

#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>

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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:



YouTube

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!)

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

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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,

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'" -Isaiah 6:8

I recently visited a saint who always encourages and inspires me. I asked her how she does it. How does she do it with such joy in the midst of a challenging season in her life? How does she continue to be so generous when so few are? How does she always seem to have that love that overflows?

She told me that she starts every day with the prayer, "Lord, please use me for another today." That simple sentence and practice has changed not only her life but the lives of so many through her. How different would our days be if our first goal was to be used by God in someone else's life? What would we worry less about? What would we see that we may be missing? Would we find that purpose that we've been missing?

While not all of us are called like Isaiah, and we won't hear that same voice, Our Lord desires to use every one of us to touch other people. I am practicing praying that same prayer more often, and I hope you will too.

In Christ,

Pastor Jon



11/1 Chase Snook
11/1 Mason Snook
11/2 Barbra Blackman
11/2 Aaron Morris
11/3 Hans Grosshaupt
11/4 Eilene Wollslager
11/5 Roslyn Ellis
11/5 Frances Escueta
11/5 Brianna Alonso
11/7 Cheryl Johnson
11/7 Aaron Resop
11/8 Barbara Ricks
11/9 Jacob Beck
11/9 Marc Runkle
11/10 Martha Hennig
11/10 Todd Rector
11/11 Kerene Campbell
11/12 Chase Salter
11/13 Toni Grosshaupt
11/13 Christian Myers
11/14 Laura Bull
11/16 Austin Posey
11/17 Carole Hooge
11/17 Margaret Jones
11/17 Rick Mussi
11/18 Marielena de la Cruz
11/21 Carmen Alonso
11/23 Cameron Brett
11/23 Carolyn Williams
11/24 Jamie Alonso
11/24 Mary Lou Clarke
11/27 Sher Little
11/28 Donna Layman
11/28 Melina Neal



SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES

THIS MONTH'S Noisy Offering BACKPACK Ministry

BACKPACK Ministry

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!



RACAP

Monthly Donation:

Please help RACAP fill their
Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

- brown sugar (1 lb)
- evaporated milk
- stuffing mix
- canned pumpkin
- yams/sweet potatoes
- fruit cocktail
- cranberry sauce
- corn (not creamed)
- green beans (not French style)
- chicken broth



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

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

THANK YOU

for your contributions
and supporting our
ministries!

September 2025

Income: \$53,706.12

Expenses: \$48,959.29

Net Gain: \$4,746.83

Noisy Offering
TruLight127: \$766.30

Backpack Ministry: \$670.33

Piedras Negras: A Great Trip and Lasting Impact

What a great trip! The experience at Piedras Negras was powerful and deeply moving. It's clear that the donated items change lives. A significant part of our time was spent in the bike shop, where several bicycles were fixed. These bikes were in really rough shape, but they now have new tubes and some have new tires. These kids wear bikes out like nothing we ever see. They're happy tearing around on bald tires and torn seats, a testament to their joyful, energetic spirit.

In addition to the mechanical repairs, a critical safety improvement was made: commercial exterior lights were installed under their covered breezeway. It was an OSHA nightmare before, but Destin Charette, a licensed electrician and church member, wired everything up professionally, with help from our members and the older boys.

The connection with the children was immediate and profound. The kids work right alongside you; often picking up the tool you just sat down. They watch what you're doing and mimic on the next bike. The connection is powerful. Although language can be a barrier, Google Translate is your best friend. We even played a language game with the kids to build relationships before lunch.

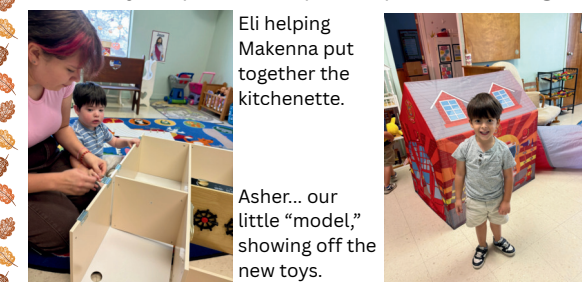
Before we left, they extended a heartfelt invitation to have worship with them. Pastor Ricardo led the service, and the kids played instruments and sang their guts out. Later, we had our chance to lead the singing. These are life memories you can't buy... but they are free to those who come.

