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The Schertz CONNECTOR



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Dear Friends,

- SUNDAY SCHEDULE IN PERSON & ONLINE**
- 9:00 am Traditional Service**
- 10:15 am Sunday School**
- 11:15 am Praise Service**
- Connections 5:30 pm**
- Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month**

As of this month, Donna and I have been a part of the Schertz UMC community for one year. I want to take this opportunity to express the gratitude that we feel for this church and for each of you. Coming into a new appointment in the midst of a pandemic has been very challenging. I know that there are many things I could have done better in making this transition and am therefore doubly grateful for the grace each of you has extended to us both. I am very proud of the way that this church has continued to be the church despite the obstacles it faced in 2020 and the first few months of 2021. Learning how to be church in a virtual space has been a major challenge. One that the church has met well. In the last year we have learned how to live stream worship services, learned to use Text-in-Church to stay connected, started offering dial a sermon for those without internet access, learned to do Zoom bible studies and small groups, developed a new church app as a means of connecting, adapted worship to be engaging in both the online and in person setting, developed a new pastoral partners ministry, took on a new mission in our sister church, Nuevo Amanecer, kept the youth and children ministries alive, welcomed a new pastor and his wife, and continued to serve the greater community.

Looking at that list I am amazed. This church and the staff who serve it are awesome. That is undeniable, but even more evident is the power of God to sustain and to grow us even under the most adverse conditions. God has been with us throughout this whole last year and a half. God has sustained, even prospered us in ways that a mere year ago were unimaginable. Therefore, we do well to remember and to praise him. Praise God for bringing us through this time of pandemic and of social and political unrest. Thank God for maintaining the bond of unity even when there were forces that threatened to rend us asunder.



I do give thanks to God first and then to each of you for the role each of you has played in getting us through this pandemic. Thank you for your prayers, for your talents, for your gifts and for your service. Thank you for your faithful witness. Above all else thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to Donna and I and thank you for allowing me to serve as your pastor.

Yours in Christian love, Pastor Bob

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



Altar Rail Offering

July's offering will go to Nuevo Amanecer, our sister church

Schertz United Methodist Women

Thank you Schertz United Methodist Women for donating toys, activity books, puzzles, school supplies, and hygiene items for the bags that we give out to kiddos! We appreciate your support! from Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center
Our missions continue!



Happy Summer to Everyone

We grow together and learn together.
Come celebrate in mission for our Lord.

July 7th - Jennifer Felty will lead our program

Place: Four-Plex at SUMC and on Zoom. Time: 6:30pm
Ask any SUMW member or text Lucy@ 708-285-1317 FMI



Joe Stuller	07/02
Diane Bornmann	07/05
Millie Vigil	07/05
Stefani Behun	07/07
Cavan Brady	07/07
Myrna Taylor	07/08
Kellen Taylor	07/08
Mary Beattiger	07/09
Darcy Wells	07/10
Craig Nettles	07/11
Wendy Edris	07/12
Abigail Gordy	07/14
Emily Hudson	07/14
Gary Cooper	07/16
Don Downey	07/16
Angelina Kiser	07/17
Rosemarie Esterly	07/18
Kris Merrifield	07/18
Oscar Garcia	07/19
Michael Neal	07/19
Lou Ann Allison	07/20
Barry Blackman	07/20
Evan Garcia	07/23
Ricky Harris	07/24
Donna Rhode	07/24
Hannah Fisher Klug	07/25
Dominick Giuttari	07/26
Jennifer Hickman	07/28
Albert Andreolli	07/29
Priscilla Delventhal	07/29
Rei Lin Spreeman	07/29
Sandra Lippert	07/30

4th of July Picnic at the Church

Come join us at 12:30 pm on Sunday, July 4th for a picnic in the courtyard.

