



Saturday Night Dining Out Special

Here it is the next one – just as promised, a fun outing!
Males, females, couples & singles – come one, come all.

When: Saturday, September 15th @ 6:00pm

Where: Mi Tierra Café and Bakery, 218 Produce Row, San Antonio, TX 78207, Phone: 210-225-1262

The menu consists of enchiladas, nachos, tacos, tamales, fajitas and many other favorites.

Oh and don't forget to visit the bakery too!



Childcare will be provided by reservation for children up to 12 years of age.

Mia Terra does not take reservations so there may be a wait to be seated.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 12th to Linda Paxton @ 210-379-7109. If texting, please provide your name as I may not recognize you by phone number. I look forward to seeing you there.

September Ladies Lunch Bunch

Join us on Friday, September 7th @ 12:30pm at Blake's Cafe (9216 FM 725, McQueeney, TX 78123)

or meet in the church parking lot at 12:00pm to ride in the church van.

Blake's menu consists of comfort foods such as

chicken fried chicken, salads, soups, seafood, hamburgers, & sandwiches.

Childcare is available if needed with a two day notice.

Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, September 5th as we need to give them a headcount.

Call or Text - Bert Lynch @ 210-862-0364.



Ladies Bible Study

There will be no Ladies Bible Study on September 20th, September 27th, and October 4th as Alice will be out of town.

Please come join us again on October 11th and learn about God's grace!

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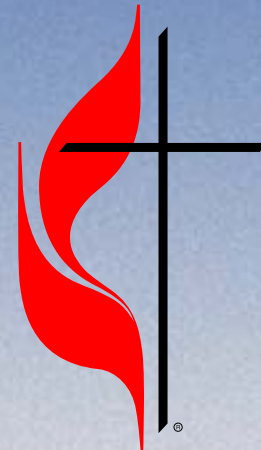
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or visit our website at schertzumc.com

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM
Traditional Service

10:15 AM
Sunday School &
Small Groups

11:15 AM
Praise Service

Communion is
served on the first
Sunday of the month

1:30 - 3:30 PM
Youth Group
(7th - 12th Grades)

6:00 PM
Connections Dinner
& Worship

Thoughts From Pastor Jim



Summer is ending. School is starting. Halloween decorations are in most stores, I even saw some Christmas stuff on display in an area store. This is a time of the year for change. This is a time of the year full of the promise of a new start. I remember when I was younger being ready for a "fresh start" with new teachers. As many of us are getting into a "school year" routine, it can be a time for all of us to get a "fresh start." Challenge yourself to a "fresh start." Including a dedicated devotion time. Start a regular prayer time. Volunteer for something new. Fully tithe or make a dedicated move towards a full tithe. Help a neighbor in need. Visit a shut-in or nursing home. Help with a Sunday School class. Rededicate yourself to Christ. This can be a new start, a fresh start, a new beginning!

Sermon Series for September

The Sermon Series in September will be "Super Heroes." The series will include "Lessons From the Black Panther". It is all based on Jesus telling us that we could do far greater things than He did.

All are encouraged to wear their Super Hero gear beginning September 9th!



Altar Rail Offering for September

Back Pack ministry



RACAP

RACAP Food of the Month for September is Boxed Meat Helpers (like Hamburger Helper).

Thank You!! RACAP thanks all who donated to its Back-to-School Shoe program and to those who collected more than 30 Elementary Bags and more than 30 Jr. High & High School Bags of school supplies, plus lots of bags of extra supplies to help us complete any partial bags we had donated! Your generosity was greatly appreciated by the 130+ families and 288+ children we have served so far through this program!! Thank you!!

Connections Worship Experience

Connect with friends during a free meal; Connect with God in a high-energy worship service; Connect with others like you in a small group.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

6:00pm - FREE supper

6:45pm - Worship

7:30pm - Small Groups

Newsletter Deadline 15th of each month
news@schertzumc.com



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
8:30 - 12:30

Education Building Doors Will Be Locked

Part of our plans to keep our children safe during Sunday School will be to control access to the Education Building on Sunday mornings. Therefore, the double glass doors near the offices will be locked. Everyone will need to access the building through the side doors or the doors to the Fellowship Hall. This will also help secure the building while money is being counted after worship.

Automated External Defibrillators

Schertz UMC has purchased two Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for emergency use within the church property. We are now seeking a number of church members who are willing to go through the required training course in order to be certified to administer emergency cardiac assistance with the AED. The training consists of two parts. The first part is an online course which must be successfully completed prior to the classroom training. The classroom training is then required to be certified. The classroom training utilizes practice

“dummies” to teach the proper method for chest compression. If you would be willing to go through this training process, please contact George Ricks at gricks@gmail.com.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Wanda Thies	9/02	Phyllis Spitzmesser	9/14
Chuck Flick	9/03	Heather Alonso	9/15
Sampie Fuller	9/04	Mary Prince	9/15
Jerry Martin	9/05	Kristin Zuniga	9/16
Edd Dries	9/06	Matthew Downey	9/17
Vivienne Seewald	9/06	Sharon Schirmer	9/17
Derek Charette	9/07	Kathy Creel	9/18
Liam Beck	9/09	Lisa Downey	9/18
Randy Funk	9/09	Jerry Hennig	9/20
Ron Tesh	9/11	Mary Stepro	9/20
Aquiles Alonso	9/12	Sonny Schirmer	9/23
Tino Giuttari	9/14	Lorie Volante	9/25
Austin McGillivray	9/14	Kathy Tesh	9/28

Be Prepared for Breakthrough Prayer Initiative

Later this month, you will be hearing about the Breakthrough Prayer Initiative. This will be an effort to focus the church's prayers on those things that are holding us back from all that God is calling us to be. We will be asking God to remove the barriers that we cannot remove so that we can do our part in God's plan. We will be asking each person to pray at a certain time every day. Suggested prayers will be sent out to help everyone with this.

