

#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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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
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Sermon



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

No internet needed.

(New sermon uploaded every week!)

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bit.ly/SUMCWeeklyEmail

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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:
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Building Relationships~Making Connections~Growing Together

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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,

"If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs, then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." -Isaiah 58:13-14

A new school year often brings increased activity, slower drive times, and busier schedules. And whether we are busy or just the opposite, practicing Sabbath is a great challenge in our society. How can we practice intentionality, so that our faith is shaping what takes priority in our lives?

If we will set time aside, whenever we can, for things like screen-free time, time with God, time in nature, time to be present with another person, time to serve someone in need, time for true rest, time for Godly play, or anything else God invites you into, we will find that it changes our whole week. Knowing that we have set such time aside, changes our perspective and experience of everything else we do.

For some, "Sabbath keeping" can sound impossible. Instead, let God help you take one step, find one certain time of the week, to try something to prioritize your faith in that way. I'm so confident that we will all be changed and freed by those choices. And, please, share with us any and every-thing you have done to practice Sabbath. We will learn from each other and experience life in abundance. What a blessing that God has provided a community to help us!

In Christ,

Pastor Jon





- 9/1 Rachel Smith
- 9/2 Donna Charette
- 9/2 Rebecca Krenek
- 9/2 Wanda Thies
- 9/3 Chuck Flick
- 9/4 Sampie Fuller
- 9/6 Debbie McCausland
- 9/7 Derek Charette
- 9/7 Brantley Stier
- 9/9 Liam Beck
- 9/9 Randy Funk
- 9/9 Mario Giuttari
- 9/9 Kade Morris
- 9/11 Bob Mielke
- 9/12 Aquiles Alonso
- 9/12 Junissa Waugh
- 9/13 Alyssa Eickel
- 9/14 Tino Giuttari
- 9/14 Phyllis Spitzmesser
- 9/15 Heather Alonso
- 9/15 Mary Prince
- 9/16 Quinn Baker
- 9/16 Barbara Gordy
- 9/17 Haylie Doty
- 9/17 Matthew Downey
- 9/18 Emma Grace Brown
- 9/18 Lisa Downey
- 9/20 Marilyn Crawford
- 9/20 Jerry Hennig
- 9/21 Neal Johnson
- 9/22 Beverly Alcott
- 9/22 Dian Patterson
- 9/23 Sonny Schirmer
- 9/25 Lorie Volante
- 9/28 Jahiem Campbell
- 9/29 Linda Harris
- 9/30 Jessica Waugh



SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



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>



DONATION OF THE MONTH

~ Jelly/Jam ~

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



THIS MONTH'S Noisy Offering

9/7 - TruLight127 Ministries
All Other Sundays - Backpack Ministry

July 2025 Finance Summary

Income: \$46,546.07

Expenses: \$51,827.97

Net Loss: \$5,821.97

Noisy Offering - Texas Flooding: \$5,872.49

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

Thank you

Your contribution helps!



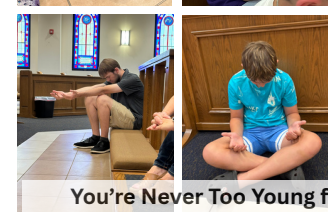
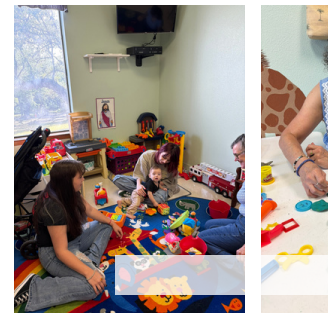
With the start of school, the Backpack Ministry is BACK IN SESSION! Last year, we served more than 70 students at Watts Elementary and their siblings that may go to other schools. Our ministry helps provide food to children on the weekends when they are not at school to receive food. These children are typically on free and reduced lunch plans. This ministry is a year-long need, and your help is greatly appreciated!



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



NO GLASS JARS!



