

#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!

Share your God Sighting:

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Use our app to watch LIVE or archived services; access Sunday bulletins; submit attendance; view events; access RightNow Media and other apps, like The Chosen; read the Bible; and so much more!

HOW TO ACCESS VIDEO STREAMING

Worship services are live streamed on the following platforms:



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



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

No internet needed.

(New sermon uploaded every week!)

CONNECT WITH US

Weekly Happenings Email

bit.ly/SUMCWeeklyEmail

Text in Church

bit.ly/SUMCTextInChurch

NOW Enrolling!

Please call for
availability

Grace Place Learning Center

Hours: 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM

210.658.0846

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.

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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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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Building Relationships~Making Connections~Growing Together

CONNECTOR

Dear Schertz UMC,

"Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother or sister." -Romans 14:13

People frequently inquire why we would have two concurrent services at 11:15. While there is certainly an important history to both of the 11:15 services, my response is that each of our services are reaching different people and different needs.

If you haven't experienced the Gathering service in the Fellowship Hall, you may want to watch it online or experience it in person. You will find that it emphasizes hospitality, with chances to snack and sit together; a laid-back feel, without as much "churchy" language; and a focus on inclusivity, with leaders emphasizing their own flaws and mistakes.

In fact, when I meet people in our community and find out they haven't been to church in years or ever, I usually tell them to check out the Gathering first. For many, it's a less intimidating form of worship and atmosphere. Did you know that the Gathering has experienced the most attendance growth of our three services over that last two years?

Whether it's by accepting different styles of worship, clothing styles, music preferences, or so many other potential differences, may we seek to find as many ways as possible to glorify God and share the Good News. I am so thankful that we have a God who has made us with so many different tastes, helping us to see how big and beautiful God is.

I want to also take this time to thank everyone so much for all the beautiful notes and gifts for Pastor Appreciation. I feel so encouraged and loved by this wonderful church!

In Christ,

Pastor Jon



December BIRTHDAYS



- 12/1 Frank Layman
- 12/1 Darlene Runkle
- 12/2 Tommy Johnson
- 12/3 Eric Eickel
- 12/3 Alison Gutierrez
- 12/3 Christina Marbach
- 12/4 Euna Harrell
- 12/5 Junior Waugh
- 12/6 Gail Harshman
- 12/9 Sofia Hilliard
- 12/11 Nicholas Menchaca
- 12/11 McKenna Mussi
- 12/13 Carol Flick
- 12/14 Janet Coghill
- 12/15 Rick Griffith
- 12/16 Nathalia Mallard
- 12/18 Avery Manning
- 12/18 Abigail Riley
- 12/19 Alice Sutherlun
- 12/21 Alicia Alonso
- 12/21 Nancy King
- 12/23 Evelyn Wooten
- 12/27 Noelle Snape
- 12/28 Lilly Volante
- 12/29 Mary Armstrong
- 12/30 Carl Moudy

THANK YOU

for your your contributions and supporting our ministries!

October 2025 FINANCES

Income: \$114,799.60
Expenses: \$73,005.97
Net Gain: \$41,793.63

Noisy Offering: \$2,167.02

- World Communion Sunday: \$282.10
- Backpack Ministry: \$1,884.92

SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

THIS MONTH'S Noisy Offering



Hope Baskets

During the month of December, we'll be collecting for Heifer International and purchasing Hope Baskets. This gift includes rabbits and a starter flock of chickens, along with .

training and education on their care. The Hope Basket:

- Provides eggs and protein for nourishment
- Boosts income through sales of extra eggs and offspring
- Passes on the Gift to others, since livestock can multiply quickly

Rabbits are easy to care for and can reproduce in a short amount of time. Chickens lay eggs and provide manure for vegetable gardens. Your livestock donation provides hope for struggling farmers looking for a way out of poverty.



Monthly Donation



If you wish to give food to help this ministry, they are in need of:

- 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 (i.e. fruit snacks, goldfish, pretzels, etc.)

NO GLASS JARS!



LET'S CELEBRATE

A Note from

Myrna Taylor

I want to thank everyone on the visitation team for their continued support, visits, and holiday cards I have received. Amen for a job well done!

Food Pantry Donations

Halloween "Feed the Souls" raised \$250 and a cart full of food. Blue Bonnet Palace also made a \$350 donation from Brad DJing and On the Rock playing at their annual Halloween Festival.

