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- Weekly Countdown Slide Show
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- Church Social Media [Facebook.com/SchertzUMC](https://www.facebook.com/SchertzUMC) [Instagram.com/SchertzUMC](https://www.instagram.com/SchertzUMC)
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BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

MAKING CONNECTIONS

GROWING TOGETHER

# CONNECTOR

## Dear Schertz UMC,

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." - Mark 12:30-31

I have just returned from a wonderful Annual Conference in Corpus Christi. Much of our time was spent hearing reports and testimonies of the remarkable ministry taking place across our RioTexas Conference. One of the consistent themes of those reports is that we continue to focus on the needs of the people among us.

One of my favorite things about the word "neighbor" in the greatest commandment(s) is that we can use it in a variety of ways. My neighbor can be one living next door, one in my same state struggling with hunger, or one I just met. What is crucial, for me, is that I see each one as someone I am called to love however God has given me the opportunity.

At Annual Conference we heard stories that could have been divisive. Some neighbors were immigrants, which raises a whole set of public policy questions. Some neighbors were people without homes which also brings up varied political perspectives. But, we never went there, because our focus was clear- "What is God calling us, as United Methodists, to do for these different neighbors among us?"

The enemy would've loved for us to get distracted debating what we should say to our local representatives. Such a path would have only left us feeling divided and discouraged. It also would've taken us away from obedience to our calling as the body of Christ. Instead, we "simply" looked at the different types of neighbors, pondering how we could love them in varying ways. We celebrated feeding hungry ones, reading to young ones, and encouraging broken-hearted ones. As we did, we felt the Holy Spirit moving among us, uniting us in love for God and each other. The Way of Christ is the Way of Love, and I am so thankful to be on this path, together, with you.

In Christ,

Pastor Jon

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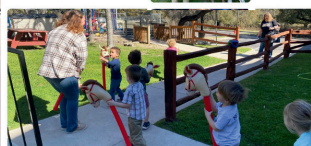
**SUNDAY SCHEDULE IN PERSON & ONLINE**  
9:00 AM  
Traditional Service

10:15 AM  
Sunday School

11:15 AM  
Praise Service

11:15 AM  
The Gathering

Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month.



**Grace Place is NOW ENROLLING!**



Just a friendly reminder that the deadline for submissions for the August Newsletter is July 15th. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you! mneal@schertzumc.com



## Vacation Bible School 2024: A Week to Remember!

Our Vacation Bible School (VBS) week was an extraordinary success, and we are thrilled to share the highlights with you! With hearts full of gratitude, we look back on a week filled with joy, learning, and community spirit.

From the start, our church family came together in remarkable ways.

Thanks to the unwavering dedication of our volunteers, the generous donations, and the powerful prayers from our congregation, we were able to host 60 children for an unforgettable VBS experience. This year's theme, "Hometown Nazareth," transported our participants back in time to explore the life of Jesus as a child, where He grew up and lived. Through interactive lessons, crafts, and activities, the children gained a deeper understanding of Jesus' early years and His profound impact on the world.

One of the week's highlights was our special Pizza Night, which saw an incredible turnout of 120 people. It was a fantastic opportunity for families to come together, share a meal, and build lasting connections within our church community. The evening was filled with laughter, fellowship, and a sense of belonging that left everyone eagerly anticipating the next gathering.

We are also excited to share that several families who attended VBS have expressed a keen interest in joining our church and becoming actively involved in our ongoing children's ministry. This is a testament to the love and dedication poured into VBS by our volunteers, the welcoming spirit of our congregation, and amazing leadership from Jodi. We look forward to seeing these new faces and watching our church family grow.

What a blast this week has been! We are so grateful to everyone who contributed to making VBS a success!



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."  
1 Peter 4:10

### Highlighting



Meet the Couch Family: Rebecca, Hunter, and Barrett! We are delighted to introduce the Couch family, a vibrant and dedicated trio who have quickly become an essential part of our church community.