Finding Peace in a Season of Troubles

A member of our congregation recently shared a powerful story about finding comfort in an unexpected moment. While preparing to read scripture in church, they stumbled upon Matthew 6:26: "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

At the time, the individual was experiencing a series of frustrating setbacks. They were dealing with a cascade of car troubles—a constant cycle of repairs, warranty battles, and unexpected expenses that left them feeling exhausted and angry. Simultaneously, they were navigating the complex and often delayed process of applying for Public Service Loan Forgiveness, a journey filled with uncertainty. Every step forward felt like it was followed by two steps back, leaving them feeling powerless and worried.

Reading that simple verse was a moment of profound clarity. The verse, which highlights God's care for even the smallest of creatures, made them pause and reflect. They realized that while they were a child of God, blessed with a mind and the ability to communicate with Him, they were caught up in worry and frustration over temporary problems. It was a humbling moment, a realization that they were "bellyaching and stamping their feet over things not going so nicely in the moment."

The verse served as a powerful reminder that God not only provides for our material needs but also offers peace for our hearts. It helped them shift their perspective from one of entitlement and short-sightedness to one of gratitude and trust. That verse has since become a tremendous source of comfort, a constant reminder that God's provision extends far beyond our circumstances.



Woodwork by David Burtch



Member Spotlight

Shirley Egbert Olenik

Shirley Egbert Olenik's life journey has taken her far and wide—from her birthplace of Mount Holly, New Jersey, to Youngstown, Ohio, then to Virginia's Eastern Shore in 1999, and finally to Texas in 2015. In August 2020, she made Scenic Hills in Schertz her home.

A life member of VFW Post 8315 and the Schertz Cibolo Auxiliary, Shirley has always been drawn to service. She is a retired long-term care nurse and a former member and treasurer of the Canyon Lake Pilot Club, a women's group dedicated to helping brain-injured children and adults. Her passions include cooking, baking, reading, camping, traveling, and music—especially piano music and anything she can sing along with.



Shirley's greatest joy is living out her faith by being the hands and feet of Christ wherever she goes—whether with her three children, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, friends, or the elderly. She credits her mother and stepfather as her greatest role models. Her mother was an active church volunteer, famous for her pies at bake sales, and her stepfather served for 50 years as an ambulance driver with the Snow Hill, Maryland Volunteer Fire Department.

During her nursing career, Shirley often worked the afternoon shift, giving her the opportunity to offer patients not only their evening medication but also a warm hug or kiss—reminding them they were loved.

Though she was married for 46 years to a Ukrainian-American and was part of the Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church, Shirley's Methodist roots run deep. Her paternal great-great-great-grandfather founded Egbert Methodist Church in Tiffin, Ohio, nearly 201 years ago. She was honored to participate in the church's 200th anniversary last year by singing "It Is Well With My Soul."

Shirley began attending Schertz UMC on Palm Sunday 2022, quickly joined the choir, and soon after became a member. Today she leads our visitation ministry, Gabriel's Angels, and is a faithful member of the Rainbow Sunday School class. We are grateful for Shirley's joyful heart, servant spirit, and the way she lives her faith every day.

New Members

The Kirsch Family
Aaron, Kellie, Emilie, & Ryan
August 10, 2025

A "Card Parade" for Dar & Telle

Many of you know Dar and Telle Johnson, members of our church who live in Seguin. Dar's daughter, Telle, is immunocompromised, so they live in "reverse isolation" within their apartment.

Their containment area was recently rebuilt, and during the process, they lost all the cards our congregation had sent them over the years. These cards were a source of great encouragement, and they had proudly displayed them in the containment area.

To help them feel our love and support, Dar is asking if we can start a "card parade" for them. She hopes that various people will send them cards over the coming weeks and months. This simple gesture would be a real encouragement, reminding them they are not forgotten despite their isolation.

If you would like to participate and send them a card, their address is:

Dar and Telle Johnson
716 Stratton, Apt. 500
Seguin, TX 78155

ADULT MISSION UPDATE

On Saturday, August 2, seven members of Schertz UMC visited the Hogar Misericordia orphanage in Piedras Negras, Mexico. The day was filled with a mix of planned activities and unexpected opportunities to connect with the children.

