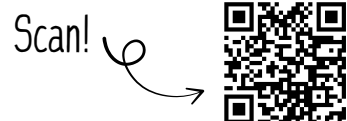


#GOD SIGHTING

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:

<https://schertzumc.com/godsighting>



Apple Store
Google Play
Amazon

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:



*To download the SUMC app on your Android or Apple device, search "Schertz UMC" in the app store.

If you are unable to watch during the live stream, service recordings can be found on our webpage: SchertzUMC.com



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 this on our YouTube channel.



Listen to Pastor Jon's weekly sermon by calling **210.519.0553**
No internet needed.

(New sermon uploaded every Monday!)

CONNECT WITH US

Weekly Happenings Email
bit.ly/SUMCWeeklyEmail

Text in Church
bit.ly/SUMCTextInChurch

Grace Place Learning Center

Hours: 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM
210.658.0846
graceplaceschertz.com



NOW

Enrolling!

Please call for availability

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Download our
SUMC app!

Church Office Hours

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

210.658.3202

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 Service
11:15 AM The Gathering
12:45 PM Youth Fellowship

Communion is served weekly at the 9am Traditional and 11:15am Praise Services.

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SchertzUMC.com



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<https://www.youtube.com/@schertzunitedmethodistchurch>

Dear Schertz UMC,

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any power, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

-Romans 8:38-39

I've recently had the privilege of getting closer to several people who are in recovery. As they've shared with me about their experience of healing and transformation, I've become increasingly convinced that 12 Step Programs are some of the most Christian ministries in the world.

In recovery ministries, we start with vulnerability. We name that we have need. We do so in community, gathered with others caring for one another. We help point each other to the divine presence who is there to heal us and empower us. We come to realize through one another and God that we are loved, and that changes everything.

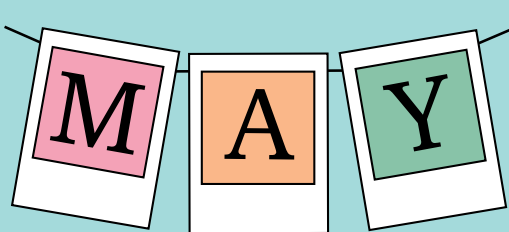
Whether suffering from a named addiction or not, I think most of us have coping mechanisms we go to when we are discouraged, disappointed, or feel alone. I hope we can all learn from the powerful steps of recovery ministry each time we feel down, courageously naming our need before God and one another and reminding ourselves that we are loved by God no matter what.

What a joyful calling we have to be the bearers of this good news to our many neighbors! As Jodi, Leah, and I share at Grace Place Chapel every Wednesday, "Jesus loves you!"

In Christ,

Pastor Jon





BIRTHDAYS

5/1 Ridge Irle
5/1 Rachel Resop
5/2 Ela Anderson
5/6 Rosemary Dinwiddie
5/6 Dixie Tillmon
5/7 Racquel Campbell Waugh
5/8 Terri Virost
5/8 Jeff Cox
5/10 Allison Burtch
5/10 Karlie Baker
5/11 Pam Martin
5/15 Mike Martin
5/15 Greta Stuart-Gittens
5/17 Todd Nixon
5/21 Chelsea Brown
5/24 Seamus Brady
5/24 Cindy Fossum
5/24 Gary Martin
5/25 Julie Martin
5/26 Greg Martin
5/26 Kyra Stuller
5/27 Dr. Rich Johnson
5/29 Todd Rector Jr.



PHOTOS WANTED!



If you attend Sunday School, Bible studies, or any other group, TAKE PICTURES!! Then send them to Michelle at mneal@SchertzUMC.com.

Photos are needed every month for the newsletter, but we plan to also use photos for our church directory "yearbook" style.

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Thank you Your contribution helps!

RACAP
DONATION OF THE MONTH
~ Jello ~
Donations are accepted in the Sanctuary's Narthex and also in the Fellowship Hall entrance.

THIS MONTH'S Noisy Offering
BACKPACK Ministry

We are continuing to collect money for our Backpack Ministry during Noisy Offering. It takes about \$1,400 per month to serve 70+ kids, so every penny, nickel, dime, and quarter really help! You can also donate food items to help:

- 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!