Mission Trip Update

Our team had a full and meaningful trip this month as we served both Casa Hogar, a children's orphanage, and Casa Bethesda, a home for severely mentally handicapped adults.

Casa Hogar

Several important projects were completed at Casa Hogar. Four computers—with fresh operating systems—were delivered and WiFi was set up. These computers, along with another delivered on a previous trip, will be used to teach software lessons to the children.

To help improve safety, lights were installed on the back of the building to deter snakes, along with new wiring and exterior switches. A new light was also added to the front of the building to illuminate the volleyball area. Throughout the day, our team spent valuable time building relationships with both the staff and the children.

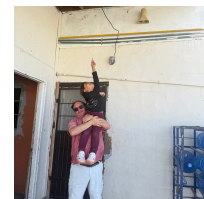
Items Delivered to Casa Hogar Included: Sewing machine, Food items (hot dogs, buns, chips, and more), Vaporizer, Paper towels, and Sandwich bags

Casa Bethesda

Our team also visited Casa Bethesda and delivered hundreds of adult diapers—an entire pickup bed full. We are grateful for the continual supply provided through Laura Snook's client at work.

Casa Bethesda cares for adults with severe mental disabilities, and they depend heavily on outside support. When we arrived, their 75-year-old director was on the roof working to fix an issue himself. Our team will be investigating and, if possible, completing the repair he began during next month's trip. We hope to recruit some young men to help with the work.

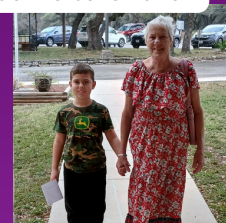
Contact Joe Stuller if you'd like to go on a future mission trip.



Creation Care



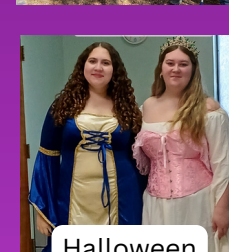
Welcome to Church



Ramp Build



UWF



Halloween



Round Tuits



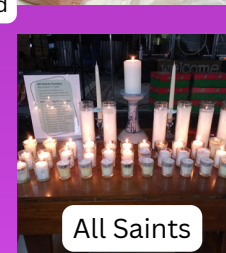
Making Barbados Bread



Round Tuits



Nursery Fun



All Saints



Roslyn Ellis teaching Children's Sermon



Raymond Seymour's Sermon

Announcements



Advent Family Fun - 5-7PM

Sunday, November 30th - Movie Night
Wear your favorite pajamas!

Sunday, December 7th - Game Show Night

Audience Interaction Featuring:
Whose Child is This Anyways?
Manger Feud
Are You Smarter than a Wiseman?

Sunday, December 14th - Concert

On the Rock will perform
Techno Nativity Story

(Feel free to bring a snack/dinner to any event!)



Wednesday, December 3rd

11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

Ham, Sides, & Deserts provided by UWF Leadership

Bring peanut butter to support our food ministries!

Wear colorful Christmas attire!

Join us for our life saving
BLOOD DRIVE!

Sunday, December 7th

9AM-2PM

In the Quad Room



Sign Up Today!

bit.ly/SUMCblooddrive127

CHRISTMAS GIFTING

Here are couple of opportunities
to give to children in need:

Give to an orphan from Piedras Negras.

Here is a list of requested items:

- socks
- underwear
- flash lights
- fine tip colored pens/markers
- fanny packs

YOUTH MID-WINTER RETREAT January 9 - 11, 2026

Unplug from the busyness of life and gather with friends old and new at the 2026 Youth Midwinter Retreat this January. Find space away to reset, relax, and connect with God and each other through worship. Youth and adult volunteers from across central Texas will spend Friday night through Sunday morning enjoying the beautiful Texas Hill Country at T Bar M Camp in New Braunfels as we gather for an awesome weekend full of worship, fellowship, and fun.

Registration Deadline - December 5th

\$175 - due January 4th

bit.ly/SUMCYouthWinter2026

Never let the cost keep your teen from attending. Please let us know if you need a partial or full scholarship. ***If anyone in the church family feels called to offer a scholarship it would be greatly appreciated. We always have need.*

NOTES

Spiritual Practices

will resume meeting
on Mondays starting
December 1st
at 4:30pm to pray
during the
advent season.