One of the main activities was a CPR class taught by Todd. He taught the children using dolls, which quickly became a highlight. The young girls were especially captivated by them, and their fascination with the dolls revealed a new ministry opportunity for future trips.

Meanwhile, Derek and Brian worked with two of the older boys to repair the orphanage's exterior lighting system. This unplanned project, which came about at the boys' request, was a great way to bond while helping with a practical need.

The team focused on building personal relationships as well. Heather spent a lot of time nurturing an infant and connecting with many of the kids. Barbara worked with a group of children on a puzzle, and as they played, she was able to develop meaningful relationships. Alicia, known as Weezy, served as an interpreter for the CPR class and other communications. The children quickly warmed up to her, seeing her as an easy and approachable connection to our group.



Brian and another member of the team also visited a smaller, nearby orphanage to deliver a donation of adult diapers. Later, our team was joined by members from Alamo Heights and Universal City UMCs. Together, we played a language game similar to charades. Each member of our group was paired with one to three children, and the game quickly became a highlight of the day.

The visit revealed new ways to serve the orphanage in the future. We discovered a room full of broken bicycles, and our next trip will focus on repairing them, along with other activities like taking computers apart and hosting a birthday party for the children.

Since returning, we received a message from the orphanage director, who shared that the donation of infant diapers was a "Godsend," a reminder of the impact we can have.

The Lynch-Runkle family completed the Camino de Santiago, which is a 115 km spiritual walk, in honor / memory of their parents, Bill & Bert Lynch.

THIS month



UFW Monthly Lunch & Program
Wednesday, September 3rd from 11:30am-1:00pm.

Program: "Racial Justice" presented by Beverly Clarke

Luncheon hostesses: Linda Bell, Mary Haynie & Mabel Sluder



Art Class Resumes
Barbara Ann Greenough will be teaching her art class on Thursdays at 12:30pm. No experience needed!



Vendor Event
Over 80 vendors and food trucks, there's something for everyone! Join us the first Saturday of every month from 10am-3pm.



Talent Show
Join us on September 7th at 12:30 for some UH-MAZING talent! Proceeds benefit TruLight127 Ministries.



Soul Sisters
Join us on the second and fourth Monday at 6:30pm for sisterhood, study, discussions, and a LOT of laughter!