March 2025 Finance Summary

Income: \$45,795.58

Expenses: \$53,027.18

UMCOR
United Methodist Committee On Relief

Noisy Offering BACKPACK MINISTRY \$1,898.11

\$597.84 raised on UMCOR Sunday

We also put together 137 hygiene kits!



The church nursery is open every Sunday from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm for children five years (not yet in kindergarten) and younger. Come check us out! If the nursery is needed on another day, please see Michelle Neal - mneal@SchertzUMC.com



The Adult Mission group is looking for old computers and laptops that you no longer need. Pastor Nelson Moyo (our partner church in Malawi) has requested one. Also, the adult mission group is exploring uses for them in the orphanages in Mexico. We will format the hard drive to remove all your data and set it back to factory settings. We'll take it even if it's broken; we may use the parts.

Contact Joe Stuller if you have one to donate: 210-823-2943

Vacation Bible School June 23-26, 2025 5:30pm - 8:00 pm



Each evening, VBS will kick off with a meal from 5:30-6:00 PM, followed by activities from 6:00-8:00 PM.

VBS Registration & Volunteer Signup:



bit.ly/SUMCVBS2025



United Women in Faith



Wednesday, May 7, 2025 Luncheon 11:30am Program 12:00pm

"Zelophehad's Daughters"
Presented by Terry Weber-Rodriguez and Jennifer Hickman



Men's Walk May 29-June 1

Ladies Walk Oct. 30-Nov. 2

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal and formation experience intended to strengthen the local church by developing Christian disciples and leaders. If you are interested in attending, visit newlifeemmaus.com to learn more and to complete an application.



Sunday, May 18th

We will recognize our graduates during the services. Each graduate will also have a box for cards. If you know of a graduate that is not listed, please let Michelle Neal know.

- Jacob Beck - Steele High School
- Kaelyn Eickel - Steele High School
- Caitlyn Masterson - Veteran's Memorial High School
- Ryan Mowry - Marion High School
- Anthony Masterson - University of Incarnate Word
- Rebecca Fuller-Geering - NOVA Southeastern University - Optometry Doctor
- Darcy Wells - Doctorate of Audiology, Au.D.



UPCOMING EVENTS

LUCKY DRAW!

Join us for a Lucky Draw Blood drive where every donation is a win! Whether you score a \$10, \$150, or somewhere in between H-E-B gift card, you walk away with the satisfaction of saving lives. Everyone leaves a winner!



You'll have a chance to draw an H-E-B Gift card valued between \$10 - \$150.

Schertz United Methodist Church
3460 Roy Richard Dr.
Schertz, TX 78154
Quad Room
Sunday, May 18
9 AM - 1 PM

A PINT FOR A PINT

Donate blood and get an H-E-B coupon for a pint of creamy creations Ice Cream and a lucky H-E-B Gift card.



SCAN TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

BLOOD DRIVE COORDINATOR
Toni Grosshaupt
tgrosshaupt@satx.rr.com

bit.ly/SUMCBloodDrive518



Please come prepared to share the hopes/goals/needs of your various ministry groups. We realize this date will not work for everyone, therefore, a second meeting will be scheduled in the near future. This meeting is open to everyone.

Discipleship Meeting

Sunday, May 4th at 12:30 pm

The Goal of this meeting is to share our ministry goals and work toward a clear plan and strategy for discipleship through the ministries of Schertz UMC.



Saturday, May 17th
MEET AT SUM AT 7:30 AM
Breakfast & lunch provided

Sign up: bit.ly/SUMCramp517

Ages 16 + can help with the ramp project. 14 & 15-year-olds must be accompanied by a parent.

Contact Derek with questions: DerekCharette@proton.me



Our adult mission trip on April 5th was a success! We had smooth travels, no issues with border crossings or tariffs.

At Casa Hogar orphanage, we installed exterior lighting and a light pole on the playground, with help from the teenage boys there. We also delivered much-needed supplies: baby food, vitamins, cleaning items, clothing, and a sewing machine with fabric.

It was great to catch up with our missionary friends, Tito and Sarita. We shared a delicious homemade lunch with Pastor Ricardo (that soup was amazing!) and discussed future plans.

We're excited to shift our focus from primarily construction and relationship-building to also include training and education. Our friends emphasized that skills like English and job training are crucial for the kids' success after they leave the orphanage at 18.

