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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/@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,

It's happening!

I'm thrilled to report that new discipleship groups are forming and there will be more and more opportunities to find a group for everyone.

These discipleship groups will be one of the best mechanisms I know for us to accomplish our mission of becoming and making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. They will be our version of what many call, "small groups," or "life groups." They will be kept at small sizes of about 8 to 10 people.

Discipleship groups will build relationships centered around intentionality and mutual support as we follow Jesus in everything we do. There will be habits learned and formed that God may continue to transform us.

Please reach out to Michelle Neal or myself if you are considering joining a group.

I'm so thankful for all of the leaders who have worked so hard to make this dream become a reality. I can't wait to see what God will do in all our lives as we give ourselves to God through this new opportunity.

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

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

Special Events This Month:

- UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**  
Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026  
11:30 AM Luncheon & Meeting
- VENDOR EVENT**  
Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- CHILDREN'S SABBATH REHEARSALS**  
Sunday, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2026  
12:30-1:30 PM in Room 106
- FAMILY GAME NIGHT**  
Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026  
6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING**  
Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026  
12:00 PM in Room 106
- SOUL SISTERS**  
Monday, Sept. 14 & 28, 2026  
6:30 PM in Room 111
- FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION**  
Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026  
6:00-7:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus in Schertz
- LADIES BUNCO**  
Monday, Sept. 21, 2026  
6:30 PM in Room 106
- UNITED METHODIST MEN**  
Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026  
6:00 PM in Room 106
- WAC (WORKING AGE CHRISTIANS)**  
Friday, Sept. 25, 2026  
Time & Location TBD
- CHILDREN'S SABBATH**  
Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026  
10:00 AM One Service  
Potluck lunch following service

SUMC Member Spotlight

MARK & GAIL HARSHMAN

It is interesting how Mark and Gail first met. Mark, a military dependent from Morocco, and Gail, originally from Michigan, took very different paths that eventually brought them both to San Antonio. When Gail began her first job with La Quinta Inns, Mark was already working there. Sixteen months later, they were married, and their blended family included her two sons from a previous marriage.



Mark spent his career in information technology, while Gail worked in customer service. Their two sons grew up to be independent young men, and both are now married with daughters of their own—one family living locally and the other in Fort Lauderdale. Being grandparents is a role they both cherish.

God has always been an important part of Mark and Gail's lives, but their faith became especially meaningful when their daughter-in-law in Florida passed away unexpectedly in April, leaving behind their son and their 7½-year-old granddaughter. With the love and support of family, friends, their church family, and the Lord, they have been able to walk through this tremendous season of grief.

Mark and Gail enjoy their hobbies as well. Gail is an enthusiastic crocheter who is always learning and improving, while Mark is a dedicated Lego aficionado. They have also enjoyed serving at Schertz UMC through volunteering at the Halloween Festival, Food Pantry, and as greeters and ushers, and they look forward to continuing to serve wherever they are needed.

While Mark continues to work, Gail has been blessed with the opportunity to volunteer part-time in the church office. Last summer, she began caring for the garden around the flagpole. Despite the challenges of maintaining a garden in the Texas heat, she finds great joy in helping keep it green and blooming. Another church member has generously joined her in this effort, and together they hope to keep the garden beautiful as a welcoming space for all—and, of course, they always appreciate a few prayers for rain and cooler temperatures!

*New Members*

Cindy Starks Mackechney joined SUMC on August 9, 2026

The Jordan Family joined on August 9, 2026 - Kelsey, Seth, Nash & Emma

UWF - Lou Ann & Greta awarding a pin to Linda Bell

Nancy Cover will be missed! She's moving to Georgetown to live with her daughter.

Quinn teaching the children's sermon

Ethel Rhame's beautiful quilt

Nathalia & Haylie with some dancing entertainment

Our talented pianist, Kim Spivey

Grow in Your Faith

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS NOT JUST FOR CHILDREN!

Now that summer is over, school is back in session, and life is back to routine... How about joining a Sunday School class? It's a great way to grow in your faith and connect with other believers.

Here are our current Sunday School classes with a brief description for each. The best thing to do is try one. If that class isn't your style, try another, and keep trying until you find the perfect fit.

**God's Rainbow Class** - Faith-based studies and discussions exploring social justice, current issues, and personal growth. Teachers rotate, bringing a variety of perspectives and topics. Join us in person or via Zoom! Meets in Room 106.

