

Pancake Breakfast



Sunday

November 18th

8:00am - 1:00pm

Fellowship Hall



Pancake Supper has changed to **BREAKFAST!!!**

Are You Ready For This? We are hosting our **GREAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Your donation provides you with as much as you can eat: pancakes, sausages and drinks.

Come and enjoy a meal and fellowship with your church family. Proceeds support programs sponsored by SUMM that benefit our church and its members.

VOLUNTEERING Childrens Ministry

Volunteer with Children's Ministry!

Volunteer 1 week per month to teach. Lessons and activities are provided for you. Email Jodi to get involved today.

Communion Servers Needed

Communion Sunday is almost here again. We are in need of Communion Servers for Sunday, October 7th.

Can you help? If so, please sign up on the sheets located at the Welcome Center in the lobby.

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For information about Schertz United Methodist Church please call the office at **210.658.3202** 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



We're Thankful!

Thoughts From Pastor Jim

November means Thanksgiving, and the start of the holiday season. Ready or not, here it comes. More and more, I hear people say that Thanksgiving is their favorite holiday. There is not the commercialism of the other holidays. Thanksgiving is simply a time to get with family and friends. It is a time to give thanks. I understand this. But I also am disappointed that most people miss the purpose of the other "high, holy

days", that are Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, is also to give thanks. Each Sunday is aimed at being a "mini" Easter where we celebrate and give thanks for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

I heard an old expression, "You can't be faithful, without being thankful." This expression told me that being thankful is part of being a Christian. Christians are called to an attitude that the world is not about us, we are here by the grace of God and we are to be thankful for that. So gather with friends and family to give thanks for all that God has done.

Sermon Series for November

The Sermons in November will include messages on "All Saints Day", "Veterans Day", and "Thanksgiving". All this will lead us to the start of Advent.

Altar Rail Offering for November

Holiday Meal Baskets



Tithe Challenge

We are in the middle of the "Tithe Challenge". We ask each person to calculate a full tithe. Then calculate how much they are actually giving. The difference, we will call "set aside" money. Then, each week continue to give as they had, but put the "set aside" away. At the end of three months, once you witness how God provides, give the money that has been set aside to the church. Also tell the story about how God has blessed you.

I pray that each person takes this seriously so that they can begin to enjoy the blessings that God has for them.

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

6:00 pm - FREE supper
6:45 pm - Worship
7:30 pm - Small Groups

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



RACAP

The RACAP Food of the Month for November will be the items needed to fill the **Holiday Meal Baskets** for Thanksgiving and Christmas for the RACAP Holiday Meal Basket Program.



Harvest Sunday is November 4th, 2018

Please help RACAP fill their

Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets

Sponsor Forms for our Holiday Meal Basket Program

These forms will be available in the Lobby and on the table near the church office, or call 210-658-1613, and we will e-mail or mail you one. We need sponsors to assist us in providing the Holiday Meal Baskets each year, both to provide meals and sometimes to provide gifts for children. I have also provided a short list of the items we need to collect to fill the baskets RACAP will provide.

Holiday Meal Basket Program

Please help RACAP fill their Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

Items needed:

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

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.

Can you help?

The Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP) is once again seeking help for families during the holiday season through the annual RACAP Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Meal Basket Program. With your help, RACAP provides families with food baskets filled with traditional food items for each holiday. Last year, RACAP and sponsors provided 256 households with a food basket at Thanksgiving and 326 at Christmas. Through sponsorship, RACAP was also able to provide gifts for 344 children.

RACAP will need financial support, food donations (see list), and, most importantly, sponsorship of families. If your organization, group, Sunday School class, business—or you and your family, personally—would like to sponsor a family (or families), please complete the RACAP Holiday Meal Basket Program Sponsor Application (in the Lobby) and return it to RACAP as soon as possible, but **NO LATER THAN October 26, 2018** for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas sponsorship. E-mail it to racap@att.net or fax it to 210-658-3336. A representative will contact you with detailed information and answer any questions you might have.

Donations of nonperishable items can be left in the RACAP donation areas in the Lobby of both buildings at the church. RACAP is open from 1-3 pm, Monday through Friday, and can accept donated items (food or money) during those hours. Or, you may call to arrange a different time, if you cannot come during operating hours. Call 210-658-1613 for more information.

