

## #GOD SIGHTING

How did you experience God today? He is always at work around us—in our lives, through others, and within our church. Share your moments of encountering Him so we can celebrate His amazing miracles together!

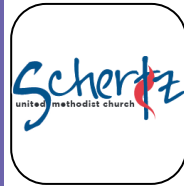
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## HOW TO ACCESS VIDEO STREAMING

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The 9am Traditional & 11:15 Praise Services can be live streamed via our app, our webpage (SchertzUMC.com) and YouTube.

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



Sermon  
ARCHIVES

**Did you miss a Sunday and want to hear the sermon?**

Go to **schertzumc.com** and look for the Sermon Archives button to view past sermons. You can also find service and sermon archives on our app and YouTube channel.

Sermon *by*

Listen to Pastor Jon's weekly sermon by calling **210.519.0553**

*No internet needed.*

*(New sermon uploaded every week!)*

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## Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

210.658.3202

*In Case of Emergency:*

615.295.0509

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Building Relationships~Making Connections~Growing Together

# CONNECTOR

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## Sunday Schedule In-Person & Online

9:00 AM Traditional Service  
10:15 AM Sunday School  
11:15 AM Praise Service  
11:15 AM The Gathering

*Communion is served  
weekly at the 9am Traditional  
and 11:15am Praise Services.  
Communion is served on the  
first Sunday at The Gathering.*

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Dear Schertz UMC,

"Does it seem good to you to oppress,  
to despise the work of your hands  
and favor the schemes of the wicked?" -John 10:3

As you know, I just returned from a wonderful extended family vacation in South America. We saw so much beauty and went to so many awe-inspiring settings in which all I could think was, "God you are so wonderful and your designs are beyond comprehension."

And yet those amazing moments came right alongside moments of despair, in which I read story after story of tragedy at home from the recent floods. I went from moments of joy beyond words to tear-filled despair and back again in mere minutes.

And, for all of my study and reflection, I can't say I have "an answer" to why these terrible tragedies have happened. And, even if I did, I don't think they would fully comfort us. While it helps to trust that there is more than this life, Heaven awaiting, there are still more questions.

What I do know is that I have felt God with me and see God with others in the midst of the mourning, in the midst of the searching. I have seen the power of faith in the response of the Church, going right into the tragedy and seeking to help. Often times all I have been able to know is a God who remains present, even if I wished that presence would bring more answers.

I've learned, like Job, that sometimes we don't get the answers we desire. Instead, we are empowered to remain faithful, to keep walking with Christ in obedience, and our God, who is greater than we understand, will be with us. Thank you for being the Church and continuing to be there for me and each other through the hard times and the great ones.

In Christ,

*Pastor Jon*

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)

Sharing

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Learning



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.



# AUGUST Birthdays

- 8/1 Sharon Schirmer
- 8/3 Carter Stone
- 8/4 Ann Blassongame
- 8/5 Hannah Marbach
- 8/6 Jan Gaska
- 8/7 Kristina Adolf
- 8/8 Corey Harrell
- 8/9 Kayden Smith
- 8/10 Melinda Lomeli
- 8/10 Paula Thies
- 8/12 Jessica Armentrout
- 8/14 Ashley Funk
- 8/14 Amy Rector
- 8/15 Tony Thompson
- 8/20 Raymond Seymour
- 8/20 Debbie Wells
- 8/25 Mabel Sluder
- 8/26 Ethel Rhame
- 8/27 Bill Beardsley
- 8/29 Debbie Griffith
- 8/29 Jordan Myers
- 8/30 Kathy Nealy
- 8/30 Julia Waugh



PLEASE TAKE PICTURES!! I can't be everywhere at once. Just snap one or two when you're in Sunday School, at a church event, or doing ANYTHING related to church. Then email them to me. That's it! Easy peasy! I know you can do it! I have faith in you! You've got this! - Michelle (mneal@schertzumc.com)

PHOTOS WANTED!

THIS MONTH'S  
Noisy  
Offering  
Backpack  
Ministry

Thank  
You

Your contribution helps!

## SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

### BACKPACK Ministry

The Backpack Ministry is currently on hiatus due to school being out for the summer. It will pick back up in September. **THE TIME IS NOW** to replenish our pantry so that we can be ready to provide food in September! Your help is appreciated!

	Canned Vegetables	Peanut Butter Crackers	
	Cheese Crackers	Ramen Noodles	
	Fruit Cups	Granola Bars	
	Peanut Butter	Jelly	
	Single Serve Cereal	Shelf Safe Milk	
	Microwave Popcorn		
	Single Serve Snacks (fruit snacks, goldfish, pretzels, etc.)		

NO GLASS JARS! 