We're planning some valuable classes for upcoming trips:

- CPR
- How the computer is designed like a human brain and computer dissection - We'll take apart computers and explain how the system works
- Google Applications (Docs, Sheets, etc.)
- Computer Networking

Looking to make a difference through a one-day mission project on a Saturday? Come with us as we visit an orphanage just south of Eagle Pass in Piedras Negras, Mexico. Over time, we've engaged in various work projects while building meaningful connections with the children and staff. Every month, we also join the children in celebrating their birthdays, creating unforgettable moments. (They love to do puzzles with us). No special skills are needed—just an open heart and a willingness to explore whether God might be leading you to serve in this ministry.

While a passport is ideal, you can also use a recent driver's license or birth certificate as documentation. Want to ask some questions and learn a little more? Talk to Joe Stuller and get further information: 210-823-2943

SUMC FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Our first food distribution on April 17th successfully distributed 152 bags of food, reaching 50 homes and providing support to one homeless individual. Volunteers also connected with the community by praying with people and engaging in conversations with individuals visiting the park. All activities embodied the spirit of being the hands and feet of Jesus. It was a glorious day!

Food Pantry Distributions

- Third Thursday every month at UC Veteran's Park.



Our Easter Egg Hunt was so much fun!



member Spotlight

Barry & Barbra Blackman

Barbra, a native of Watonga, Oklahoma, spent her formative years on a family farm. During this time, she developed a fondness for equestrian pursuits and actively participated in cattle herding alongside her father, embracing the quintessential aspects of rural life. Barry was born in a small northeastern Oklahoma town. His life journey included a significant period residing in Tulsa, as well as in other locales throughout the years. Their paths converged during their college years, ultimately leading to their move to this area in 1969.

Their shared interests and individual hobbies provide a rich tapestry of engagement. Barbra enjoys reading, the exploration of new destinations through travel, intellectual enrichment through Academy of Learning In Retirement (ALIR) classes, maintaining physical well-being at the Senior Center, the art of baking, cherishing moments with her grandchildren, and contributing her time as a hospital volunteer. Barry's leisure pursuits include reading, cycling,

maintaining fitness at the Senior Center, and actively participating in various volunteer service organizations, encompassing entities such as Methodist Men, Methodist Ministries, the Texas Counselors Association, the Texas Mental Health Counselors Association, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society. He also engages in metal recycling and enjoys the company of his grandchildren.

Their profound passions in life center around their children and their spouses, who are now in their late forties and early fifties, as well as their grandchildren. Despite the geographical dispersion of their family across the United States, spanning from San Francisco to Dallas and New York, they prioritize annual gatherings. Every summer, their entire family unites with a ten-day vacation in diverse locations. This cherished summer tradition has affectionately been dubbed "cousin-fest" by the older grandchildren.

A notable aspect of their dynamic is their self-acknowledged roles as the "Grumpy Old Man" and "Crabby Old Woman." As a testament to this, one of their grandsons presented Barry with a distinctive gift at the previous year's Galveston "cousin-fest": a beach sign humorously declaring "Happily Crabby," complete with an illustration of a crab, which he proudly displays in his workspace. Barbra, to the amusement of her grandchildren, recounts an occasion a few years prior when she experienced an unexpected encounter with wildlife, sharing a kiss with a camel during a sightseeing excursion at a wildlife preserve during a "cousin-fest" trip.

An interesting anecdote from Barry's past reveals a brief foray into the world of cinema. He appeared in five scenes of an early Jackie Chan film, "The Big Brawl," released in the early 1980s, portraying a town police officer, a role that required him to shave his beard.

Their mutual appreciation for the theatrical arts is further demonstrated by their nearly three-decade subscription to the Majestic's Broadway Series, complemented by their frequent attendance at Broadway productions during visits to their family in New York.

Their involvement with Schertz UMC commenced in the early to mid-1970s. Over the ensuing years, both have served as chair of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), contributed to various committees, dedicated years to teaching Sunday school, served on and chaired the Church Board at different times, participated in District and Conference committees and task forces, and actively engaged in the United Methodist Women (UMW) and United Methodist Men (UMM) respectively. Notably, Barbra was a founding member of the Sister Circle.

Mary Haynie - April 6, 2025



Todd & Lisa Halverson - April 13, 2025



United Women in Faith - Leadership Training



Our Praise Band

Ready for the Palm Sunday procession

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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