Save the Date

Confirmation Class to begin on January 19th , 6:30 pm



Chase Snook	11/01	Clay Thomas	11/05	Allie Kuhlmann	11/12	Ellen Coley	11/20
Mason Snook	11/01	Gustin Ortiz	11/07	Toni Grosshaupt	11/13	Daryl Mathison	11/20
Barbra Blackman	11/02	Barbara Ricks	11/08	Laura Bull	11/14	Carmen Alonso	11/21
Winston Parsons	11/02	Jacob Beck	11/09	Justin Brister	11/16	Carolyn(Mary)Williams	11/23
Hans Grosshaupt	11/03	Bert Lynch	11/09	Carole Hooge	11/17	Jamie Alonso	11/24
Nathan Royer	11/04	Marc Runkle	11/09	Margaret Jones	11/17	Zach Royer	11/24
Eilene Wollslager	11/04	Martha Hennig	11/10	Shirley Landrum	11/17	Leanne Seewald	11/24
Frances Escueta	11/05	Todd Rector	11/10	Rick Mussi	11/17	Donna Layman	11/28
Brianna Martin	11/05	Julian Joel Barboza	11/11	Carol Randecker	11/18	Melina Neal	11/28
						Jo Ullmann	11/30

November Ladies Lunch Bunch

BUTTERMILK CAFE, Friday, November 2nd, 12:30 pm
 1324 Common St, New Braunfels, TX 78130 830- 625-8700
 FMI: Mabel Sluder 210-842-3620 or Bert Lynch 210-862-036

If texting leave your name

Need a ride: Be at church at 12:00 pm OR Need Childcare:
 Call the church office to RSVP for both by Tuesday, October 30th.

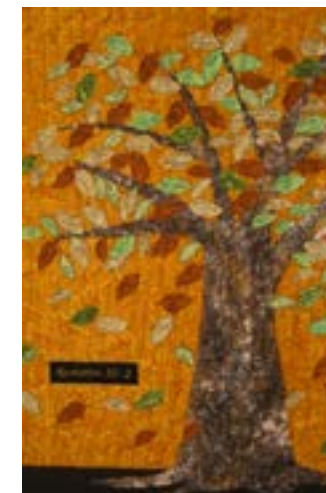


The Tree of Life

Revelation 22:2 On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Tree of life quilt is still growing. These leaves are for healing with blessings and memories. With a donation of \$10.00 per leaf, you can help pay down our church commitment on this building while blessing or remembering a loved one.

Envelopes to participate in this honoring, blessing, or remembering of loved ones, are available on the information desk in the lobby. Place in the offering plates after filling out the enclosed form. Leaves are available through November.



Schertz UMW with the Blessings of SUMC

Presented Ms. Lisa Driffill with our special UMW recognition pin and award. We combined this with a \$300.00 check for Watts Elementary School Lunch program for at risk children. \$150.00 was given to MOPS Organization who are very active in this church. All this was because of you, our congregation, supporting the Schertz UMW bake sales.

November 5th, 6:30 pm will be our next meeting and we invite you all to join us!



Are you Working with Children?

Schertz UMC requires everyone working with children, youth, or vulnerable adults on behalf of the church to be certified with Safe Gathering and complete "Trusted con Confianza" training.

Trusted con Confianza is a conference-wide program to reduce the risk of abuse of our most vulnerable members. If you volunteer for any children or youth activities (for example, Sunday school, retreats, youth missions, VBS) then you should complete Trusted con Confianza training.

Likewise, if you visit homebound adults or those in assisted living facilities on behalf of the church, you should complete Trusted con Confianza training.

Trusted con Confianza training consists of two parts. Once these two training steps are complete, you are certified for two years:

Step 1. Create an account at Safegatherings.com and follow the instructions to enter your information and complete the Online training. The training consists of several self-paced modules and a test at the end.

Step 2. Complete the facilitator-led Trusted con Confianza training at one of the sessions listed below. Register for a training session on this website: <https://riotexas.org/safetrainings>

Oct 20, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session	Nov 10, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trusted con Confianza In-person facilitated training FUMC, Goldthwaite	Dec 8, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session
Oct 22, 2018 6:15 PM – 8:15 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session	Nov 10, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session	Jan 9, 2019 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Trusted con Confianza In-person facilitated Session FUMC, Boerne
Oct 27, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trusted con Confianza In-person facilitated session FUMC, New Braunfels	Nov 10, 2018 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Trusted con Confianza In-person facilitated training FUMC, Portland	Dec 10, 2018 6:15 PM – 8:15 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session
Nov 4, 2018 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM Trusted con Confianza In-person facilitated session Tarrytown UMC, Austin TX	Nov 15, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session	Dec 20, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session
Nov 10, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trusted con Confianza In-person facilitated training FUMC, Goldthwaite	Nov 19, 2018 6:15 PM – 8:15 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session	See Jodi Gutierrez or Pastor Mike If you have any questions.



