

This monthly newsletter is a publication by Schertz United Methodist Church in Schertz, TX. Its purpose is to inform congregation members of news and event within the church community. All SUMC members are welcome to contribute items for publication subject to minimal editing and space limitations. Contributions may be sent to news@schertzumc.com

Schertz United Methodist Church
3460 Roy Richards Drive
Schertz, TX 78154

CHURCH STAFF LISTING



Senior Pastor
Rev. Jim Curran
pastorjim@schertzumc.com

Associate Pastor
Mike Vlk
pastormike@schertzumc.com

Treasurer / Program Coordinator
Alice Sutherlun
asutherlun@schertzumc.com

Communications Coordinator
Jodi Gutierrez
jgutierrez@schertzumc.com

Children's Ministry Coordinator
Jodi Gutierrez
jgutierrez@schertzumc.com

**Grace Place Learning Center
Director**
Stefani Behun
sbehun@schertzumc.com

**Grace Place Learning Center
Assistant Director**
Tracy Volz
tvolz@schertzumc.com

Nursery Supervisor
Sarah McGillivray
nursery@schertzumc.com

Accompanist
Kimberly Campbell

Director of Music & Worship Arts
Leah Krenek
lkrenek@schertzumc.com

Church Office Hours
Monday - Thursday, 9 AM - 3:30 PM
P: 210.658.3202 F: 210.658.1280
schertzumc.com
email: secretary@schertzumc.com



**Grace Place
Learning Center**
Hours: 7 AM - 6 PM
210.658.0846
gplc@schertzumc.com

Thoughts From Pastor Jim

I need to thank everyone that took part in the Healthy Church Initiative consultation weekend. The consultants were insightful, thorough and honest with us. The recommendations made by the consultants have been presented to the congregation three times and are available from the office if you want to review them. We will gather to vote on approving the recommendations on Sunday, October 8 at 10:15.

What did I learn from the consultation process? There were several things that I have been looking at and the consultation process confirmed. The primary one is that we have a significant number of first time guests every Sunday, but they are not connecting to this ministry. We are not appealing to these guests. The 12 hired "Mystery Guests" that have visited our worship over the last four months all responded that they would not return. We are not connecting people. The next thing is that our ministry lacks a clear purpose and focus. If we approve the recommendations of the consultants, we will have a Day of Visioning on November 18. The next thing is that the consultants saw a "small church" attitude in several areas, while we are no longer a small church. We are in the top 15%-20% of churches in our conference. The last thing is that we are already a "Healthy Church". The consultants clearly saw our strengths and health. Then they pointed to areas we can improve on.



I have not touched on many of the recommendations, only the highlights from my standpoint. I congratulate this congregation for being willing to bring in consultants and learn from them. I look forward to our voting to approve the recommendations. I look forward to working with our coach to install the recommendations over the next year or two. I also look forward to calling the consultants back in a few years to help us with the next steps. Praise God!



October Sermon Series "Ordinary Christians"

Altar rail offering for October is UMCOR
for Wold Communion
United Methodist Committee on Relief

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM
Family Praise
Worship Service

10:15 - 11:00 AM
Sunday School &
Small Group Time

11:15 AM
Traditional Family
Worship Service

1:00 - 3:00 PM
Pre Youth Group
(5th & 6th Grades)

1:00 - 3:00 PM
Youth Group
(7th - 12th Grades)

Communion is
served on the first
Sunday of the month
at both services

For information
about Schertz Unit-
ed Methodist Church
please call the office
at 210.658.3202 or
visit our website at
schertzumc.com

Newsletter Deadline
October 22nd



KNOTS Craft Group

Thank all who supported our Fall Sale. We were able to contribute \$500 to the church budget.
KNOTS CHRISTMAS SALE -- Sunday, November 12, 2017.