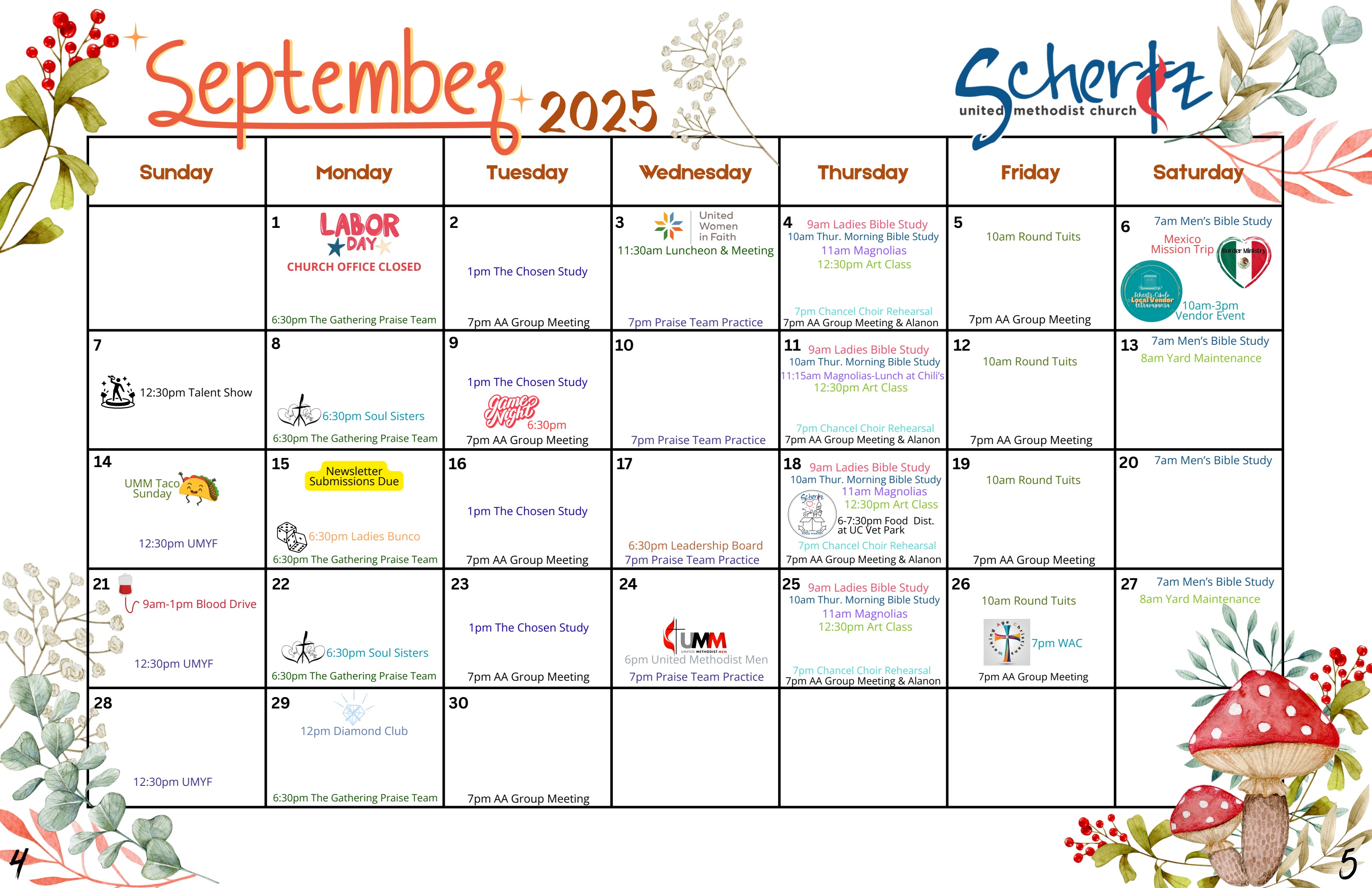
Ladies BUNCO
Play a fun game of dice every third Monday at 6:30pm in Room 106.



Blood Drive
SUMC will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, September 21st from 9am-1pm.














Sign up to donate:
bit.ly/SUMCBloodDrive921





September 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	2 1pm The Chosen Study 7pm AA Group Meeting	3  United Women in Faith 11:30am Luncheon & Meeting 7pm Praise Team Practice	4 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thur. Morning Bible Study 11am Magnolias 12:30pm Art Class 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	5 10am Round Tuits 7pm AA Group Meeting	6 7am Men's Bible Study Mexico Mission Trip  10am-3pm Vendor Event 
7  12:30pm Talent Show	8  6:30pm Soul Sisters 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	9 1pm The Chosen Study <i>Game Night</i> 6:30pm 7pm AA Group Meeting	10 7pm Praise Team Practice	11 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thur. Morning Bible Study 11:15am Magnolias-Lunch at Chili's 12:30pm Art Class 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 UMYF	15 Newsletter Submissions Due  6:30pm Ladies Bunco 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	16 1pm The Chosen Study 7pm AA Group Meeting	17 6:30pm Leadership Board 7pm Praise Team Practice	18 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thur. Morning Bible Study 11am Magnolias 12:30pm Art Class  6-7:30pm Food Dist. at UC Vet Park 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-1pm Blood Drive 12:30pm UMYF	22  6:30pm Soul Sisters 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	23 1pm The Chosen Study 7pm AA Group Meeting	24  6pm United Methodist Men 7pm Praise Team Practice	25 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Thur. Morning Bible Study 11am Magnolias 12:30pm Art Class 7pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7pm AA Group Meeting & Alanon	26 10am Round Tuits  7pm WAC 7pm AA Group Meeting	27 7am Men's Bible Study 8am Yard Maintenance
28 12:30pm UMYF	29  12pm Diamond Club 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team	30 7pm AA Group Meeting				