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BELONG

Rooted Together



ROOTED TOGETHER LUNCH

Sunday, Sept. 20th, 12:15pm

Whether you are new to the area or have been visiting for a while, you are invited to this casual but informative lunch. You will hear about the church's story and learn what it means to partner with the church in membership. Then, for those who are ready, there will be a time to join at the end of the lunch to officially be rooted together with us in membership.

RSVP at prosperumc.org/rooted

MEET YOUR STEPHEN MINISTERS



LINDA BRATCHER

“My husband, John, and I have been members of Prosper United Methodist Church since 2020. Our family includes our son and daughter-in-law and two wonderful grandchildren. I am a retired special education teacher, having taught for 42 years in San Antonio, Round Rock and Plano. In January 2026, I was commissioned as a Stephen Minister here at PUMC. I am currently a member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry and attend a weekly women's bible study here at PUMC. Previously, I volunteered in the ESL Program at our church for three years. I believe one of the main reasons that I was drawn to becoming a Stephen Minister was the opportunity to experience, first-hand, the healing power of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, in the life of someone who is suffering physically, emotionally and/or spiritually. My blessing is to be able to provide, care for, and walk alongside that person during a difficult time in their life, as God provides the healing. **”** One of my favorite bible verses is Proverbs 3:5-6 'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thy own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.'

Learn more about the Stephen Ministry program at prosperumc.org/stephen-ministry

GROW

GATHER & GROW

Take the Next Step in Your Faith Journey

We invite you to discover how engaging in a ministry can be the next transformative step in your faith journey. Moving beyond attending Sunday services, joining a ministry offers a unique opportunity to cultivate deeper relationships, not just with fellow believers but also with God. These are not merely activities but avenues for spiritual growth, where through service, study, and shared purpose, you can deepen your understanding of the Bible, strengthen your prayer life, and truly put your faith into action.

Visit the tables in the Commons to learn more or fill out the form at prosperumc.org/gathergrow

DISCIPLE I: FAST TRACK

Starts Sept. 16th

This 12-week study immerses you in the Old Testament.

Meets Wed. nights, 6:30-7:45pm, room 109. Starting Sept. 16th

Led by Ron Worley & Larry Johnson

Register at prosperumc.org/d1

UNITED METHODISM 101

Starts Sept. 16th

Engage in interactive dialogue and seek a deeper understanding of God, church, and our life in covenant together.

Meets Wed. nights, 7-8pm, room 140. 8-week study begins Sept. 16th.

Led by Pastor Silvia

Register at prosperumc.org/um101

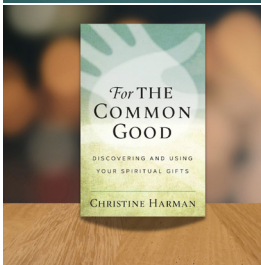
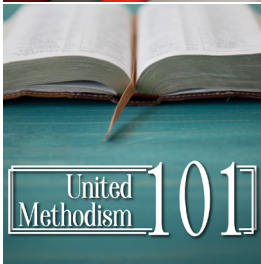
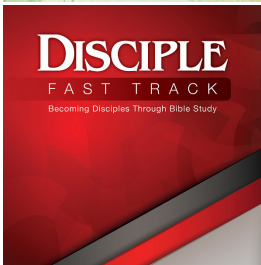
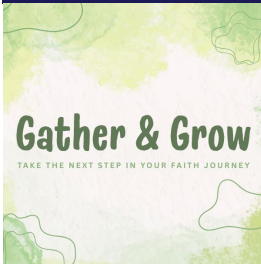
DISCOVER HOW GOD HAS UNIQUELY GIFTED YOU

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; When: Sat., Sept. 12 & Sat., Sept. 19, 9:30am-noon and 1:00-3:30pm

Learn more at prosperumc.org/spiritualgifts





3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Sunday, Sept. 13th

Have a child in 3rd (or 4th) grade this year? Let us know if he/she would like to receive a bible at the Bible Presentation on Sunday, Sept. 13th in worship. Children are also encouraged to attend Camp Bible on September 19th & 20th at Bridgeport Camp & Conference Center.