Driver Safety Course

Have you been looking for a Drivers Safety Course? Monday, November 20, 2017, at Schertz UMC, 12PM to 4:30 PM. Contact your insurance agent regarding a discount. All ages welcome, you don't have to be a member of AARP. \$15 for AARP members. \$25 for non-members. To register call Allie 210-658-6065

Fellowship and Potluck

Come join us for **Schertz United Methodist Women group fellowship and potluck** on Oct 04, 2017 @ 6:30 pm. All Ladies are welcome.



4th Annual Community Pops Concert

St. George Episcopal Church's Music Ministry presents their 4th Annual Community Pops Concert! Come out to listen to some wonderful music by community choirs including SUMC Chancel Choir. This year's theme is "Gospel," so you are sure to hear many of your favorites, old and new! Featured performers are the Schertz United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, St. George Episcopal Church Music Team, and St. John's Episcopal Church Choir from New Braunfels.

This free concert will be on **Sunday, October 8th at 5:30pm**. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and relax in the beautiful courtyard of St. George, located at 6904 West Ave San Antonio, TX 78213. Popcorn, water and lemonade are provided, and you may also bring snacks or a takeout dinner from your favorite restaurant if you'd like. Everyone is invited!



The Grace Notes

A musical group from **UNIVERSAL CITY UMC**, are having a 20th Anniversary Concert, Saturday, October 21, 2017, 7:00 PM, at Universal City UMC. Southern Gospel, Bluegrass, Contemporary worship music, you are familiar with them from Emmaus Gatherings and area churches. Come join a wonderful night of music.

Come Help Plant Seeds

Come Help Plant Seeds of faith in the children of SUMC! Teaching Sunday school is both exciting and rewarding. Sunday school is held at 10:15 am on Sunday mornings.

Contact Jodi Gutierrez to get involved today!



Spread the news
 Submit articles and church news to share by emailing
news@schertzumc.com

Grace Place Playground Update

Grace Place Learning Center
Pre-K Area



The construction of the new playground is well underway. We hope that construction is completed by mid-October. We have raised right at \$60,000 of the needed \$72,000 for this project. We are still hopeful that we will get one of the pending grants (one for \$7,500 and another for \$15,000). If we receive either of these grants we will have the money to pay for the playground without borrowing any money. We may have to come back to the congregation to ask for the remaining funds. We should know by mid-October. If we get the \$15,000 grant, we can use the funds for the playground and other needed improvements for Grace Place.

Ladies Bible Study Group



Bible Study for Women

Calling all ladies! The Ladies Bible Study Group that meets on **Thursday morning** would love to have more ladies as we get ready to start a study of Revelations. We've spent the last few years working our way through the Bible from Genesis on. We are a caring group and would like more women to come and pray, laugh and learn with us. We promise lively discussions. Try us out, bring a friend, and see if it appeals to you. We meet Thursday mornings, 9-10am all year long.

We Support our Warriors



Active duty, Veterans
and your families
are invited to the Local
(Schertz, Cibolo, UC, Randolph)

Military Appreciation

Fall Chili Lunch

Saturday October 21th, 2017

11:30am or 1:00pm

The Grange Hall, 413 N. Main St., Cibolo, TX 78108

Awesome lunch, games for the kids and door prizes from local businesses

200 seats available: You **must** RSVP to insure your meal
Call 210-616-2811 leave a message with your name,
the number of adults & children that will attend
& which sitting you would prefer: **11:30am or 1:00pm**



RACAP

Each month, Schertz UMC collects and donates a single specific item to stock RACAP's pantry. In **October**, we are collecting **Canned Fruit**. Please bring your donations to the designated baskets around the church.



Holiday Meal Basket Program 2017

Please help RACAP fill their Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets with:

Chicken broth	Flour	Granulated Sugar (4 lb. bag)	Brown Sugar (1 lb.)
Evaporated Milk	Yams	Canned Pumpkin	Stuffing Mix
Fruit Cocktail	Corn	Cranberry Sauce	Green Beans

Donated funds will be used to purchase turkeys and perishable items for the baskets.

