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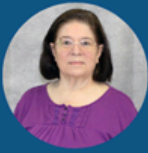
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SchertzUMC.com



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



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No Internet needed!

NOW

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Learning

Church Nursery

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,

"In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" -Acts 20:35

At our November Charge Conference, we were invited to consider what gives us hope for 2026. Every single person from Schertz UMC who was present lit up, because we have a shared joy about what God is doing in our church.

The Holy Spirit has been at work in our church through our laity as people continue to find new ways to serve. From building ramps, to supporting orphanages in Mexico; from feeding people in the Park in Universal City to supporting survivors of floods; from caring for each child in the church to providing assistance to our most elderly; the people of Schertz United Methodist Church are serving in Christ's Kingdom.

And it's no mistake that our church has become a place of peace and joy. What we find over and over again is the truth of Jesus' teaching. When we choose to serve, we experience blessing. When we unite on mission, we experience a purity and a peace that eludes us when our striving is only for self.

God has done more than I could've imagined in 2025 and I can't wait to see what happens in 2026. I know we have a church full of peace and joy as we grow as Christ's disciples, experiencing the blessing of loving as He loves us.

In Christ,

Pastor Jon



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

In Case of Emergency:
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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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Special Events This Month:

- UWF LUNCH & MEETING
Wednesday, January 7, 2026
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- YOUTH RETREAT
Friday, Jan. 9 - Sunday, Jan. 11
- SOUL SISTERS
Monday, January 12 & 26, 2026
6:30 PM in Room 111
- GAME NIGHT
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
6:30 PM
- FOOD DISTRIBUTION
Thursday, January 15, 2026
6:00 PM at UC Veterans Park
- UWF CHILI FUNDRAISER
Sunday, January 18, 2026
- LADIES BUNCO
Monday, January 19, 2026
- UWF SUNDAY
Sunday, January 25, 2026
- DIAMOND CLUB
Monday, January 26, 2026
12:00 PM
- SILENT RETREAT
Saturday, January 31, 2026
9:30 AM - 2:00 PM



George Jerome Mendiola was baptized on Dec. 14, 2025

SUMC Member Spotlight

ROSEMARY DINWIDDIE

Rosemary Dinwiddie grew up in Baytown, Texas, where she married her high school sweetheart and raised two sons. For twenty years, she served as the secretary of her church—a role she always viewed as a true ministry. After retiring, Rosemary and her husband moved to Schertz twenty years ago.

Rosemary enjoys reading, working crossword puzzles, decorating her home, putting in her flower garden, and traveling. Above all, she cherishes her family, including her husband, two sons and their wives, and two grandchildren. She also has a deep love for singing and music and has been involved in church choirs since high school.

Her role models are her parents and older sister, whose deep faith, active church involvement, and commitment to helping others shaped her own desire to be a faithful servant and witness for Christ. Music has played a unique role in Rosemary's life. She once played guitar and sang duets with a friend before switching to electric bass, performing in two different praise bands for a total of twelve years. She also sang with the Baytown Community Chorus and had the unforgettable experience of performing at Carnegie Hall under the direction of English composer John Rutter.

Although raised Methodist, Rosemary became Presbyterian after marriage and remained active for more than fifty years. In 2019, she returned to her Methodist roots, joining the choir at Schertz UMC in November and becoming a church member in June 2020 during the pandemic. In addition to singing in the choir, Rosemary volunteers regularly with RACAP, serves in the visitation ministry Gabriel's Angels, helps with Halloween Festival setup, and is a faithful member of the Journey of Faith Sunday School class. She is proud to be part of the active, caring Christian community at SUMC.



Welcome New Members!



Richard & Terri Patefield joined Nov. 23, 2025



Aaron McCausland, Kristen Dubensky & Nicole Dubensky-Pogue joined Nov. 23, 2025



Fran Macaraig joined Dec. 7, 2025



The Mendiola Family joined Dec. 14, 2025

SUMC Leadership 2026

LEADERSHIP BOARD

Board Chair - Taylor Hilliard
Trustee Chair - Todd Rector
Lay Leader - Greg Tillmon
PPR Contact - Terry Weber-Rodriguez
Members - Sher Little, Aaron Morris, Kristi Stuller, Ron Kuerner, and Anne Wilkins



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

President: Jennifer Felty
Vice President: Beverly Clarke
Secretary: Bonita Koerner
Treasurer: Linda Bell
Nominations: Nancy King
Spiritual Growth: Ethel Rhame
Program Resources: Jeri Chance
Education & Interpretation: Lou Ann Allison
Membership, Nurture, & Outreach: Mabel Sluder



United Women in Faith



UNITED METHODIST MEN

President: Hunter Couch
Vice President - Todd Rector Jr
Secretary - Derek Charette
Treasurer - Barry Blackman



*Possible changes in the new year.

THE GATHERING SERVICE

Rev. Terry Weber-Rodriguez is retiring <again> from preaching at The Gathering. She will be replaced by Eilene Wollslager, Julianne Snape, and Rich Johnson. We'll honor Pastor Terry in February's newsletter.