### The Schertz UMC food pantry distributes food at UC Veteran's Park on the third Thursday of each month from 6-7:30 pm. Here is a list of food staples needed:


- Peanut Butter 18 oz.
- Canned Meat 12 oz.
- Dried Beans 1 lb.
- Rice 1 lb.
- Pasta 1 lb.
- Canned Fruit
- Pasta Sauce 16 oz.

<https://schertzumc.com/food-pantry>

### RACAP

DONATION OF THE MONTH  
~ Pasta Meals ~

Donations are accepted in the Sanctuary's Narthex and also in the Fellowship Hall entrance.



## June 2025 Finance Summary

**Income: \$52,906.78**

**Expenses: \$54,042.97**

**Net Loss: \$1,136.19**

**Noisy Offering - United Methodist Missions: \$548.51**

Let Alice or Pastor Jon know if you'd like to receive quarterly financial updates.



## its a boy



**Forge Marion Irle**  
June 29, 2025  
7:22 am  
7 pounds, 13 ounces  
20.5 inches long

Big sister, Mabrey, and big brother, Ridge, are so excited!

### Adult Mission Team - Bilinguals Needed!

Along with area churches, Schertz UMC's Adult Mission's Team regularly visits Piedras Negras, Mexico, focusing on the spiritual and physical needs of our brothers & sisters. We serve two churches and two orphanages.



We typically go the first Saturday of each month. For our August 2<sup>nd</sup> trip, we are in need of Spanish speakers to accompany us. We will be doing CPR training, and the course is in Spanish. Having bilinguals on this trip would be helpful navigating through the CPR training.

See Joe Stuller for questions or if you would like to go on mission with us.  
210-823-2943



### GABRIEL'S ANGELS: SCHERTZ UMC VISITATION TEAM

Eighteen months ago, an idea transformed into a tangible reality. Seven remarkable women volunteered to establish a ministry dedicated to visiting members who could no longer attend church services. They firmly believed that this group, despite their inability to attend, still needed to feel remembered by their church family.



Pastor Jon enthusiastically supported this initiative. With his blessing and Lou Ann Allison's extensive knowledge of the members, a list was compiled. However, before visits to our homebound members could begin, each volunteer was required to complete Safe Sanctuary Training. This ensured that they were well-versed in the protocols for safely caring for others.

Upon completing the training, these dedicated women formed three teams, each with two partners. Letters were sent to the homebound members, informing them about this new ministry. Badges were created for the team members to ensure they were easily identifiable as authorized visitors. The teams then contacted members to schedule visits, ensuring there were no surprises.

After many months, wonderful new friendships have blossomed, and our homebound members now know they are not forgotten. These "Angels" not only visit, but they also call and send cards for every occasion.

Gabriel's Angels is always seeking new volunteers to join this wonderfully fulfilling ministry. Priscilla Delventhal, though not pictured, is an invaluable addition to the team. She did not need to complete the Safe Sanctuary Training as her service involves phone calls, adding another vital layer to our outreach efforts.

If you feel called to join these amazing ladies in visiting homebound members, or simply to make calls and/or send cards, please contact Ethel Rhame, the new Chair of Gabriel's Angels, or Pastor Terry, who serves as their wing woman.

## VBS

Another successful Vacation Bible School in the books! This year, many families enjoyed a delicious meal together. Around 40 children participated in games, scripture, story time, and science experiments. PreK students at Grace Place also had a chance to enjoy VBS activities.



# Member Spotlight

## Beverly Alcott & Jennifer Hickman



### Sisters in Faith: A Story of Service and Connection

Meet Jennifer and Beverly, two remarkable sisters with a shared heritage, a love for life, and a deep commitment to their faith and community. Born into the Methodist Church, they are, as their father affectionately called them, "chicken-eating" Methodists, a tradition upheld by generations of their family, including ancestors who were traveling Methodist pastors in the Choctaw Nation.

### A Lifetime of Adventures

Their lives have been a tapestry of diverse experiences and global adventures. Beverly, the elder sister, has called many places home, from Oklahoma City to London, England, before settling in San Antonio, TX. Jennifer, five years younger, has her own impressive list of residences, including Kingston, Jamaica, and Iceland, eventually making her home in Schertz, TX. Despite their separate journeys, both sisters found their way to Schertz UMC in 2016, officially joining in 2017.

### Passions and Purpose

Both sisters share a profound passion for helping others, enjoying life, and loving their family. They also deeply honor their Choctaw heritage. Their interests are as varied as their past addresses. Beverly enjoys travel, sports, reading, baking, and using her talents to help others, while Jennifer finds joy in travel, drama, recording audiobooks, neighborhood parties, and meeting new friends—a testament to her "doesn't know a stranger" personality.