Yee-Haw!

Save the Date

**UWF ANNUAL
CHILI FUNDRAISER**

January 19, 2026

Benefits Missions for
Women, Youth & Children



Member Spotlight

Rick & Juli Mussi

Rick and Juli Mussi have called our church home since 2005, and in many ways, they've grown right along with us. Originally from opposite parts of the country—Rick from the sunshine and desert heat of Phoenix, Arizona, and Juli from the small-town charm of Moore, Oklahoma—they've built a family and a life rooted in faith, service, and community.

Rick is an avid sports follower and reader who loves learning new things and diving into fresh ideas. Juli enjoys the quieter joys of life: puzzles, Hallmark movies, time by the pool, and bird watching—with her beloved dog never far from her side. Together, they share a deep passion for God, their family, and their country.

Rick names his dad as his greatest role model, admiring the work ethic he modeled—though now he finds himself encouraging him to slow down a bit. Juli looks up to her older sister, who helped raise her and has always been a steady, supportive presence.

Rick still drives his very first new car: a 1998 Toyota Tacoma 4-wheel drive. He originally bought it with plans to move to Colorado, but since he never made it farther north than Texas, the 4-wheel drive has never actually been needed! Juli brings joy and laughter to her preschool students each year by dressing up as a rodeo clown and putting on a full show—something her students eagerly look forward to.

The Mussi family has been intertwined with the life of our congregation for nearly two decades. Their children grew up within our church walls, and Rick and Juli have poured into many others along the way. From 2010 to 2020, they taught children's Sunday School, and since 2022, they have been faithfully teaching adult Sunday School. Rick has also served on several committees, including SPRC, Finance, and Church Council, while Juli continues to help with VBS and children's activities.

We are grateful for Rick and Juli's years of dedication, their servant hearts, and the joyful presence they bring to our church family.


Baptism

On Sunday, November 9th, the Burtch sisters were baptized - Allison (9), Katherine (6), and Caroline (6).





Welcome
NEW MEMBER


David Burtch
November 9, 2025

















December 2025








Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30  12:30pm Children's Advent Choir Rehearsal 12:30pm UMYF 5-7pm Christmas Movie Night	1 4:30pm Spiritual Practices 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	2 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	3 9am Emmaus Reunion  United Women in Faith 11:30am Christmas Luncheon 7pm Praise Team Practice	4 9am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	5 10am Round Tuits  7pm WAC Christmas Potluck @ the Neleigh's 7pm AA Group Meeting	6 7am Men's Bible Study  Mexico Mission Trip  10am-3pm Vendor Event 6:30pm UMM Christmas Party
7  Blood Drive 12:30pm Children's Advent Choir Rehearsal 12:30pm UMYF 5-7pm Christmas Game Show Night	8 4:30pm Spiritual Practices  6:30pm Soul Sisters 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	9 6:30pm Game Night 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	10 9am Emmaus Reunion 7pm Praise Team Practice	11 9am Ladies Bible Study 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	12 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	13 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance
14 UMM Taco Sunday  12:30pm Children's Advent Choir Rehearsal 12:30pm UMYF 5-7pm Christmas Live Entertainment	15 Newsletter Submissions Due 4:30pm Spiritual Practices  6:30pm Ladies Bunco 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	16 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	17 9am Emmaus Reunion 6:30pm Leadership Board 7pm Praise Team Practice	18 9am Ladies Bible Study  6-7:30pm Food Pantry 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	19 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	20 7am Men's Bible Study
21 9am & 11:15am Christmas Cantata 10:15am Children's Sunday School Christmas Party 12:30pm UMYF 6:30pm Longest Night Service	22 4:30pm Spiritual Practices 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	23 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	24 Church Office CLOSED  3:30pm The Gathering 5:30pm Praise Worship 7:30pm Traditional Service	25 Church Office CLOSED * MERRY * CHRISTMAS 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	26 Church Office CLOSED 7pm AA Group Meeting	27 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance
28 11:15am The Gathering Worship No worship services in the Sanctuary / No Sunday School	29 Church Office CLOSED 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	30 Church Office CLOSED 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	31 Church Office CLOSED  NEW Year's EVE	1 Church Office CLOSED  HAPPY NEW YEAR!		





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