They are currently asking for some simple necessities: paper towels and sandwich bags. If you're looking for a chance to serve, come and be changed or contribute to Mission Piedras Negras. We have just scratched the surface. This mission has no line item in the budget; it is funded through your contributions and the pockets of those serving. - Joe Stuller



NURSERY UPDATES!

The nursery just got a fantastic refresh, thanks to Makenna Neal! She took the initiative to sell some of the outdated toys and used that money—along with generous donations from Abby Gordy and Jalen Atkinson—to purchase some great new additions. The kids now have an updated kitchenette, a play food store, and a fire house. The boys especially love the kitchen and playing store! We also managed to upgrade our cleaning tools with a "new to us" vacuum cleaner and are getting a new bookshelf that will better display all the books. Future donations would be incredibly helpful to keep the updates coming!



Eli helping
Makenna put
together the
kitchenette.

Asher... our
little "model,"
showing off the
new toys.



Round Tuits



Ethel & Terry



Mary Armstrong helping
our young acolytes.



Pastor Rich
10.19.25



UWF



Sharon, Linda,
Shirley



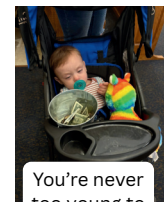
Jodi & Leah



Jennifer & Terry



UWF



You're never
too young to
collect Noisy
Offering!



Pastor Wes
10.19.25



UWF October Gathering



UWF October Gathering



DIAMOND CLUB Art Show



Lou Ann - Cake Decorating



Mary Quandt - Halloween Tree



Mary Haynie -
Flower Arrangement



Announcements

All Saints Sunday November 2, 2025

This special Sunday is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith.

2025 Naming of the Saints

- Elnora Bolton, 12/13/2024
- Deanna Kirsch, 12/31/2024
- Jacqueline Ray, 1/2/2025
- Billy Timberlake, 1/8/2025
- Sue Karrer, 1/20/2025
- Rosemarie Esterly, 2/23/2025
- Sherry Thompson, 3/25/2025
- Jack Kelley, 4/9/2025
- Richard Morris, 5/17/2025
- Viola Dries, 6/15/2025
- Chuck Bolin, 9/9/2025
- John Kirsch, 10/6/2025



Get your box on November 2nd!

Boxes can be dropped off at the church on any Sunday up to November 23rd.

Please see calendar for other collection days & times.

Operation Christmas Child is a project by the Christian organization Samaritan's Purse that delivers gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need around the world. The project aims to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to these children, often providing their first-ever gift and an opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ through a follow-up discipleship program called The Greatest Journey. Shoeboxes typically contain a mix of toys, school supplies, and hygiene items.

What to pack (and not pack) in a box:
bit.ly/SUMCOperationChristmas

UWF

Wed. Nov. 5th

**11:30am - Luncheon
12-1pm - Program & Meeting**

Program: "World Thank Offering and Pledge Service"
- presented by
Lou Ann Allison

Hostesses: Jennifer Hickman,
Ethel Rhame, Barbara Gordy

Working Age Christians (WAC)

FRIENDSGIVING

Friday, Nov. 7th @ 7pm
Schertz UMC

RSVP by 10/31 & Sign Up to Bring Food:
bit.ly/WACNov25

Free Childcare Available - RSVP by 10/31:
bit.ly/WACchildcare



Saturday, November 15th

Meet at 7:30am @SUMC

- Breakfast & Lunch are provided
- Bring a battery-operated drill if you have one.
- Children ages 14-15 must have a parent.
- Children ages 16+ may come on their own.

SIGN UP TO HELP!
bit.ly/Ramp1115



Goodwill Collection at SUMC

Fundraiser for the SUMC Food Pantry

**Saturday, November 22nd
9am - 12pm**

Clothing, kitchen, and home items, toys, books, and electronics are needed to help fill the bins! The MORE bins we fill, the MORE money we raise!

Please no large items like furniture.

**DOES YOUR CHILD
LIKE TO SING?**

*Then the Children's Advent
Choir is perfect for them!*

STARTS:

**SUNDAY, NOV. 16TH
12:30-1:30PM**

*Choir rehearsal takes place every
Sunday until December 21st.*

**CHILDREN'S ADVENT
PERFORMANCE:**

*December 24, 2025
5:30pm (Christmas Eve
Praise Service)*

Member Spotlight

Heather & Jamie Alonso

This month, we're thrilled to shine a light on two dedicated members of the SUMC family, Heather and Jamie Alonso! Hailing from Mobile, AL, the Alonsos bring a vibrant energy and a spirit of service to our congregation and community.