Rebecca hails from Seguin, while Hunter comes from Kaufman. They share a love for cooking, road trips, and spending quality time with their family. Hunter is passionate about learning new things, and Rebecca enjoys needlepoint and reading in her free time. Hunter is driven by a desire to leave the world better than he found it, inspired by the legacy of his grandfather. Rebecca is passionate about giving a voice to the voiceless, a commitment shaped by her mentor, Dr. Larry Kelly, during her teaching career.

The Couch family embodies the spirit of service. Hunter volunteers at the San Antonio Food Bank, while Rebecca dedicates her efforts to Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid. Their dedication to helping others is truly inspiring.

Hunter serves as the Vice President of United Methodist Men, and Rebecca is a valued member of the Grace Place Board of Directors. They began attending our church in September 2022 and officially joined in the fall of 2023.

We are grateful for the Couch family and their contributions to our community. Their commitment to service and passion for making a difference enrich our church, and we look forward to many more years of fellowship together!

Tuesday, July 9th, 6:30 PM:  
Meets in the Fellowship Hall.  
Join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month for fellowship and please bring a game! For more information please contact Juli at 210.421.7714



### Game Night!



### Round Tuits

meets every Friday from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM. It is a time of fellowship, snacks, and crafts. Bring projects you never get around to at home or help us with one of ours! Come check us out!

United Methodist Men will have a taco sale fundraiser in the lobby of the sanctuary after 9:00 am and after 11:15 am worship services on the second Sunday of each month. Taco sales will be on July 14th this month! The cost of tacos is by donation. Proceeds from sales will be used to financially support Methodist Men's Ministries. On the second Sunday of each month, stop by our table, purchase tacos, and fellowship with each other before heading to Sunday School or home. Thanks for your continued support.

*Billy Timberlake*  
President; United Methodist Men

Happy  
4th of JULY  
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Heavenly Father,  
We thank You for the gift of freedom and the blessings of this great nation. As we celebrate, we honor those who have sacrificed for our liberty and pray for those who continue to serve. Protect them and their families.  
Guide our leaders with wisdom and justice. Help us to work together in unity, reflecting Your love and righteousness.  
Remind us that our ultimate freedom is found in You. Bless our country and the world, Lord, and let Your peace and grace abound.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



No July meeting!  
See you in August!

Methodist Men meets  
Wednesday, July 24th,  
at 6:00 PM in room 106.  
The meeting begins with a potluck, followed by singing, a program, and a business meeting.  
All men are invited to attend and to join our Methodist Men's fellowship!  
-Billy Timberlake, President

### GNC Meeting

July 7th at 3:30 PM  
Please join Good Neighbor Connection at SUMC if your heart is directing you toward community service! We will be discussing our next event. Contact Lucy Mccann or Kristi Stuller for information!