Submit names at prosperumc.org/bible



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CONFIRMATION CLASS

Starts Sept. 13th

Confirmation is for youth in the 7th grade or above who want to learn about the meaning of Christian faith, the history and teachings of the United Methodist Church, and an explanation of the baptismal and membership vows. Classes begin September 13th.

Class will meet throughout the school year on Sundays, 9:45am in room 153.

Learn more at prosperumc.org/confirmation

ACTION



MEALS FOR YOUTH GROUP

Part of our Sunday evening youth group involves meals from our church families! Each week we are looking for either the entire meal or part of a meal to be donated to the youth group.

Sign up at prosperumc.org/youth



JOIN THE AV TEAM

The Audio Visual Team is looking for helpers. No experience needed!

Connect with Jonah at avtech@prosperumc.org to learn more.



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. **Deadline is Sunday, Sept. 13th**



The Staff-Parish Relations Team is very excited to introduce you to Kim Zenyuch, our new Director of Family Ministries!

Kim comes to us with over 20 years of experience in education, most recently as a 504 coordinator and MTSS leader in Plano ISD, as well as a curriculum writer and instructional coach for Kids' MusicRound, an early childhood music and movement company. She is in the process of transitioning out of her current ISD role and volunteer work at her home church before fully landing and starting with us Tuesday, September 8th.

Kim grew up hearing variations of God loves you, and so do I, and she has made it her life's work to spread this message to everyone she meets. She has responded to God's call to ministry through her work in

Sunday Morning Welcoming and volunteering at First UMC Richardson and is delighted to follow that call to Prosper UMC.

Kim and her son Aiden enjoy reading, playing board games, swimming, and exploring. Their favorite find has been Jekyll Island, GA, which is now their favorite travel destination. While Kim's extended family may not live in Texas, they can frequently be spotted visiting virtually or in person.

We all know that Jon has been doing a fantastic job holding things together for Family Ministries these last several months. SPR is so excited to bring the talent and passion of both of these Jesus-lovin'-servants to this vital ministry with children and youth. We have no doubt that they will be an amazing team and the lives of young people will be forever changed by the love and direction they will receive.

Kim gets started Tuesday, Sept. 8th. If you have any questions or just want to extend a welcome, her email is kimz@prosperumc.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS
OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Summer Suns Are Glowing, arr. by Norian
Stand Up and Bless the Lord, arr. by Russell

Eric Breon (8:30)
Joyful Noise (11:00)

OPENING HYMN

Come With Joy

UMH# 617

PASSING THE PEACE

MORNING PRAYER

Ron Worley (8:30)
Gloria Ashby (11:00)

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30)

Stand Up and Bless the Lord, arr. by Russell

Kaela Vance

MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:25-32

Pastor Silvia

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

For the Bread Which You Have Broken
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast
Let Us Break Bread Together

UMH# 614

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INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

CLOSING HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH# 121

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God, arr. by Phemister

Eric Breon

Acolyte: Alex Denzer

Communion Servers: Gloria & Jim Ashby, Brooke & Peyton Dekker, Karla & Brian Laing

ESTATE PLANNING & CHARITABLE GIVING SEMINAR Monday, October 5th

Create a roadmap that honors your beliefs and values, prepares your estate plan, and impacts your community.

Presented by the Texas Methodist Foundation

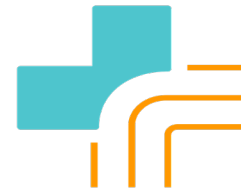
There are 2 options for this free resource:

- 9:30am
- 6pm (childcare available)

Register at prosperumc.org/tmf



The Gathering UMC is excited to finally be worshipping in their new space at 817 S. Interurban, Anna on Sundays at 10:15am. Please encourage friends in the Anna area to visit them, too.



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A CHURCH WITH ROOM FOR ALL

Learn more at thegatheringanna.com

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.

Elaine Beck
Judy Pehl
Family of David Rice
Lisa Besch
Susan Stewart

Dick Smith
Charlotte Larson
Steve Moreland
Peace in the Middle East
Peace in Ukraine

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PRAYING TREE
Prosper UMC

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

BIBLE BASICS - 3RD GRADE SMALL GROUP • 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 12:30-1:30PM **STARTS OCT. 11TH

COMMON GROUND - 4TH & 5TH GRADE SMALL GROUP • 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 4-5:30PM **STARTS OCT. 11TH

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

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