**Spiritual Practices** - Bible study that explores spiritual truths found throughout Scripture. Participants share experiences, discuss the Bible together, and consider how God's Word can shape their daily lives. No prior Bible knowledge is needed, and all are welcome. Meets in Room 206.

**Serendipity** - A multi-generational, Bible-based class that offers in-depth study of Scripture, with supplemental materials tailored to the specific book of the Bible being explored. Special studies are also offered during Advent and Lent. Meets in Room 207.

**Mary & Joseph** - A study of God's Word shared with laughter, friendship, and fellowship. The class combines Bible study, witnessing, and meaningful support of the church through presence, prayer, gifts, and service. Meets in Room 208

**The Searchers** - A Bible study that uses a variety of contemporary study guides to explore God's Word and discover practical ways to apply biblical principles to daily life. Meets in Room 209

**Journey of Faith** - An eclectic approach to growing in faith through a blend of Bible study, practical life application, fellowship, and service opportunities. Meets in Room 210

- Children's Sunday School

  - PreK-1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Room 104
  - 2nd-4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Room 105
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up - Room 204
- SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES BEGINS AT 10:15 AM.**



Barbara Ann's Art Class



Barbara Ann Greenough will begin teaching her art classes again on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome... no matter your current artistic ability!

Classes will take place on Thursdays at 12:30 pm in Room 111.

Quilts for a Cause



Diane Bornmann makes quilts for **The Child Advocacy Center** in New Braunfels. Each quilt comes with a small stuffed animal tucked in a back pocket.

Diane would love to have donations of cotton fabric and small stuffed animals (new or gently used) to help with this wonderful cause.

*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 202**

*Donate Change Lives*

*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!*

Old mission videos  
Mission trivia  
Time to reconnect and share memories

FAITH  
FRIENDS  
MEMORIES

Thank You for Supporting Our Ministries!

Backpack Ministry  
HELPING KIDS ONE BACKPACK AT A TIME

The new school year has begun!! Let's make sure ALL kids have food in their bellies over the weekend!!

- 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

Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP)

September Donation:

Cream Soups



Texas Ramp Project

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, six volunteers built a 30-foot ramp in San Antonio, taking them 7 1/2 hours to complete.



Mission Piedras Negras SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

Our spaghetti fundraiser was a tremendous success! We sold 83 dinners and raised \$2,482.46 to support the electrical safety needs of the orphanage in Piedras Negras. Most of the funds raised came through generous donations above and beyond the cost of the meals. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who purchased a dinner, made a donation, and supported this important mission!

July 2026 Financial Report

INCOME: \$52,735.24

EXPENSES: \$48,907.33

NET GAIN: \$3,827.91

NOISY OFFERING: \$617.70

Outreach

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
- 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 in Schertz.
- 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  
August 20, 2026

- We served:
- 96 families
  - 353 people
- Volunteers:
- 27 total
    - 13 church members
    - 14 nonprofit
    - 14 adults
    - 13 youth/children

THIS MONTH'S NOISY OFFERING

Children's Ministry



Save the Date  
SCHERTZ UMC HAPPENINGS

- Silent Retreat**  
Saturday, October 17, 2026  
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM at Schertz UMC
- Halloween Festival**  
Saturday, October 31, 2026  
3:00 - 5:00 PM
- 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

SCHERTZ UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GREEN TEAM



REDUCING ONE-USE PLASTICS  
ONE FORK AT A TIME!

Schertz UMC Green Team  
LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

Co-chairs, Jennifer Felty and Dixie Shaw-Tillmon are currently looking for members to join the newly established "Green Team," a new ministry of Schertz UMC. All ages are welcome! More information will be provided soon. Let Jennifer or Dixie know if you'd like to join.

Children's SABBATH

Sunday, September 27, 2026

10:00 am

One service in the Sanctuary

No Sunday School

Potluck lunch following service



United Women in Faith  
MONTHLY MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026  
**Time:** 11:30 am with program beginning at 12:00  
**Location:** Quad Room  
**Program:** "Midwives, Shiphrah and Puah: Use Holy Resistance against Injustice"  
**Presenter:** Beverly Clarke

All women are invited!

Fun Food & Follies

Vacation Dreams

Saturday, October 3, 2026  
Worship Center at 1:30 p.m.  
Silent Auction  
Tickets: \$15



Northern Hills UMC UWF invited us to attend:  
**"Fun, Food, & Follies" on Oct 3 @1:30**  
SUMC UWF will carpool to the event. All ladies are invited.

WHAT IS A PLASTIC FOOTPRINT?