*Where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.*

**Matthew 6:21**



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

**3460 Roy Richard Dr  
 Schertz, Texas 78154**



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## JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBE	1 1:00pm The Chosen Bible Study 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team  Pray for safety and joy during summer travels.	2 7:00pm AA Group Seek God's peace in moments of summer rest.	3 7:00pm Praise Team Practice Thank God for the beauty of summer days.	4 Independence Day Office Closed 7:00pm Alanon 7:00pm AA Group  Pray for refreshing summer rain and abundant harvests.	5 10:00am Round Tuits 7:00pm AA Meeting Ask for guidance in summer adventures and explorations.	6 Pray for renewed energy and strength this summer. 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am- Vendor Fair 3:00pm  Thank God for the gift of sunshine and blue skies.
7 3:30pm Good Neighbor Connection Meeting @ SUMC Seek God's presence in summer's warmth and light.	8 8:00am Food Distribution @ Bracken MC 1:00pm The Chosen Bible Study 6:30pm Soul Sisters 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team Thank God for opportunities to connect with loved ones.	9 6:30pm Game Night 6:30pm GPLC Board Meeting 7:00pm AA Group GAME Night  Pray for protection and fun in summer activities.	10 7:00pm Praise Team Practice Ask for wisdom in making summer plans and decisions.	11 9:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Alanon 7:00pm AA Group  Pray for moments of stillness and reflection this summer.	12 Mission u 10:00am Round Tuits 7:00pm AA Meeting  Seek God's guidance in summer projects and goals.	13 Mission u 7:00am Men's Bible Study United Women in Faith Thank God for the gift of sunshine and blue skies.
14 UMM Taco Sale  Pray for those working hard in the summer heat.	15 Newsletter Submissions Due 1:00pm The Chosen Bible Study 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team Ask for a heart of gratitude for summer blessings.	16 7:00pm AA Group Pray for meaningful connections with friends and family.	17 7:00pm Praise Team Practice Seek God's comfort in summer's quiet and peace.	18 9:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Alanon 7:00pm AA Group Thank God for the beauty of nature in summer.	19 10:00am Round Tuits 7:00pm AA Meeting Pray for inspiration and creativity during summer days.	20 7:00am Men's Bible Study Ask for discernment in summer's opportunities and challenges.
21 Pray for restful nights and peaceful summer mornings.	22 1:00pm The Chosen Bible Study 6:30pm Soul Sisters 6:30pm Leadership Board Meeting 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team Seek God's joy in summer's laughter and fun.	23 7:00pm AA Group Thank God for the freedom summer brings.	24 6:00pm UMM Meeting 7:00pm Praise Team Practice  Pray for healing and renewal this summer season.	25 9:00am Ladies Bible Study 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Alanon 7:00pm AA Group Ask for a heart of service during summer breaks.	26 10:00am Round Tuits 7:00pm AA Meeting Pray for spiritual growth and deepening faith this summer.	27 7:00am Men's Bible Study Seek God's protection in all summer adventures.
28  Thank God for moments of relaxation and rest.	29 1:00pm The Chosen Bible Study 6:30pm The Gathering Praise Team Pray for a generous spirit in summer's abundance.	30 7:00pm AA Group a a Ask for a grateful heart for summer's simple pleasures.	31 7:00pm Praise Team Practice Pray for God's presence in every summer moment.			

### Daily Prayer

**Heavenly Creator,**  
 As we embrace the warmth and beauty of summer, we come before You with grateful hearts. Thank You for the longer days, the sunshine, and the opportunities to enjoy Your creation.

Guide our steps and protect us in our daily activities. Help us to find moments of rest and renewal amidst our busy schedules. Let the joy and freedom of this season draw us closer to You and to one another.

May we use this time to strengthen our relationships, serve those in need, and grow in our faith. Fill our hearts with gratitude for the blessings we receive each day.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

**Amen!**



**Summer's Blessing** In summer's light, we find our way, With hearts aglow in warm array. Longer days and skies so blue, Remind us, Lord, to turn to You. Amidst the sun and gentle breeze, We seek Your peace on bended knees. With joy and rest, our spirits soar. In summer's grace, we love You more.

Please join the Good Neighbor Connection for food distribution at Bracken Methodist Church!



Thank you!

We serve many families per month giving out foods of all kinds! Volunteer and fellowship on a joyous day blessing all the recipients!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
Volunteers are needed on Monday, July 8th at 8:00 AM at BMC for the food distribution. Please donate your time and love to our community!

**Soul Sisters**  
Soul Sisters is a group of women who meet for fellowship and study twice monthly. (the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm). We invite you to come share in this friendship among women as we navigate this thing called life! Bring a snack to share.

FMI contact Jodi Gutierrez jgutierrez@schertzumc.com or Michelle Neal kennalinamom@gmail.com

**Schertz-Cibolo Local Vendor Extravaganza**  
Saturday, July 6, 2024  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Schertz United Methodist Church  
3480 Roy Richard Drive Schertz, Texas

**RACAP**  
The Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program  
An Independent, Non-profit Emergency Food Pantry

Donations of the Month Toilet Paper

Donations are accepted in the Narthex in the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall.