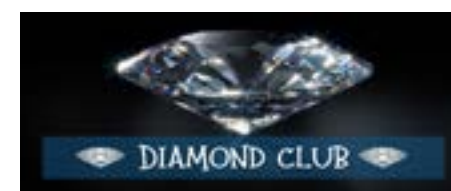
There will be hot dogs, chips, lemonade, iced tea and snack cakes. (Turkey hot dogs, plant-based hot dogs and gluten free buns will be available upon request.)

We will have a patriotic hymn sing.
Please come enjoy this time of fellowship together.



RACAP

Toothpaste & Toothbrushes for the Back-to-School Program



Diamond Club

No meeting in July, but please look for us again in August.

Mesquite Magnolias

Meets Thursdays at 11:00 am in Room 106. All are invited to attend. We are studying "DADDY is that TRUE or Were you JUST preaching?" by James Moore. The 2nd Thursday of each month we have a brown bag lunch and a craft project instead of the lesson. We won't be meeting July 22 or 29 due to Vacation Bible School. Please contact Allie Kuhlmann for more information.



VBS - Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for VBS 2021 during the weeks of July 19th - 23rd and July 26th - 30th. Please sign up on the church website.

There is a poster board in the Narthex listing items that can be donated for VBS.



United Methodist Men

UMM mark your calendars and save the date. Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 7:00 pm, room 106.

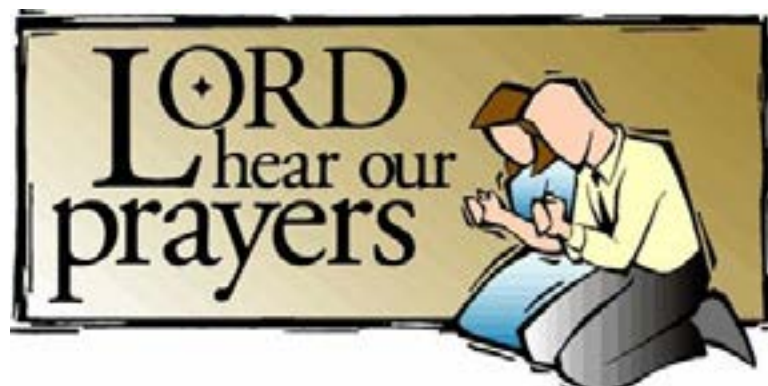
Our meeting will start with singing of Wesleyan Grace, followed by a potluck meal, singing, program, and business meeting. Join us for food and fellowship. All men new, young, and seasoned are invited to attend.

For more information contact Billy Timberlake, President



Pastoral Prayer Partners

COVID restrictions taught us the importance of reaching out to others and the importance of human interactions. We have formed Pastoral Prayer Partners to ensure that we are connecting with each other. You will receive an email or text message from your partner. They will be checking in to see if you need a prayer or help with something; if you have a question or a request; and to just say hi from your church family. The Pastoral Prayer Partners are Mabel Sluder, Alice Sutherlun, LouAnn Allison, Terry Weber-Rodriguez, Jennifer Hickman, Alissa Osterbuhr, Sandra Lippert, and Joe Stuller. If you have any other questions about the Pastoral Partners, please call, email, or text Sandra Lippert.



Summer of Kindness

Summer is upon us! Though we enter into what the Church calls "Ordinary Time," we are aware that we live in extraordinary times that require flexibility, playfulness, and kindness.

The whole family is invited to participate in this engaging program that ignites a playful spirit as we practice kindness. We will hear the Bible story adapted from Growing in God's Love, wonder together about the story, offer a short prayer, play a fun game or activity, and then choose an act of kindness (or a few) from the Bingo Sheet!

Who can get BINGO first?!

Join us on Sundays at 10:15 am in the courtyard.



Adult Sunday School Classes Sundays at 10:15am Visitors are always welcome!