If you are sponsoring a family, the basket should also include eggs, margarine/butter, pie shells, celery, onions, potatoes, rolls/bread and the turkey.

The Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP) will accept applications for the Thanksgiving/Christmas Holiday Meal Basket and assistance program from September 25, 2017 through November 16, 2017.

RACAP welcomes Sunday School classes, organizations, businesses, groups, or individuals who would like to participate by "adopting" families, or donating food and/or money. Anyone interested in sponsoring or "adopting" a family for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas should submit their sponsorship application no later than October 27, 2017.

RACAP is seeking financial donations to cover the cost of its Holiday Meal Basket Program. Schertz UMC will hold a Harvest Sunday on November 5 to collect the items needed for the baskets and the altar rail offering for November, and throughout the month of November, will be designated to assist this program. Please write RACAP Holiday program in the memo line of your check.

The food of the month for November, will be the multiple items needed to help RACAP fill the Holiday Meal Baskets RACAP will prepare. Look for a complete list of items needed, in mid October in the Narthex and posted around the church.

Families who reside in our zip code service areas (78108, 78109, 78124, 78148, 78154, 78132, 78233 (Live Oak only), 78247, and 78266) and meet income qualifications are eligible. Applications are available at the RACAP office, 307 Pfeil St., Schertz, starting September 25, 2017. If anyone knows of a family in need of this special assistance, have them call 658-1613.

Application forms will be available on a table near the Office and in the Nathex. For information on how to apply or how to help, or for applications, call RACAP at (210) 658-1613 or visit our website www.racap.org.

Coffee Bar Volunteers

There's always a need for more volunteers at our Coffee Bar. Take a look at the sign-up sheet and choose a Sunday! **Contact Barbara Ricks at bjricks@gmail.com**

Halloween Festival

Halloween Festival is right around the corner. Last year we served over 1300 people in our community. This year's festivities will be on Tuesday, October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Everything is free at the festival. (food, prizes, games, fun, photos, and more) This is only possible through the generous donations of the people at SUMC. Lists of needed items will be posted soon. Volunteer lists will be available the 2nd week of October. Your service and contributions make our festival a success! I look forward to serving alongside you !



Hurricane Harvey

Hurricane relief from Schertz UMC is coming in three ways:

1. Donations to UMCOR are approaching \$5,000.
2. 50 flood buckets valued at \$3200 have been donated and assembled. 8 have already been delivered to affected people in the Victoria area. The remaining will be taken to UMCOR for distribution.
3. A mission group from this church went to Victoria on Saturday, September 23 to aid an 85 year old farmer whose home was decimated by a tornado during the storm. The roof had been lifted from the home therefore everything inside was soaked. The team removed the carpeting and all sheetrock from the home. A follow up team will try to return in late September.



Monthly “Ladies Bunco” & “Ladies Lunch Bunch”

Ladies Bunco

Monday, October 16th at 6:30 to 8:30 PM, Schertz UMC - Room 210
Co-Chairs - Darlene Runkle and Rachel Vlk (See them soon in Lobby for Sign-ups)

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Friday, October 6th at 12:30 PM, Sea Island Shrimp House at The Forum
(Or Meet at the church at noon to carpool)

Co-Chairs – Bert Lynch and Linda Paxton (See them soon in Lobby for Sign-Ups)

So Ladies, mark your calendars for the 1st Friday of each month for the LADIES LUNCH BUNCH
And/Or – the 3rd Monday of each month for the LADIES BUNCO GROUP

Childcare provided if needed.

