

August 9, 2026



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BELONG



YOUTH REVIVE NIGHTS

As our youth get in the swing of a new school year, we have some fun events planned for Sunday nights leading up to Youth Night Kickoff on September 13th.

- August 2nd – Movie Night, 5-7pm
- August 9th – Mini Golf & Games, Monsters Mini Golf, 5-7pm
- August 16th – Color Wars, 5-7pm
- August 23rd - Mystery Event, 5-7pm
- August 30th– Pool Party, 3-5pm

Don't miss out on the fun and bring a friend!

Covering Our Schools in Prayer



COVERING OUR SCHOOLS IN PRAYER

As summer winds down and the school year begins, our local schools once again become vibrant centers of learning, growth, and challenge. This season presents us, as a church family, with a powerful opportunity: to lift up our schools in prayer. We have put together a prayer guide that can be used, if you choose, to guide you in prayer for the schools, students and faculty.

Learn more at prosperumc.org/prayerwalk



BACK TO CHURCH CELEBRATION

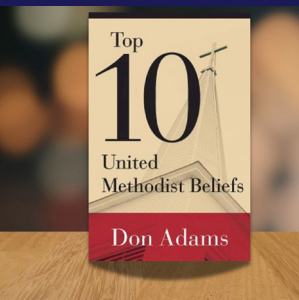
Sunday, August 30th, 12:15pm

As the summer break comes to a close and we gear up for a new school year, we would like to invite you to a church-wide gathering.

We'll have brisket and pulled pork ready for you and are requesting additional dishes and desserts.

Sign up to bring a dish at prosperumc.org/btc

GROW



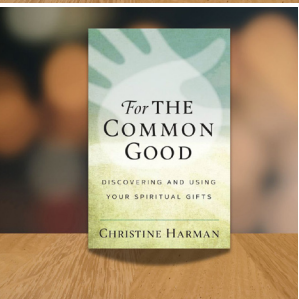
NEW STUDY IN SEASONS WOMENS GROUP

Tuesday, August 11th, 6:30pm

The Tuesday evening women's group will be starting a new book, *Top 10 United Methodist Beliefs*, by Don Adams, on August 11th.

What were the non-negotiables for the founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley? Using John Wesley as guide, *Top 10 United Methodist Beliefs* describes the 10 most important United Methodist beliefs, so that we are equipped for every good work.

To learn more, email PastorSilvia@prosperumc.org



DISCOVER HOW GOD HAS UNIQUELY GIFTED YOU

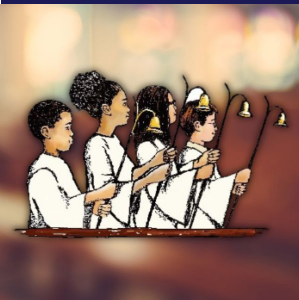
Saturday, Sept. 12th & 19th

God has uniquely equipped every believer with spiritual gifts—not just pastors or church leaders, but every follower of Christ. When we discover those gifts and begin using them, serving becomes more joyful, meaningful, and fulfilling.

Class Format: Zoom

Learn more at prosperumc.org/spiritualgifts

ACTION



ACOLYTE & COMMUNION STEWARD TRAINING

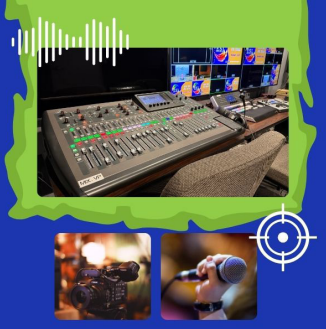
Sunday, August 23rd, 12:15pm

As the new school year begins, we like to give the opportunity to the children & youth of the church to participate and learn about serving in worship.

- Acolyte is open to students grades 1st-5th.
- Communion Stewards is open to students grades 6th-12th.

Training will take place in the Sanctuary following the 11am worship service.

Questions? Contact [Pastor Silvia](mailto:PastorSilvia)



CURIOUS ABOUT THE BEHIND THE SCENES OF WORSHIP?

The Audio Visual Team is looking for helpers. No experience needed! Connect with Jonah at avtech@prosperumc.org to learn more.



ESL HELPERS NEEDED

The new semester begins in August. Greeters and assistant teachers are needed. You do not need to speak a second language or have a teaching background. All that is needed is a willingness to help.

ESL meets on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm. Weekly attendance is not required. With enough volunteers, flexibility is there.

Interested in trying it out? Email Alissa Dare at esl@prosperumc.org today and start making a difference in people's lives!