A Plastic Footprint is how much plastic you contribute to the world's plastic waste. Our mission is to reduce that number! Use real utensils rather than plastic ones; Use glass, metal, or paper straws; Use foil rather than plastic wrap; Place leftovers in glass storage containers rather than plastic.



Two lovely ladies... Donna & Ethel

September Birthdays

- 2 Donna Charette
- 2 Rebecca Krenek
- 2 Wanda Thies
- 3 Chuck Flick
- 4 Sampie Fuller
- 6 Debbie McCausland
- 7 Derek Charette
- 7 Brantley Stier
- 9 Liam Beck
- 9 Mario Giuttari
- 9 Kade Morris
- 11 Bob Mielke
- 12 Aquiles Alonso
- 12 Junissa Waugh
- 13 Alyssa Eickel
- 14 Tino Giuttari
- 14 Phyllis Spitzmesser
- 15 Heather Alonso
- 15 Rick Austin
- 16 Quinn Baker
- 16 Barbara Gordy
- 17 Haylie Doty
- 17 Matthew Downey
- 18 Lisa Downey
- 20 Jerry Hennig
- 21 Neal Johnson
- 22 Beverly Alcott
- 22 Dian Patterson
- 23 Sonny Schirmer
- 25 Lori Volante
- 28 Jahiem Campbell
- 30 Jessica Waugh

Our new children's worship area



Before...

... After

# September 2026

| SUN                                                                                                                                                                                   | MON                                                                                                                                                      | TUE                                                                              | WED                                                                                                                               | THU                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | FRI                                                          | SAT                                                                                                                                                                             |
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|                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                          | Food Pantry Unload Groceries 1<br><br>7pm Emmaus Reunion<br>7pm AA Group Meeting |  11:30am UWF 2<br><br>7pm Praise Team Practice | 9am Ladies Bible Study 3<br>11am Magnolias<br><br>7pm Chancel Choir<br>7pm AA Group Mtg & Alanon                                                                                                                            | 10am Round Tuits 4<br><br>7pm AA Group Meeting               | 7am Men's Bible Study 5<br>Adult Mission Trip to Piedras Negras<br>10am-3pm Vendor Event<br> |
| 6<br><br>12:30pm Children's Sabbath Practice<br>12:45pm UMYF                                                                                                                          | <b>LABOR DAY</b> 7<br>Church Office Closed<br><br>6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team                                                                       | 8<br><br>6:30pm Game Night<br>7pm Emmaus Reunion<br>7pm AA Group Meeting         |  9<br>12pm Halloween Planning Meeting          | 9am Ladies Bible Study 10<br>11am Magnolias<br>12:30pm Barbara Ann's Art Class<br><br>7pm Chancel Choir<br>7pm AA Group Mtg & Alanon                                                                                        | 10am Round Tuits 11<br><br>7pm AA Group Meeting              | 7am Men's Bible Study 12<br><br>8am Yard Maintenance                                                                                                                            |
| UMM Taco Sunday<br> 13<br><br>12:30pm Children's Sabbath Practice<br>12:45pm UMYF                  | 14<br><br><br>6:30pm Soul Sisters<br>6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team | 15<br><br>7pm Emmaus Reunion<br>7pm AA Group Meeting                             | Food Pantry Unload Groceries 16<br><br>7pm Praise Team Practice                                                                   | 9am Ladies Bible Study 17<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 | 10am Round Tuits 18<br><br>7pm AA Group Meeting              | 7am Men's Bible Study 19                                                                                                                                                        |
| 20<br><br>12:30pm Children's Sabbath Practice<br>12:45pm UMYF                                                                                                                         | 21<br><br><br>6:30pm Ladies Bunco<br>6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team | 22<br><br>5:30pm Leadership Board<br>7pm Emmaus Reunion<br>7pm AA Group Meeting  | 23<br><br> 6pm UMM                           | 9am Ladies Bible Study 24<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                                                       | 10am Round Tuits 25<br><br>WAC - TBD<br>7pm AA Group Meeting | 7am Men's Bible Study 26<br><br>8am Yard Maintenance                                                                                                                            |
| <i>Children's Sabbath</i> 27<br><br>10am ONE SERVICE<br>Potluck lunch after church<br>12:45pm UMYF | 28<br><br><br>6:30pm Soul Sisters<br>6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team | 29<br><br>7pm Emmaus Reunion<br>7pm AA Group Meeting                             | 30<br><br>7pm Praise Team Practice                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                 |