



## A Charlie Brown Christmas Auditions

A Charlie Brown Christmas auditions, Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:30 Sanctuary



### 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.

### Sunday Fun-day!

Beginning September 30th from 4 - 6 PM, fun and games will be provided for anyone over 10 years of age. Join us in room 111. Sunday Fun-day will be held the last Sunday of each month.

### 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.

### Breakthrough Prayer begins October 7th, 3:20 am or pm

Get to know 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 imagine”

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# CONNECTOR



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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

### Thoughts From Pastor Jim

Fall is finally here. It has been a long, hot summer but is now behind us. Halloween is coming up shortly, even though the decorations have been in the stores for quite a while. I heard not long ago that, in recent years, more money is now spent on Halloween decorations than Christmas decorations. Wow, since we recognize that “money is where the heart is”, does this mean that people are now seeing Halloween as more important than Christmas? I am not sure, but I pray not. Either way, we can participate in Halloween in a fun way that still glorifies God. Our Halloween Festival is aimed at this very thing. The festival offers families a safe way to have fun by dressing up as their favorite character, play games, and enjoy treats.

### Sermon Series for October

The Sermon Series in October is “Wrestling with God”. This series is based on Jacob wrestling with God to receive a blessing. What does “a blessing” mean? Did it cost Jacob? What did Jacob do with the blessing? What does this all mean to us?

### Altar Rail Offering for October

Adult Missions

### Tithe Challenge

We are in the middle of the “Tithe Challenge”. This is intended to help people learn the Spiritual Discipline of generosity by following God’s command to tithe our incomes.

The challenge asks people to calculate what a full tithe would be (10% of you income) and what people are currently giving. The difference between what should be given and what is currently being giving is where the challenge comes in. We are asking that you “set aside” that difference each week or month. We are asking that you do not spend the money and trust that God will provide. 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.

### Media Director

Jalen Atkinson has been hired as our part time Media Director. Jalen come to us with a degree in Design, experience working at churches, and experience promoting businesses with Social Media. Jalen started attending weekly staff meeting to get current on church activities. She completed a redesign of our entry into Schertz Magazine and is now finishing three separate direct mail pieces. The plan is for her to turn her attention to our website next.



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



**RACAP**

RACAP Food of the Month for October is Canned Soups (not chicken noodle)

**Current Pantry Needs**

Tomato Products (Diced, Sauce, Paste)  
Canned Meats (No Tuna) - Canned Soups (not Chicken Noodle) / Cereal / Jelly / Meat Helpers  
Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles



**RACAP is Currently Accepting Sponsor Forms for our Holiday Meal Basket Program.**

These forms will be available in the Narthex 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:

- |             |                 |                              |                     |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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.



**Additional Holiday Needs**

1. The Mission Committee has designated the first Sunday in November as RACAP Harvest Sunday. Donations will be accepted for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Programs.
2. All groups and families who wish to sponsor a family may pick up an application from the church office or contact RACAP at 210-658-1613.
3. Need assistance? Applications for the Thanksgiving Holiday Program will be accepted October 1-26. If assistance is also needed for Christmas, you may apply for both programs at the same time.

**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 goes toward our church's mortgage principal. To obtain a cross, contact the Crooks, or Pastor Mike.

**GIVE BLOOD**

Sunday October 14th, 9am - 12:30pm

In the Fellowship Hall

**Save the Date**

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

**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



United Methodist Women  
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**United Methodist Women**

October 3 meeting will be officer elections and program by Jan Gaska. Come see what the buzz is all about.

The amazing cooks of SUMC are cooking again. FREE....come see us for the Connections Dinner October 14 @ 6pm and stay for the Sunday Night Connections service. The Christian band is upbeat and will get your soul hoppin.

**September Ladies Lunch Bunch**

CHUY'S October 5, Friday, 12:30pm  
14855 35N Selma, (off access road) 210-659-2489  
Mabel Sluder- 210-842-3620 Bert Lynch-210-862-0364  
If texting, leave your name

NEED RIDE? Be at church at 12:00 NEED CHILDCARE?  
Call church office to RSVP for both by Tuesday, October 2nd.



**Aligning Efforts with New Vision**

The 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 what God wants us to be! A team is being formed, so look for us and help us get everyone on the same page.



**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.

**Halloween Festival**

Join us for our Annual Halloween Festival, October 31, 6-8pm. Everything is free! Free food, free candy, free games, free fun!

Get involved with this great ministry! Sign up sheets for volunteering and donation sheets for items needed will soon be displayed.



**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](mailto:bjricks@gmail.com)

### 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 2, 2018 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session	Oct 27, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trusted con Confianza In-person facilitated session FUMC, New Braunfels	Nov 19, 2018 6:15 PM – 8:15 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session
Oct 7, 2018 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM Trusted con Confianza In-person facilitated session Crestview UMC, Austin, TX	Nov 4, 2018 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM Trusted con Confianza In-person facilitated session Tarrytown UMC, Austin TX	Dec 8, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session
Oct 7, 2018 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Trusted con Confianza In-person facilitated session FUMC, Mason, TX	Nov 10, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trusted con Confianza In-person facilitated training FUMC, Goldthwaite	Dec 10, 2018 6:15 PM – 8:15 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session
Oct 11, 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 Online Facilitated Session	Dec 20, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session
Oct 20, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session	Nov 10, 2018 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Trusted con Confianza In-person facilitated training FUMC, Portland	Jan 9, 2019 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Trusted con Confianza In-person facilitated Sessio FUMC, Boerne
Oct 22, 2018 6:15 PM – 8:15 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session	Nov 15, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Trusted con Confianza Online Facilitated Session	See Jodi Gutierrez or Pastor Mike If you have any questions.



