 E, San Antonio, TX 78247  
NHUMC Worship Center at 1:30 p.m.  
Silent Auction  
Tickets: \$15

Planning to attend? Please contact **Jennifer Feltly** at **210-885-6365** so she can get a head count. We’ll meet at SUMC at 12:30 p.m. and carpool to Northern Hills. Tickets are \$15 and can be paid at the door.

Food Pantry...Community Blessings

BY KATHY NEALY

Your generosity and love for your neighbors this past 17 months have provided them sustenance and the knowledge that they are truly cared about. The need is great, and our church has been blessed to provide a week’s worth of nonperishables and fresh produce to 1,736 area families (6,482 people).

But we have not done this alone. In addition to many volunteers from our church, others who have served are many culinary students from Samuel Clemens High School, teenagers/young adults meeting their requirements for community service, and even some from another local church. Their exposure to this need and seeing they can serve God in this way has a positive impact on their lives as well.

These volunteers work the entire process -- food is purchased and then stored at our church 1-2 days prior to distribution; it is packed the morning of distribution; bags are loaded onto trucks and transported to the Knights of Columbus parking area, where it is given out to clients one night each month. They also assist in moving tables, lights, and signs from the church to the distribution point, plus assist in directing traffic.

The pantry does not receive any funding from the church budget. We received some start-up funding from another nonprofit but that is fast becoming depleted. In addition to food donations, our food expenses have averaged upwards of \$1,600 monthly for the 17-month period; over the last 6 months, however, the cost has increased significantly due to higher food costs and increased need. We have asked several local businesses for assistance and are hoping to receive at least one or two grants in the future months.

Jesus asked us to feed the hungry. Through your continued prayers for this mission, along with cash and food donations, you are doing just that. Jesus’ love is shining through you. You are all a true blessing to this community.

To help the food pantry, you can donate food or give money:  
**bit.ly/SUMCfoodpantrydonate**



Schertz UMC Green Team



**Our First Meeting is October 11!**  
**12:30 p.m. | Sanctuary**  
**Snacks Provided**

The Schertz UMC Green Team is a new intergenerational group committed to caring for God’s creation. We seek to model environmental holiness by being thoughtful stewards of the

resources God has entrusted to us.

Our goal is to reduce the plastic and trash footprint of our church gatherings through worship, education, practice, and advocacy.

The Green Team includes co-chairs Dixie Shaw-Tillman and Jen Feltly, along with Pastor Jon and Julianne Snape, Mary Armstrong, Jenn Hickman, Alice Sutherlun, and Michelle. All are welcome to join! Whether you’re passionate about environmental stewardship or simply interested in learning more, there’s a place for you on the Green Team.



Save the Date  
**GOODWILL Fundraiser**  
Fundraiser for: The Schertz UMC Food Pantry  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026  
You can start to BRING ITEMS IN NOW – Store in ROOM 201

Wills & Trusts Seminar



GILSONLAW  
PURPOSE DRIVEN PLANNING  
Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>  
10 am – 12 pm at Schertz UMC  
RSVP by Nov. 6th : Kathy Nealy  
txgrannee@satx.rr.com

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



Save the Date!  
**40<sup>th</sup> Mission Luncheon**  
JUNE 13, 2027  
Schertz UMC Youth will host its 40th Mission Luncheon – and we want you to be a part of it.  
All current and former Schertz UMYF are invited!

Thank You for Supporting Our Ministries!

Schertz UMC Food Pantry  
DISTRIBUTION: 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY MONTHLY

- September 17th's Distribution
- We served:

Volunteers:

- 111 families
  - 419 people
  - 4 gift cards given (when food ran out)

- 36 total
    - 18 church members
    - 18 non-members
    - 22 adults
    - 14 youth/children



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

August 2026 Financial Report

INCOME:

\$67,686.72

EXPENSES:

\$52,440.75

NET GAIN:

\$15,245.97

NOISY OFFERING:

\$627.85 (Outreach)

HARVEST Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

All food items will go to RACAP to help build Holiday Meal Baskets.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Brown Sugar (1 lb.)
- Evaporated Milk
- Stuffing Mix
- Canned Pumpkin
- Yams/Sweet Potatoes
- Fruit Cocktail
- Cranberry Sauce
- Corn (not creamed)
- Green Beans (not French style)
- Chicken broth

Small Donations Make a Big Difference!