Confirmation Classes Starting Soon

Confirmation classes begin Sunday, February 8, from 5:30–7:30 pm and are open to students in 5th grade and older. Led by Pastor Jon and Jodi Gutierrez, this six-week class introduces youth to the basics of the Christian faith and what it means to be United Methodist. The journey concludes on Palm Sunday, March 29, with a special celebration during worship as students publicly affirm their faith.

“The Holy Spirit is alive in our church, moving through ordinary people who are serving in extraordinary ways.”
- Pastor Jon

Schertz UMC Groups Cont'd

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

UWF is a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand in the global ministries of the church. The UWF serve, advocate, and make a difference! Meets on the first Wednesday monthly at 11:30 am for a luncheon, program, and meeting.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM involves men in a growing relationship to Jesus Christ and his church and provides resources and support for programs of evangelism, stewardship, and the needs of men. UMM encourages participation in several programs serving at-risk youth and advocates for and supports men seeking to prevent domestic violence. Meets on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 6:00 pm for a potluck, singing, program, and meeting.



SOUL SISTERS

Women grow in faith through fellowship, Bible study, personal interests, crafts, parenting, prayer, and so much more. Meets on the second and fourth Monday at 6:30 pm in Room 111.

DIAMOND CLUB

Men and women over 50 who meet for a brown-bag lunch, fellowship, and a presentation on a topic of interest. Meets on the last Monday monthly at noon in Room 106.

WORKING AGE CHRISTIANS

Building fellowship among SUMC members and the surrounding community through social and volunteering events. Typically meets monthly at various locations.

LADIES BUNCO

Food, fellowship, and fun take place on Bunco nights! Don't worry if you don't know how to play; we'll teach you! Meets on the third Monday monthly at 6:30 pm in Room 106.



Silent Mini Retreat

Get ready to escape the chaos and find your focus at our Silent Mini-Retreat, where peace and reflection await you. Join us at SUMC on January 31, 2026 from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM for a peaceful day of reflection and relaxation. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of daily life to focus on your inner self. This retreat is the perfect opportunity to recharge and reconnect with your mind, body, and soul. Lunch will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Register Now: bit.ly/SUMCsilentretreat

Thank You for Supporting Our Ministries!



Food Ministries

SUMC FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry ministry continues to flourish. At our first distribution in April 2025, we served 50 families, representing 117 individuals. By November, that number had grown to more than 110 families and 350 people! We are grateful for the Lord’s abundant blessing on this ministry. As it continues to expand, additional volunteers will be needed. Please keep this ministry in your prayers as you consider ways you might serve our community. We trust that as we follow the Lord’s leading, He will faithfully provide both the people and the resources needed to carry out this mission.

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)

BACKPACK MINISTRY

The Backpack Ministry provides weekly food support to students in our school district who may not have access to adequate meals on weekends, particularly those on the free and reduced lunch program. The ministry serves students at Watts Elementary, along with any siblings attending other schools, ensuring they receive nutritious food throughout the school year.

The Backpack Ministry relies on donated food and financial contributions.

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 (fruit snacks, Goldfish, pretzels, etc.)

NO GLASS JARS!

RANDOLPH AREA CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

RACAP is an independent, non-profit Christian ministry and emergency food pantry located in Schertz, TX. Serving eight local zip codes, the organization has operated since 1983 and is funded solely through community donations. RACAP provides emergency groceries as well as rent and utility assistance to individuals and families in need. Schertz UMC regularly collects food for RACAP, donating different needed items each month.

JANUARY’S DONATION: CEREAL



Mexico Mission Update

BY JOSEPH STULLER

The December mission trip was deeply meaningful and highly productive. As relationships continue to grow, the kids are becoming more comfortable and connected—eager to talk, share their stories, and simply be known. This trip reminded us that the heart of this ministry isn’t just the work we do, but the relationships we build and the value we show each child. Simple acts—remembering names, listening, playing music, sharing meals—make a lasting impact.

Alongside that relational work, we accomplished significant practical improvements, including new lighting, electrical upgrades, laundry appliances, and progress toward a computer lab, all of which greatly improve safety and daily life at the orphanage. The children also enjoyed food, games, music, and time creating together. While we’re grateful for all that was achieved and for the life-saving electrical work already done, ongoing safety needs remain. We are nearly out of funds and are in urgent need of a fundraiser to continue this vital work.

Donations Needed: Dryer, Monetary (Fundraiser coming soon!)

November 2025 Financial Report

INCOME: \$61,237.45

EXPENSES: \$49,457.52

NET GAIN: \$11,779.93

NOISY OFFERING: \$1,423.28

Backpack Ministry \$1,278.33 / Heifer International \$144.95

January’s Noisy Offering:

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY EVENTS

Schertz UMC Groups

A new year offers a fresh opportunity to try something new—and Schertz UMC has many groups to choose from. Whether you’re looking to grow in faith, build relationships, or find a place of belonging, there is a group for you. Sunday School classes meet weekly on Sundays at 10:15 a.m., and there are also weekly small groups and monthly fellowship opportunities throughout the year. As you consider your goals for the new year, we invite you to look into joining a group and discover how meaningful connection can strengthen your faith and enrich your life.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

PreK-Grade 3 Class - Children in pre-K through 3rd grade are guided by Mrs. Jennifer Felty and Ms. Makenna Neal as they learn through the Simply Loved curriculum. Focusing on the life and love of Jesus, lessons come alive through games, storytelling, crafts, and hands-on activities that help children experience and understand Jesus’ story in meaningful ways. Meets in Room 105.