Learn more about the ESL program at prosperumc.org/esl

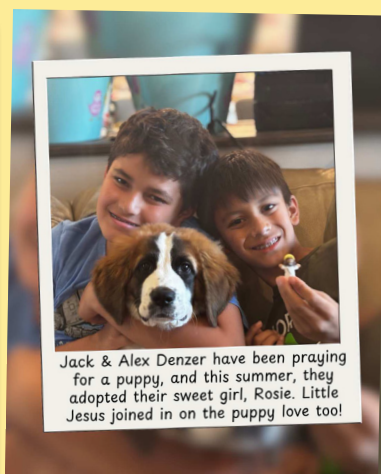


PROM CLOSET DONATIONS NEEDED

The Mission & Outreach Team is collecting prom/homecoming dresses & accessories for the Stonebridge UMC Prom Closet.

Give a high school student their dream prom night by donating your gently used dresses, shoes, and accessories to the Prom Closet drive. Your generous contribution helps local teens attend their formal celebration with confidence and style, making magical memories possible for everyone in our community.

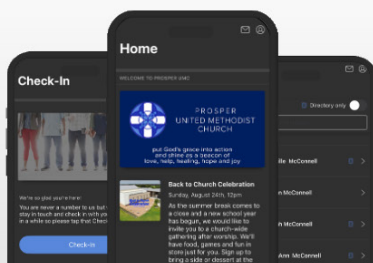
The donation rack is located near the west entrance.



Summer break may be coming to an end but little Jesus will continue to be with you. Share your adventures with a little Jesus in your life! Email pics to summer@prosperumc.org!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Softly and Tenderly*, arr. by House Eric Breon

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH# 400

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH# 881

GLORIA PATRI UMH# 70

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME Blessing of the Backpacks

MORNING PRAYER
& LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC Nick Vance (8:30)
Nick & Kaela Vance (11:00)

MESSAGE Pastor Jason
SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-2, 11-13

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

CLOSING HYMN *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* UMH# 340

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, arr. by Courtney Eric Breon

Acolyte: Alex Denzer

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THE GATHERING
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP LAUNCHES

AUGUST 23, 2026

10:15 AM

817 S. INTERURBAN STREET
ANNA, TX 75409

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LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING TO OUR 1ST WORSHIP, and we will have a seat and gift waiting for you! (GUARANTEED FOR FIRST 15 FAMILIES!)

66 We are just weeks away from our 1st Sunday morning worship. Our launch is August 23rd @ 10:15am. Over the last few months we have gone from a school age building to a lively worship center. Please be in prayer for us as we get ready to enter into a new season! **99**

Pastor Dallen

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A CHURCH WITH ROOM FOR ALL

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PRAYER CONCERNS

We believe in the power of prayer. We also believe God loves you and cares about what concerns your heart, and we care too. Please keep the following prayer concerns in your prayers.

Teddy Jakubik
Dennis LaVergne
Vasher Lawson

Alyssa & Jack Musoke
Ronnie Johnson
Peace in the Middle East
Peace in Ukraine

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If you have a prayer concern to share with us, please submit at <https://www.prosperumc.org/prayerrequest>. Your concerns will be shared with the *Praying Tree*. A weekly prayer email listing of joys and concerns is sent out to members of the *Praying Tree* so that requests can be lifted up to the Lord during private prayer time and may be shared in the weekly bulletin.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** - UP TO 5TH GRADE • VISIT PROSPERUMC.ORG/CHILDREN FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, CHILDREN@PROSPERUMC.ORG
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM & 11AM
COMMON GROUND - 4TH & 5TH GRADE SMALL GROUP • 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 4-5:30PM **RESUMES IN FALL
YOUTH MINISTRY - GRADES 6-12 • VISIT PROSPERUMC.ORG/YOUTH FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, YOUTH@PROSPERUMC.ORG
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM
YOUTH GROUP - SUNDAYS @ 5PM
ADULT MINISTRY - VISIT PROSPERUMC.ORG/ADULT FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, PASTORSILVIA@PROSPERUMC.ORG
FAITHBUILDERS - SUNDAY MORNING GROUP @ 9:45AM, ROOM 149
JOURNEY - SUNDAY MORNING GROUP @ 9:45AM, ROOM 124
THE SEEKERS - SUNDAY MORNING GROUP @ 9:45AM, ROOM 157
THIRST TO THRIVE - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, TUESDAYS @ 11:30AM, ROOM 149
SEASONS - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, TUESDAYS @ 6:30PM, ROOM 155
TRUE GRIT - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, WEDNESDAYS @ 11:45AM
METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - 1ST MONDAYS @ 6:30PM
MUSIC MINISTRY - VISIT PROSPERUMC.ORG/MUSIC FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, MUSIC@PROSPERUMC.ORG
CHANCEL CHOIR - REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAYS @ 6:45PM, SANCTUARY
JOYFUL NOISE - CHILDREN'S CHOIR, KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE • SUNDAYS @ 9:45AM **RESUMES SEPT. 13TH

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