Retiring Old Glory

Celebrate Veterans Day November 10 from 9-11am at the Prayer Garden. SUMC is hosting donuts and coffee. Our local Boy Scout troop will conduct a flag retirement ceremony during the event.



Things We Have to be Thankful For

This church has a lot to be thankful for. These are all things that many church do not enjoy. Here are a few that come to mind.

A beautiful campus and Sanctuary
A committed staff
All our bills are paid
When something breaks, people are willing to fix it
Prayer warriors. A commitment to prayer
"Professional" quality music at all three worship services
A willingness to try something new or different
New Sunday School groups and mid-week groups being formed
A group of experienced people in the church willing to help those new to the church
People who are new to the church stepping into serve and lead
First time guest almost every worship service
Growth in numbers and growth in service



Good News. Great Joy

National Collection Week is November 12th–19th, 2018



Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a wonderful outreach program that reaches children all around the world. Last year SUMC packed and donated over 150 boxes. We were also a collection site for our community in which over 500 boxes were dropped off. What a wonderful way to show Christ's love! This year Schertz UMC has again been given the opportunity to be the area collection site. OCC boxes will be available the first Sunday of

November and must be turned in no later than November 18th. If you are interested in helping with the collection of boxes from our community email Jodi at jgutierrez@schertzumc.com.

Christmas Around the World

Stop by and visit the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 25th, during the Sunday school hour, to see how people around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus. Children's Sunday school will be canceled on this day so children can enjoy the many activities provided with their families.

Come prepare for the Christmas season in a variety of ways! If you are interested in assisting in this event please contact Jodi at jgutierrez@schertzumc.com.

KNOTS Holiday Craft Sale

Fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas items will be for sale
Sunday, November 11th, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall



Breakthrough Prayer Initiative

Sunday October 7th, we launched the Breakthrough Prayer Initiative. We are asking the entire church to stop every day at 3:20 (am or pm) and pray the same prayer. Each week, a new prayer will be on our bulletins, website, and FaceBook. The time is reminding us of Ephesians 3:20 "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or in prayer. Breakthrough prayers ask God to our communities, and our world. In the while God does what only God can do.




imagine," This is an effort to unite the church "Breakthrough" into our lives, our church, prayer we promise to do what we can do,



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

November

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
				1 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Thursday Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group	2 10am - Round Tuits 12:30pm - Ladies Lunch Bunch 7pm - AA Meeting	3 7am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Church Workday 
4  6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups	5 6pm - Connections Praise Band 7:30pm - AA Group	6 7am - Elections 6:30pm - Play Practice 6:30pm - Sunrise Emmaus 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders 	7 10am - KNOTS Craft Group 6:30pm - UMW 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon 	8 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Thursday Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group	9 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting	10 7am - Men's Bible Study
11 8am - KNOTS Kraft Sale 12:30pm - Trustees 3pm - Charge Conference 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Groups 7:30pm - Recovery Groups 	12 6pm - Connections Praise Band 6:30pm - Community Connections 7:30pm - AA Group	13 9:30am - MOPS 6:30pm - Finance Team 6:30pm - Play Practice 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders 	14 10am - KNOTS Craft Group 6:30pm - SPRC 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon	Newsletter Submissions Due 15 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Thursday Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7pm - RACAP Service 7:00pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group	16 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting	17 7am - Men's Bible Study
18 7:30am - UMM Pancake Breakfast 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups 	19 6pm - Connections Praise Band 7pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group	20 6:30pm - Play Practice 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders 	21 10am - Wuest Circle 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon	22  6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7:30pm - AA Group	23 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting	24 7am - Men's Bible Study
25 6pm - AA Group 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups	26 6pm - Connections Praise Band 6:30pm - Mission Team Meeting 7:30pm - AA Group	27 9:30am - MOPS 6:30pm - Play Practice 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders 	28 6:30pm - GPLC Board Meeting 7pm - Praise Band 7pm - UMM 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon 	29 9am - Ladies Bible Study 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group	30 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting 	