Prayers will be developed that are specific to this church. A team is being formed to develop these prayers. By the time you read this, the team will have already been meeting.

Once this is in place, the next step will be for groups to make “Prayer Walks” part of each meeting. That is, each group physically walk around an area they are praying for or a location that symbolizes what they are praying for. For example, the Grace Place Board would physically walk around Grace Place as they pray. OR the Worship Team would walk around the Sanctuary as they pray. All of this is aimed at getting us all on the same page in prayer asking for God to do for us all the things that we cannot do.



United Methodist Women

After three months of mission and service projects out of traditional meetings, we are now BACK. Please join us for fellowship and group program starting 6:30pm September 5th. All ladies of the church are invited.....no membership required just faith!

Own a piece of Schertz UMC!

Lorraine and Clifton Crook fashioned wooden crosses of reclaimed oak that was once altar railings in Fellowship Hall. These limited, individually numbered crosses measure approx. 5” x 7” and make wonderful gifts and keepsakes. Donations for each cross go toward our church's mortgage principal. To obtain a cross, contact the Crooks, or Pastor Mike.



Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Thursday morning Bible study at 10:00am, will begin meeting after Labor Day.

Community Connections SUMC at Work for You

Want to join our team ? ---- GET INVOLVED!

Call Lucy Mccann or Pastor Jim for more information

2018 in action:

- Welcome Coffee Mugs
- Veteran's Day Celebration and flag burning ceremony
- Connections Directory Book
- Watts Elementary School Appreciation
- Mother's Day at Arlans Market
- Child and Parent VBS Pizza Night
- Easter Sunrise Service Community Breakfast
- Christmas and Easter Invitations
- Easter in the Park, Schertz Civic Event
- “Bring a book-Take a book” Station
- Community prayer requests through the Prayer Garden Box
- CC Team (aka: Evangelism)

Aligning Efforts with New Vision

This staff is completing their alignment exercise. This is looking at all the tasks and activities that staff does to see if they all are moving us closer to the vision God has placed before us. Next this same process will be rolled out to the rest of the groups in this church. Each group will be asked to list their activities and tasks, then truthfully ask, “How do these move us closer to the vision for this church?” If the task does not move us closer, how could it be changed so that it does? If it cannot be changed, then we ask, “Why are we doing it?” All of this is to get everyone on the same page, moving in the same direction. That is, moving all of us towards all that God wants us to be! A team is being formed, so look for us and help us get everyone on the same page.



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**

Making a Difference

This church has so many ways for you to help make the community better. This month we look at the Backpack Ministry. This ministry makes sure that the students from an area school has enough healthy food to eat over the weekend. Reality is that many students depend on the meals at school to get the nutrition they need. But what about over the weekends? This ministry provides a backpack filled with the needed food for the weekend. With YOUR help, this ministry can make a bigger difference. There is always a need for people to shop, stock shelves, pick up backpacks at school, and load the backpacks. Imagine knowing that YOUR efforts result in a well fed child. YOU can make a difference!










Sunday Morning Schedule
 9:00 AM - Traditional Service
 10:15 AM - Sunday School
 11:15 AM - Praise Service

September

Sunday Afternoon Schedule
 1:30 PM - Youth Group (7th -12th Grades)
 6:00 PM - Connections Dinner
 6:45 PM - Connections Service

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Connections Service</p>				 <p>Sing With Us</p>		<p>1 7am - Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>2 8:30-12:30 - Kraft Sale 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups</p> 	<p>3 6pm - Connections Praise Band 7:30pm - AA Group</p>	<p>4 6:30pm - Sunrise Emmaus 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders</p> 	<p>5 10am - KNOTS Craft Group 6:30pm - UMW 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>6 10am - Ladies Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group</p>	<p>7 9am - Sit & Fit 10am - Round Tuits 12pm - Ladies Lunch Bunch 7pm - AA Meeting</p>	<p>8 7am - Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>9 8:30-12:30 - Bake Sale 10am - Back to School Bash 12:30pm - Trustees 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Groups 7:30pm - Recovery Groups</p> 	<p>10 6pm - Connections Praise Band 6:30pm - Community Connections 7:30pm - AA Group</p>	<p>11 9:30am - MOPS 6:30pm - Con Confianza 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders</p>	<p>12 10am - KNOTS 6:30pm - SPRC 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>13 10am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Thursday Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7:00pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group</p>	<p>14 9am - Sit & Fit 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting</p>	<p>15 7am - Men's Bible Study 6:00pm - Saturday Night Dining Out</p> <p>Newsletter Submissions Due</p>
<p>16 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups</p>	<p>17 6pm - Connections Praise Band 7:30pm - AA Group</p>	<p>18 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders</p>	<p>19 10am - Wuest Circle 6:30pm - Church Council 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>20 10am - Thursday Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group</p>	<p>21 9am - Sit & Fit 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting</p>	<p>22 7am - Men's Bible Study 8am - Scrap-booking 6pm - Saturday Night Special</p>
<p>23 6pm - AA Group 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups</p>	<p>30 24 6pm - Connections Praise Band 6:30pm - Finance Team 6:30pm - Mission Team Meeting 7:30pm - AA Group</p>	<p>25 9:30am - MOPS 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders</p>	<p>26 10am - KNOTS Craft Group 6:30pm - GPLC Board Meeting 7pm - Praise Band 7pm - UMM 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>27 10am - Thursday Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 6pm - Reunion Groups 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group</p>	<p>28 9am - Sit & Fit 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting</p>	<p>29 7am - Men's Bible Study</p> 