**Altar Rail Offering**  
United Methodist Missions

**Welcoming Michelle Neal as our New Communication Director!**



We are thrilled to announce that Michelle Houston Neal is joining our team as the new Communication Director at Schertz United Methodist Church! Michelle brings a wealth of experience and skills that make her a perfect fit for this role.

Michelle retired as an elementary librarian with an impressive 28-year tenure at Wiederstein Elementary. Her dedication to education and learning is evident in her recent achievement of an instructional design credential. We are excited to see how she will use her expertise to enhance our communication efforts.

A valued member of our church for 13 years, Michelle has actively contributed to our community. She has taught Sunday School, assisted with Vacation Bible School, and created videos for church events. Michelle's involvement extends beyond these roles; she volunteers in the Church Office, directs the Nursery, coordinates the Soul Sisters small group, and organizes our monthly vendor event.

In her spare time, Michelle enjoys reading and crafting. As a self-proclaimed "military brat," she has lived in various places but proudly calls Schertz Cibolo her home. Michelle is a Clemens alumni and has been happily married for 23 years, with two daughters, Melina and Makenna.

From Fort Worth to San Antonio, Michelle's journey has led her to our church, where she has found a true sense of belonging. Her favorite quote, "I cannot live without books!" by Thomas Jefferson, reflects her enduring passion for reading.

Moving forward, please direct all communication needs to Michelle at mneal@schertzumc.com. Let's extend a warm welcome to Michelle as she steps into this exciting new role! We are privileged to have her on our team, and we look forward to the fresh perspective and creativity she will bring to our church communications.

**May 2024**  
Expenses: \$47,469.  
Income: \$40,094.00  
Noisy Offerings: \$497.39

**The Chosen Bible Study**  
will be starting again:  
June 24, 2024  
Room 106  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
It will run for 8 weeks. All are welcome! We watch the show then discuss what it means for us today. Please join us!

**New Members**  
Emily Torgerson & Aaron Morris

Welcome

**SUMC Youth Fellowship**

**Mission 2024**



An amazing week of ups and downs. The kids pushed thru and have made a massive difference in two families lives! We are so proud of each and every one of them.



**SOCKS FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL**



Good Neighbor Connection (GNC), a coalition of churches working together to serve area communities and currently includes Schertz UMC, Universal City UMC, and Bracken Methodist Church, is sponsoring various collections to assist families for the next school year. During the month of July, Schertz UMC will be collecting new socks in children's and adult sizes. A collection box is located in the narthex!

**BACK TO SCHOOL DONATION DRIVE**

ITEMS NEEDED:  
BOYS AND GIRLS SOCKS  
SIZES:  
YOUTH S-L AND ADULTS S-L

STARTING: JULY 1ST ENDING: AUGUST 1ST

**United Women in Faith Annual Luncheon**  
Rio TX Conference, June 7, 2024



Thank you...

Thank you, Terry Weber-Rodriguez & Sandra Lippert for representing UWF from Schertz UMC at the luncheon!



**Praise Word Search**

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X O P F Q L U H O L Y N F A I T H I O N  
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BELIEF	FRIENDSHIP	JOY
BLESSINGS	GIVING	LOVE
CHRIST	GOD	MERCY
CHURCH	GRACE	OBEDIENCE
COMPASSION	GUIDANCE	PATIENCE
COURAGE	HEALING	PEACE
ETERNAL	HEAVEN	SALVATION
FAITH	HOLY	SPIRIT
FAITHFULNESS	HOPE	TRUTH
FORGIVENESS	JESUS	WISDOM

United Women in Faith

**Mission U July 12th & 13th**  
Welcome Home

NO UWF Meeting in July  
Join us on the 1st Wednesday of each month!  
Food, Fellowship, Program, & Business Meeting  
Meet your sisters in Christ committed to mission work for women, children, & youth.  
See you August 7th!  
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