QUESTIONS? Please call Bert Lynch @ 659-5211



Jobe Caldwell	10/01	Dolores Geiger	10/17
Robert Ortiz	10/01	Ronald McCann	10/17
Jan Bond	10/02	Sydney Sylvester	10/18
Zackery Dancy	10/02	Ronald Dancy	10/18
Calder Dilworth	10/02	Sally Dancy	10/19
Christopher Dancy	10/03	Brenda Ellis	10/21
Miguel Gonzalez	10/04	Patsy Woodward	10/21
John Wollslager	10-06	Jake Volante	10/24
Jan Jenkins	10/07	Kyle Hudson	10/26
Ed Stepro	10/07	Connor Summers	10/26
Stephanie Cooper	10/09	Sandy Bryant	10/27
Jack Weaver	10/09	Paulette McCoy	10/27
Kate Beck	10/11	John Bryant	10/28
Lisa Merrifield	10/11	Harry Johnson	10/28
Clifton Crook	10/12	Roger Virost	10/28
Patricia Hoover	10/12	Henry Sutton	10/29
Nancy Dunn	10/13	Beverly Clarks	10/30
C.G. Schwoebel	10/13	Richard Murray	10/30
Jeri Chance	10/14	Edward Fuller	10/31
Manuel Morales	10/15		



Regular Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM - Contemporary Service

10:15 AM - Sunday School

11:15 AM - Traditional Service

OCTO

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wedne
1 6pm - The Connection Dinner 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups	2 6pm - Connections Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Group 7:30pm - Paths to Recovery AA Group	3 10am - Coffee Break Bible Study 6pm - Sonrise Emmaus 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders	4 9:30am - Counselin 10am - KNOTS 6:30pm - UMW 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle
8 10:15am - Church Conference 6pm - The Connection Dinner 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups	9 11am - MHM Parenting Group 6pm - Connections Praise Band 6:30 Community Connections 7:30pm - Full Circle Group 7:30pm - Paths to Recovery AA Group	10 9:30am - MOPS 10am - Coffee Break Bibie Study 6:30pm - Finance Team 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders	11 9:30am - Counselin 10am - KNOTS 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle
15 2pm - Kids Power Hour 6pm - The Connection Dinner 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups	16 6pm - Connections Praise Band 6:30pm - Ladies Bunco 7:30pm - Full Circle Group 7:30pm - Paths to Recovery AA Group	17 9:30am - MOPS Steering Committee 10am - Coffee Break Bible Study 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders	18 9:30am - Counselin 10am - Wuest Circle 10am - KNOTS 6:30pm - Church Co 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle
22 6pm - The Connection Dinner 6pm - AA Group 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups 7:30pm - AA Groups	23 6pm - Connections Praise Band 6:30pm - Mission Team Meeting 7:30pm - Full Circle Group 7:30pm - Paths to Recovery AA Group	24 9:30am - MOPS 10am - Coffee Break Bible Study 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders	25 9:30am - Counselin 10am - KNOTS 6:30pm - GPLC Boa 7pm - UMM 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle
29 9am - Blood Drive 6pm - The Connection Dinner 6pm - AA Group 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 6:45pm - The Connection 7:30pm - Recovery Groups 7:30pm - AA Groups	30 12am - Diamond Club 6pm - Connections Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Group 7:30pm - Paths to Recovery AA Group	31 10am - Coffee Break Bible Study 6:30pm - Community W 5:30-7:30pm - Halloween Festival 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders	

OCTOBER

Regular Sunday Afternoon Schedule

1 PM - Pre Youth Group (5th & 6th Grades)

1 PM - Youth Group (7th - 12th Grades)

6 PM - The Connection Dinner

6:45 PM - Connection

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
g Narcotics Anon	5 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 12pm - Ladies Lunch Bunch 6pm - Worship Team 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group	6 10am - Round Tuits	7 7am - Men's Bible Study 8am - Lifeline Screening 10am - Framing Your World
g Narcotics Anon	12 9am - Doers 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group	13 10am - Round Tuits	14 7am - Men's Bible Study 10am - Framing Your World
g e ouncil Narcotics Anon	19 9am - Doers 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group	20 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - MOPS Bunco	21 7am - Men's Bible Study 10am - Framing Your World
g ard Metting Narcotics Anon	26 9am - Doers 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group	27 10am - Round Tuits	28 7am - Men's Bible Study 10am - Framing Your World
			