Drop off your items in various bins around church.

On Harvest Sunday, we'll bless all items before they go to RACAP.

- 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

THIS MONTH'S NOISY OFFERING

World Communion

Silent Retreat

HOSTED BY EILENE WOLLSLAGER



Get ready to unwind and recharge at our Fall Silent Mini-Retreat! This in-person event offers a peaceful escape from the daily hustle, giving you a chance to disconnect, relax, and find your inner calm. Perfect for anyone looking to refresh their mind and spirit in a cozy, quiet setting. Lunch and materials provided.

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 2:30 pm at Schertz UMC. Tickets are \$17.85.**

Register for this free event:  
[bit.ly/SUMCsilentretreat](https://bit.ly/SUMCsilentretreat)

Seminary Shares

BY LEAH KRENEK

This September, I began seminary studies toward a Master's of Divinity degree at Austin Seminary. I'd like to share with you, my family, some of my main takeaways from my classes each month.

Theology: The words we say about God are inadequate because we are finite creatures, and God is infinite. At the same time, the words we say are important because they are among the main avenues that we communicate about God. Our thoughts shape our words, and our words shape our thoughts. Therefore, we would do well to think about how our words--in worship, in prayer, in conversation, in song-- limit or expand our ideas about God, and try to incorporate more expansive language about the One who is Love.

Pastoral Care and Counseling: We are more than our stories. Yet it is through storytelling and sharing that meaning is given to people's life events, systems/dynamics, and selves. Pastoral, shepherding care aims to help people feel remembered by God, challenge unjust suffering, and experience God's faithfulness. Care extends to the individual and the collective. And pastoral care does not belong only to the pastor. Christian community, at its best, is cultivated to care for one another.

New Testament: The New Testament is not a collective, but a collection of different books, from different authors, with different aims for the early Church. Our task now when reading from the New Testament (or "new covenant") is to be attentive to the historical, cultural, and rhetorical context of each text, with an eye toward its original language, translation, and audience, so as to carefully orient ourselves and our modern cultural and historical contexts to the teaching contained within it.

Greek: The Greek alphabet is fun to practice writing. So far that's about all I know. It's all Greek to me!



Volunteers Needed!

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

Our 28th Annual Halloween Festival is just around the corner, and we need volunteers to help make it a success!

The festival will take place Saturday, October 31, from 3-5 p.m., and there are plenty of ways to get involved. We need volunteers to help with setup and cleanup, games, food and drinks, welcoming guests, candy and prizes, and much more.

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve together as a church family while welcoming our neighbors and community to Schertz UMC. It's a fun afternoon and a great way to show our community the love, joy, and hospitality that make Schertz UMC such a special place! Come be part of the fun and help make this year's Halloween Festival one to remember!

Sign Up Today!  
[bit.ly/SUMCHalloweenFest](https://bit.ly/SUMCHalloweenFest)