God's Rainbow Class – led by Sandra Lippert
Studying the book entitled Discernment by Beth Ann Estock
Meets in Room 106 and by Zoom

Journey of Faith Class – led by Dixie and Greg Tillmon
Studying the book of John
Meets in the Quad Room

Mary and Joseph Class – led by Billy Timberlake
Starts meeting on July 4
Studying the book entitled I Hear Voices and
That's a GOOD Thing by James Moore
Meets in Room 208

Serendipity Class – led by Phyllis Spitzmesser
Studying the book of Mark
Meets in Room 207

The Searchers – team taught by class members
Studies various topics weekly
Meets in Room 209

ADULT Sunday School



God's Rainbow Sunday School Class

We are currently studying Discernment by Beth Ann Estock. It is the first book in our study series Holy Living: Spiritual Practices for Building a Life of Faith.

Your daily walk with Christ starts here.

"While physical training has some value, training in holy living is useful for everything. It has promise for this life now and the life to come." (1 Timothy 4:8 CEB) Christians crave a deeper, more intimate relationship with God. The spiritual disciplines are historical practices that can guide us in our daily walk, bringing us closer to Christ.

Holy Living: Spiritual Practices for Building a Life of Faith is a series that brings a fresh perspective on the spiritual disciplines, enabling us to apply their practices to our current lives. Practicing these spiritual disciplines opens us to God's transforming love. Each book in the series introduces a spiritual practice, suggests ways to live the practice daily, and provides opportunities to grow personally and in a faith community with others who engage with the practice. Each book consists of an introduction and four chapters and includes questions for personal reflection and group discussion. The disciplines studied are: Confession, Discernment, Neighboring, Prayer, Simplicity, Study, and Worship.

Discernment - Many believers are familiar with the fruits of the Spirit Paul wrote about in his letter to the Galatians: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Discernment is a contemplative practice that opens us to these gifts. It offers us the capacity to see more clearly and touch the depth of our holy existence here on earth. This book introduces us to this ancient practice and helps us discover how practicing it can lead us to moments in which we sense meaning and purpose in our lives by desiring what God desires and embodying the love that is God.



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

July 2021

Sunday Afternoon Schedule
 1:30 PM - Youth Group (7th -12th Grades)
 5:30 PM - Connections Service

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Thursday Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 7pm - Chancel Chior Practice 7:30pm - Alanon	2 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting	3 7am - Men's Bible Study 
4 12:30pm - 4th of July Picnic and Patriotic Hymn Sing 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group	5 Church Office Closed - Holiday 6:30pm - Connections Praise Team	6 11:30am - Tuesday Bible Study 7pm - AA Group	7 6pm - Praise Team Practice 6:30pm - UMW in the Four Plex & on Zoom  6:30pm - Pastor's Bible Study	8 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Thursday Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 7pm - Chancel Chior Practice 7:30pm - Alanon	9 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting 	10 7am - Men's Bible Study 10am - VBS Prep and Training 
11 12:30pm - Trustees 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group	12 6:30pm - Connections Praise Team	13 11:30am - Tuesday Bible Study 7pm - AA Group	14 6pm - Praise Team Practice	15 9am - Ladies Bible Study 10am - Thursday Morning Bible Study 11am - Mesquite Magnolias 7pm - Chancel Chior Practice 7:30pm - Alanon 	16 10am - Round Tuits 7pm - AA Meeting	17 7am - Men's Bible Study 
18 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group	19 9am - VBS  6:30pm - Connections Praise Team	20 9am - VBS  2pm - Tuesday Bible Study 7pm - AA Group	21 9am - VBS  6pm - Praise Team Practice	22 9am - VBS  7pm - Chancel Chior Practice 7:30pm - Alanon	23 9am - VBS  7pm - AA Meeting	24 7am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Vendor Fair and Food Truck Event 
25 6:30pm - Men's Purity Group 	26 9am - VBS  6:30pm - Connections Praise Team	27 9am - VBS  2pm - Tuesday Bible Study 7pm - AA Group	28 9am - VBS  6pm - Praise Team Practice 7pm - United Methodist Men 	29 9am - VBS  7pm - Chancel Chior Practice 7:30pm - Alanon	30 9am - VBS  7pm - AA Meeting	31 7am - Men's Bible Study 