Grade 4-8th Class - Our pre-teens and teens are led by Mrs. Amanda Kiehle and are learning through the Be Bold curriculum. This discussion-based, hands-on program encourages students to explore real-life questions they are asking and challenges them to put their faith into action in meaningful, practical ways. Meets in Room 204.

God’s Rainbow Class -Faith-based studies & discussions on issues of social Justice, current topics, & personal growth. We rotate teachers, and you can join in person or via Zoom. Meets in Room 111.



Journey of Faith Class - An eclectic approach to growing our faith. A mix of bible study, life application study, fellowship and volunteering. Meets in Room 210.

Serendipity Class - Currently studying a Bible overview, starting with the history of the Bible and brief introductions to each book, including authorship, audience, and key themes. When we focus on a specific book, we dive deeper with chapter-by-chapter study, using both Old and New Testament Scripture to understand its meaning. Meets in Room 207.

The Searchers Class - Uses a variety of contemporary study guides. Activities include Bible study and the study of God’s word to be used in our daily lives. Meets in Room 209.

Mary & Joseph Class - A study of God’s word, while sharing the gift of laughter and experiencing the warmth of friendship. Activities include Bible study, witnessing, and support of the church through presence, prayers, gifts, and service. Meets in Room 106.

WEEKLY GROUPS

Ladies Bible Study - A welcoming community of women growing together in Scripture. Through books, homework, and videos, they study both the Old and New Testaments. Recently, they completed a study on the women in Jesus’s genealogy. The group values discussion and participation, creating an encouraging space where everyone has a voice and feels free to share and learn together. Meets in Room 105 on Thursdays at 9:00 am.

Thursday Morning Bible Study - Meet with Pastor Jon on Thursdays to discuss his upcoming sermon and Sunday’s scripture. Share your insights and deepen your understanding of the meaning behind the texts. Meets in Room 111 at 10:00 am.

Round Tuits - Bring a project to work on that you haven’t gotten "Round to" at home. We share refreshments and lively conversation while working on our projects. Meets every Friday morning from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in Room 106.

Men’s Bible Study - The SUMC Men’s Bible Study offers men opportunities to grow in faith, deepen their understanding of Scripture, and build meaningful community. The group focuses on applying biblical teachings to daily life and developing strong leadership in families, communities, and workplaces. They are currently studying The Acts of the Apostles and plan to continue exploring the New Testament in 2026 with supplemental projects to enrich learning. Meets in Room 106 on Saturday mornings beginning at 7:00 am.



UMYF - Youth in grade 7 through 12 meet for food, fun, fellowship, and service. Meets in Room 204 on Sundays at 12:45 pm.

Magnolias - A ladies’ Bible study and supportive fellowship group. The group will resume on Thursday, January 8, with a study of Chapter 3 of *I Hear Voices, and That’s a Good Thing!* by James W. Moore. On the second Thursday of each month, Magnolias typically takes a break from study to enjoy lunch together or participate in a seasonal craft. New members are always welcome. Meets in Room 106 on Thursdays at 11:00 am.

JANUARY 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 11:15am The Gathering Service 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 UMYF New Year's Party	1 Church Office CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR! 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	2 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	3 7am Men's Bible Study Adult Mission Trip to Piedras Negras
4 12:30pm UMYF	5 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	6 9am-2pm Staff Planning Day 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	7 11:30am UWF Luncheon & Meeting 7pm Praise Team Practice	8 9am Ladies Bible Study 11am Magnolias 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	9 Youth Retreat 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	10 Youth Retreat 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance
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HAPPY Birthday

Donna Mitchell - 3rd
Emilio Volante-Gutierrez - 4th
Emily Coard - 6th
Henry Mendiola - 7th
Jonathan Waugh - 8th
Lois Beck - 9th
George Alcott - 10th
Cindy Jones - 10th
Tyler Baker - 12th
Barbara Ann Greenough - 12th
Chuck Thies - 12th
Robert Thies - 15th
Pax Tillmon - 15th
Barrett Couch - 17th
Sean Johnson - 18th
Robert Lynch III - 18th
Shirley Olinik - 18th
Charlie Dunn - 20th
Amanda Kiehle - 20th
Paul Stockton - 20th
Kaelyn Eickel - 21st
Kristi Stuller - 22nd
Tony Todd - 23rd
Rachel Wall - 23rd
Jackson Beck - 25th
Mitchell Campbell - 27th
Jack Resop - 27th
Betty Todd - 27th
Ysa Johnson - 30th
Dee Dee Breedlove - 31st