When they aren't busy serving, the Alonsos love to connect over their shared passion for sports, especially rooting for their favorite college football teams or cheering on their kids. They treasure spending time with family and friends and are always looking forward to making new memories.

The Alonsos draw inspiration from their role models, Joe and Kristi Stuller, admiring how they "see the good in everyone and share God's love so wide." It's a sentiment that clearly guides their own active involvement in our church's mission.

The Alonsos are the hands and feet of SUMC in action. Jamie is a dedicated participant in Adult Mission trips, answering the call to serve wherever needed. Heather is a tireless volunteer, giving her time to the Food Pantry and Border Ministries. The couple shares a deep appreciation for the impact SUMC has in the wider area, stating, "We both love how SUMC is involved in our community. We are so happy to be members here." We are so blessed to have Heather and Jamie for their commitment to living out their faith and being such a wonderful part of the SUMC community!



Baptism

On Sunday, September 28th, our church family witnessed a joyous celebration as we dedicated - not one, but THREE lives to Christ through baptism. We celebrated the baptisms of Forge Irlle (3 months), Bobby Dirr, and her son, Everett (age 3).



Welcome NEW MEMBERS



Bobbie & Everett Dirr and Caesar Dow attend The Gathering Service

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26  Harvest Sunday for RACAP 12:30pm UMYF	27  12pm Diamond Club  6:30pm Soul Sisters 4:30 Spiritual Practices 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	28 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	29 9am Emmaus Reunion 7pm Praise Team Practice	30  Ladies Walk to Emmaus 9am Ladies Bible Study 11am Magnolias 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	31  Ladies Walk to Emmaus 10am Round Tuits HALLOWEEN 5:30pm Halloween Festival 7pm AA Group Meeting	1  Ladies Walk to Emmaus 7am Men's Bible Study  Mexico Mission Trip 10am-3pm Vendor Event
2  All Saints Sunday Pick up Operation Christmas Child Box 12:30pm UMYF	3 4:30 Spiritual Practices 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	4  ELECTION DAY 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	5 9am Emmaus Reunion  United Women in Faith 11:30am Luncheon & Meeting 7pm Praise Team Practice	6 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thur. Morning Bible Study 11:00am Magnolias 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	7 10am Round Tuits  7pm WAC Friends-Giving @SUMC 7pm AA Group Meeting	8 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance
9 UMM Taco Sunday  12:30pm UMYF	10 4:30 Spiritual Practices  6:30pm Soul Sisters 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	11 Veterans DAY 6:30pm GPLC Meeting 6:30pm Game Night 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	12 9am Emmaus Reunion 7pm Praise Team Practice	13 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thursday Morning Bible Study 11:15am Magnolias Lunch @ The Crust 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	14 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	15 7am Men's Bible Study  Texas Ramp Project 7:30am Newsletter Submissions Due
16 12:30pm Children's Advent Choir Rehearsal 12:30pm UMYF 2pm Charge Conference @ New Braunfels FUMC	17 10am-12pm OCC Drop Off  6:30pm Ladies Bunco 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	18 10am-12pm OCC Drop Off 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	19 9am Emmaus Reunion 10am-12pm OCC Drop Off 6:30pm Leadership Board 7pm Praise Team Practice	20 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thursday Morning Bible Study 10am-12pm OCC Drop Off 11am Magnolias  6-7:30pm Food Pantry 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	21 10am Round Tuits 5-7pm OCC Drop Off 7pm AA Group Meeting	22 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance  9am-12pm Goodwill Truck 10am-2pm OCC Drop Off
23 12:30pm Children's Advent Choir Rehearsal 12:30pm UMYF 1-3pm OCC Drop Off 12:30pm UMYF 12:30pm Children's Advent Choir Rehearsal 30	24 9-11am OCC Drop Off 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	25 7pm Emmaus Reunion 7pm AA Group Meeting	26 9am Emmaus Reunion  UNITED METHODIST MEN 6pm United Methodist Men 7pm Praise Team Practice	27 Church Office CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	28 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	29 7am Men's Bible Study 10am-12pm Put Up Christmas Decorations