### Dedicated to Their Church

Jennifer and Beverly are pillars of the Schertz UMC community. From their very first day, they jumped into volunteering with Vacation Bible School and have continued to offer their help wherever needed, whether it's at potlucks or special events. Beverly's leadership shines through her previous roles as Chair of the Finance Committee and the Board Chair for the Grace Place Learning Center. She currently contributes to the Media Booth, serves as a liturgist and usher, and assists with Legacy Giving. Jennifer has actively served as a co-signer for church checks, on the Worship Committee, as an usher and liturgist, and as Secretary for the United Women in Faith.

Their story is one of unwavering dedication, a shared spirit of service, and a powerful bond that enriches both their lives and the community around them.



Chelsea Leigh Brown

# Baptism

July 20, 2025



**The Myers's Family**  
Scott Allen, Alisha Jane, Jordan Maximillian & Christian Zachary



### Vendor Event

Saturday, August 2nd

10am - 3pm

Over 60 vendors & food trucks, Scavenger Hunt, \$20 gift certificate drawing, swag bag giveaway, and so much more!



### Grace Place Staff Recognition

Sunday, August 3rd

11:15 Service

Join us as we recognize the dedicated staff of Grace Place. We'll also present them with their Giving Tree and Amazon Wish List items.



### Youth Mission Shares Luncheon

Sunday, August 3rd

Begins at 12:30pm

Join us as the youth shares their mission experiences. We'll be serving salad and baked potatoes.

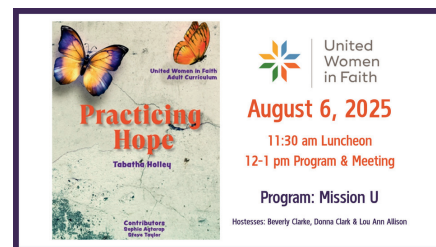


### Children's Sabbath Rehearsals

Begins Sunday, August 3rd

12:30-1:30pm

Children interested in participating at Children's Sabbath on August 31<sup>st</sup> should attend these 4 rehearsals.



### UWF Luncheon & Meeting

Wednesday, August 6th

11:30am - 1:00pm

All women are invited! Join us for lunch at 11:30. The program will begin at 12:00. This event is hosted by Beverly Clarke, Donna Clark, and Lou Ann Allison.



### Back to School Celebration

Sunday, August 10th

9:00 & 11:15 Services & 10:15-11:00

Children and teachers, bring your backpack for a special blessing during the service. A back-to-school celebration will take place during the Sunday School hour.

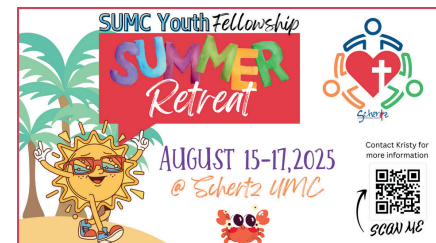


### SUMC Youth Fellowship

Begins Sunday, August 10th

12:45-3:00pm

Teens in grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend youth fellowship. Snacks, games, activities, and bible study are included.



### SUMC Youth Fellowship Summer Retreat

From Friday 8/15 to Sunday 8/17 at Schertz UMC

All youth in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to celebrate the end of summer vacation. Contact Kristy Stuller for questions: 210-823-2887

## UPCOMING EVENTS

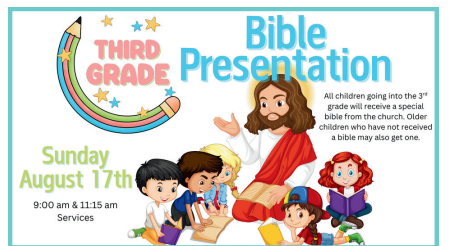


### Texas Ramp Project

Saturday, August 16th

Meet at 7:30am at SUMC

We'll be building a 26-foot long ramp! Breakfast tacos and lunch sandwiches are provided. Children 14-15 years old must be accompanied by a parent. Ages 16+ are allowed without a parent. Sign up at: [bit.ly/rampbuild816](https://bit.ly/rampbuild816)



### Bible Presentation

Sunday, August 17th

9:00 & 11:15 Services

All children going into the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to receive their very own, special bible. Children older than 3<sup>rd</sup> grade that have never received a bible are included.



### Children's Sabbath/One Service

Sunday, August 31st

10:00am

This will be a service you don't want to miss! A lunch potluck will follow the service.



### SUMC Talent Show

Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

12:30-2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Proceeds benefit TruLight27 Ministries. Hot dogs and snacks will be available. More information will be shared soon.



An illustration of three sunflowers with bright yellow petals and dark brown centers, set against a white background with a black L-shaped frame. The sunflowers are accompanied by green leaves and a small green vine. The number '5' is written in a large, black, stylized font in the bottom right corner.