- October Birthdays
- 1 Louise Beardsley

1 Jobe Caldwell

2 Jan Bond

2 Zachery Dancy

3 Nancy Cover

3 Christopher Dancy

4 Pastor Jon

6 John Wollslager

7 Rebecca Couch

8 Taylor Hilliard

8 Beverly Mielke

9 Greg Tillmon

11 Kate Beck

12 Clifton Crook

12 Mark Harshman

12 Alisha Myers

13 Nancy Dunn

14 Jeri Chance

14 Caesar Dow

16 Terri Patefield

17 Kerri Eickel

18 Ronald Dancy

19 Sally Dancy

19 Jan Meinke

20 Aaron McCausland

22 Gregory Breedlove

22 Madelyn Thies

24 Jennifer Felty

24 Jacob Volante

25 Shane Salter

27 Sandy Bryant

27 Paulette McCoy

28 John Bryant

28 Hunter Couch

28 Ivy Johnson

28 Sherieta Neleigh

28 Roger Virost

30 Beverly Clarke

30 Damon Smith



# October 2026



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | MONDAY                                                                                                                                               | TUESDAY                                                                                                            | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                       | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | FRIDAY                                                       | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| It's<br><i>Pastor Appreciation</i><br>Month!                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                 | 1 9am Ladies Bible Study<br>11am Magnolias<br>12:30pm Barbara Ann's Art Class<br><br>7pm Chancel Choir<br>7pm AA Group Mtg & Alanon                                                                                         | 2<br><br>7pm AA Group Meeting                                | 3 7am Men's Bible Study<br><br>Adult Mission Trip to<br>Piedras Negras<br><br>10am-3pm Vendor Event<br> |
| 4 <br>World Communion Sunday<br><br>Pastor Jon's Birthday <br>12:45pm UMYF | 5<br><br>6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team                                                                                                            | 6 Food Pantry<br>Unload Groceries<br>Check w/Barbara G. for time<br><br>7pm Emmaus Reunion<br>7pm AA Group Meeting | 7 <br>11:30am UWF                            | 8 9am Ladies Bible Study<br>11:15am Magnolias @Willie's<br>12:30pm Barbara Ann's Art Class<br><br>7pm Chancel Choir<br>7pm AA Group Mtg & Alanon                                                                            | 9 10am Round Tuits<br><br>7pm AA Group Meeting               | 10 7am Men's Bible Study<br><br>8am Yard Maintenance                                                                                                                                       |
| 11 UMM Taco Sunday<br><br><br>12:30pm Green Team<br>12:45pm UMYF                                                                                          | 12<br><br>6:30pm Soul Sisters<br>6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team | 13<br><br>6:30pm Game Night<br>7pm Emmaus Reunion<br>7pm AA Group Meeting                                          | 14 Food Pantry<br>Unload Produce<br>Check w/Barbara G. for time<br><br>7pm Praise Team Practice                                 | 15 9am Ladies Bible Study<br>9am Food Pantry Pack Bags<br>11am Magnolias<br>12:30pm Barbara Ann's Art Class<br>5pm Food Pantry Load Truck<br>6pm Food Pantry Distribution<br>7pm Chancel Choir<br>7pm AA Group Mtg & Alanon | 16 10am Round Tuits<br><br>7pm AA Group Meeting              | 17 7am Men's Bible Study<br><br>9am-2:30pm Silent Retreat                                             |
| 18<br><br>12:45pm UMYF                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 19<br><br>6:30pm Ladies Bunco<br>6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team | 20<br><br>7pm Emmaus Reunion<br>7pm AA Group Meeting                                                               | 21                                                                                                                              | 22 9am Ladies Bible Study<br>9am-12pm Food Pantry Work Day<br>11am Magnolias<br>12:30pm Barbara Ann's Art Class<br><br>7pm Chancel Choir<br>7pm AA Group Mtg & Alanon                                                       | 23 10am Round Tuits<br><br>WAC - TBD<br>7pm AA Group Meeting | 24 7am Men's Bible Study<br><br>8am Yard Maintenance                                                                                                                                       |
| 25 <br>Harvest Sunday<br><br>12:45pm UMYF                                                                                                                 | 26<br><br>6:30pm Soul Sisters<br>6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team | 27<br><br>5:30pm Leadership Board<br>7pm Emmaus Reunion<br>7pm AA Group Meeting                                    | 28 <br>6pm UMM<br>7pm Praise Team Practice | 29 9am Ladies Bible Study<br>11am Magnolias<br>12:30pm Barbara Ann's Art Class<br><br>7pm Chancel Choir<br>7pm AA Group Mtg & Alanon                                                                                        | 30 10am Round Tuits<br><br>7pm AA Group Meeting              | 31 7am Men's Bible Study<br><br>3-5pm Halloween Festival                                              |