### Take-a-Book Leave-a-Book Station

The SUMC Take-a-Book Leave-a-Book Station needs a few **BOOKS** (especially children books). Donate now.



Jobe Caldwell	10/01	Lisa Merrifield	10/11	Ronald McCann	10/17	Sandy Bryant	10/27
Jan Bond	10/02	Clifton Crook	10/12	Ronald Dancy	10/18	Paulette McCoy	10/27
Zackery Dancy	10/02	Patricia Hoover	10/12	Sally Dancy	10/19	John Bryant	10/28
Christopher Dancy	10/03	Sarah McGillivray	10/12	Brenda Ellis	10/21	Roger Virost	10/28
Miguel Gonzalez	10/04	Nancy Dunn	10/13	Patsy Woodward	10/21	Henry Sutton	10/29
John Wollslager	10/06	C.G. Schwoebel	10/13	Madelyn Thies	10/22	Beverly Clarke	10/30
Ed Stepro	10/07	Jeri Chance	10/14	Kyle Hudson	10/26	Richard Murray	10/30
Jack Weaver	10/09	Kerri Eickel	10/17	Connor Summers	10/26	Edward Fuller	10/31
Kate Beck	10/11	Dolores Geiger	10/17				

### Looking Forward



Community Connections Team need cookies for the firefighters at Cibolo Fire House #2. Watch your bulletins for more information on how you can be community-in-touch.

November 6th is voting day and SUMC is a voting facility. Please volunteer to man the water give away station. Volunteers are needed all day during polling times to greet our neighbors with a SUMC loving smile. The Information Station will have all the sign up sheets and information.

Connect with our neighbors and church persons alike during the Veterans Day celebration Nov 10. From 9 -11 am we will gather for donuts and coffee. Then prayers and honors for our veterans along with a flag burning ceremony preformed by the boy scouts.



### Be Prepared for Breakthrough Prayer Initiative

Starting Sunday October 7th, we will launch 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 imagine." This is an effort to unite the church in prayer. Breakthrough prayers ask God to "Breakthrough" into our lives, our church, our communities, and our world. In the prayer we promise to do what we can do, while God does what only God can do.

### 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)













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



# October



**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
	<b>1</b> 7:30pm - AA Group	<b>2</b> 6:30pm - Sonrise Emmaus 6:30pm - Charlie Brown Auditions 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders 	<b>3</b> 10am - KNOTS Craft Group 6:30pm - UMW 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon 	<b>4</b> 10am - Thursday Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 6pm - Pass It ON AFG & Aliteen 7pm - Chancel Choir 7:30pm - AA Group	<b>5</b> 9am - Sit & Fit 10am - Round Tuits 12:30pm - Ladies Lunch Bunch 7pm - AA Meeting	<b>6</b> 7am - Men's Bible Study
<b>7</b> Alter Rail - Adult Mission 12pm - World Communion Sunday 3:20 - Breakthrough Prayer Begins 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups	<b>8</b> 6:30pm - Community Connections 7:30pm - AA Group	<b>9</b> 9:30am - MOPS 6:30pm - Charlie Brown Practice 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders 	<b>10</b> 10am - KNOTS Craft Group 6:30pm - SPRC 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon	<b>11</b> 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	<b>12</b> 9am - Sit & Fit 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting	<b>13</b> 7am - Men's Bible Study 
<b>14</b> 9am - Blood Drive 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 7:30pm - AA Groups 7:30pm - Recovery Groups	<b>15</b> 7:30pm - AA Group 	<b>16</b> 6:30pm - Charlie Brown Practice 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders 	<b>17</b> 10am - Wuest Circle 6:30pm - Church Council 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon	<b>18</b> 9am - 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	<b>19</b> 9am - Sit & Fit 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting	<b>20</b> 7am - Men's Bible Study
<b>21</b> 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 730pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups	<b>22</b> 7:30pm - AA Group	<b>23</b> 9:30am - MOPS 6:30pm - Charlie Brown Practice 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders 	<b>24</b> 10am - KNOTS Craft Group 6:30pm - GPLC Board Meeting 7pm - Praise Band 7pm - UMM 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon 	<b>25</b> 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	<b>26</b> 9am - Sit & Fit 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting	<b>27</b> 7am - Men's Bible Study 8am - Scrap-booking 6pm - Saturday Night Special
<b>28</b> 6pm - AA Group 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 730pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Recovery Groups	<b>29</b> 6:30pm - Mission Team Meeting 7:30pm - AA Group	<b>30</b> 6:30pm - Charlie Brown Practice 7pm - AA Group 7:30pm - Faith Builders 	<b>31</b> 10am - KNOTS Craft Group 6pm - Halloween Festival 7pm - Praise Band 7:30pm - Full Circle Narcotics Anon		