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# BACK TO SCHOOL



## Youth Family Cookout Sunday, Aug 10th, 5pm

Families are invited to a fun and relaxing cookout to connect, chat, and enjoy delicious food together. Learn more about youth ministry and what we have planned for the fall.



As summer winds down and the school year begins, our local schools once again become vibrant centers of learning, growth, and challenge. 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.



## Children's 11am Sunday School

Every Sunday in August will have a fun event during the 11:00am Sunday School hour for Children's Ministry.  
8/10 - Promotion Sunday Celebration  
8/17 - Game Day



## Youth Group Sundays @ 5pm

As we get in the swing of a new school year, we have some fun events planned for Sunday nights from 5-7pm.  
8/10 - Family Cookout  
8/17 - Game Tournament

## ACOLYTE & COMMUNION STEWARD TRAINING

**Sunday, August 17th, 12pm**

As the new school year begins, we like to give the opportunity to the children & youth of the church to participate and learn about worship. Meets in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 17th following worship. Acolytes bring in the light of Christ and take it back out into the world during Worship services. This opportunity to serve is open to students grades 1st-5th. Communion Stewards help with communion in the 11am service on the first Sunday of the month. Communion Stewards will assist the pastors & servers with communion. This opportunity to serve is open to students grades 6th-12th.

Questions? Contact [Pastor Kellie](#)

## THRIVING SUNDAY MORNING GROUP BEGIN NEW STUDY

**Sundays @ 9:45am**

*Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World* by Max Lucado. Does the uncertainty and chaos of life keep you up at night? Is irrational anxiety your constant companion? Let God help you win the war on worry and receive the lasting peace of Christ.

Thriving meets every Sunday at 9:45am in room 108.

Learn more at [prosperumc.org/thriving](http://prosperumc.org/thriving)

## BACK TO CHURCH CELEBRATION

**Sunday, August 24th, 12pm**

As the summer break comes to a close and a new school year has begun, we would like to invite you to a church-wide gathering after worship. We'll be serving brisket & pulled pork. Sign up to bring a side or dessert at the table in the Commons.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*, arr. by Fritchie Michael Hirsch, bassoon

OPENING PRAYER

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH# 881

GLORIA PATRI UMH# 70

PASSING THE PEACE

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

MORNING PRAYER  
LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *Mvmt. 2 of Bassoon Concerto*, by von Weber Michael Hirsch, bassoon

MESSAGE Let's Be 5 & 2 People! Pastor Jason  
SCRIPTURE Mark 6:31-42

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

CLOSING HYMN *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* UMH# 138

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*, arr. by Fritchie Michael Hirsch, bassoon

Acolytes: Emma VanderHaar



It is with mixed emotions that we share the news that Jamie Herrington, our Assistant Director of Family Ministries, is stepping down. Thankfully, she is not going far; she will be back in the classroom with PUMP (Prosper United Methodist Preschool) this school year. While we will enjoy seeing her with all the cute toddlers, we will greatly miss her touch with Family Ministries. We have so appreciated her hard work these last two years and count it a blessing that she came alongside Jenn Brown to help kids from nursery to graduating seniors draw closer to Jesus.

The Staff-Parish Relations (SPR) Team is already hard at work. The opening will be posted today on our website and on various job boards. We are already praying for the candidates and the one who will be our next Assistant Director of Family Ministries. Thankfully, Family Ministries is supported by wonderful people and already has exciting plans in the works for this Fall. It's our turn as the church to rally around them for the sake of these students. If you would like to help in the interim, I know Jenn would love to hear from you ([jenn@prosperumc.org](mailto:jenn@prosperumc.org)).

This Sunday will be Jamie's last on staff; so, SPR is hosting a "Thank You Line" after the 11:00 service. We'll have cupcakes and a chance to tell Jamie thank you and "see you next week." Notes can also be sent to the church office (1801 Lanier Way, Prosper, TX 75078), and we'll help deliver. Let's help her know how much we've appreciated her ministry these last two years! Remember that we are a resilient church with a vision and purpose that transcends the bumps and bruises along the way! Even when it is not our plan, we celebrate and rejoice in the accomplishments of those we love! I am confident and sure there are many victories ahead as we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We can do this! Thanks be to God.

Grace and peace,  
- Jason



## CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION OPEN

**Meets Sundays, 9:45am**

Confirmands are youth in the 7th grade or above who 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 they will be professing. Classes begin September 7th.

Register at [prosperumc.org/confirmation](https://prosperumc.org/confirmation)



## ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR YOUTH COUNCIL

**Due Wednesday, September 3rd**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2025-26 Youth Council. Applications are due by Wednesday, September 3rd. Officer positions: Administrative Chair, Missions Chair, Leadership Development Chair, Communications Chair, Discipleship Chair

Learn more at [prosperumc.org/youthcouncil](https://prosperumc.org/youthcouncil)



## JOIN THE ESL TEAM

**Meets Tuesdays, 6:30pm**

ESL classes begin on August 26th. The program (& need!) continues to grow and so does the need for teachers, aides and greeters. No foreign language skills are needed! ESL has very small class sizes, 1-4 students. So the volunteers work in small groups. The work is personal and relational. Volunteer training on Tuesday, August 5th, 6:30pm.

Learn more at [prosperumc.org/esl](https://prosperumc.org/esl)



## FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Are you passionate about nurturing young minds and helping them grow in their faith? We are looking for dedicated adults to join our Family Ministry Sunday School team! This is a wonderful opportunity to make a meaningful impact in the lives of our children & youth by guiding them through their spiritual journey. Join us in making a difference.

Learn more at [prosperumc.org/fallss](https://prosperumc.org/fallss)

## 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.

Dick Smith  
Brett Smith  
Sherri Williams  
Eddy Henry  
Family of Trent Wilson  
Vicky Trumbull  
Janice Eiler

Kevin Rodriguez  
Families affected by Hill Country flooding  
Ralph Armstrong  
Former students of Connie Layman  
Pastor Kellie and Family of Connie Judd  
Peace in Israel  
Peace in Ukraine

Interested in joining the Praying Tree?  
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## DID YOU KNOW?

### A New UM Church Plant in Anna

The Gathering Anna is a United Methodist church plant that is forming in Anna. PUMC is providing some administrative support to The Gathering as they work towards their new location & building. For example, Jane Russell is volunteering to help them to develop their bookkeeping system.

Know someone in the Anna area that is seeking a new church? Send them to The Gathering!

Follow their progress at [thegatheringanna.com](http://thegatheringanna.com)

## BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** - CHILDREN UP TO 5TH GRADE • VISIT [PROSPERUMC.ORG/CHILDREN](http://PROSPERUMC.ORG/CHILDREN) FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, [JENN@PROSPERUMC.ORG](mailto:JENN@PROSPERUMC.ORG)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - 9:45AM & 11AM

**COMMON GROUND** - 4TH & 5TH GRADE SMALL GROUP • 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 4-5:30PM, RESUMES SEPT. 7TH

**YOUTH MINISTRY** - GRADES 6-12 • VISIT [PROSPERUMC.ORG/YOUTH](http://PROSPERUMC.ORG/YOUTH) FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, [YOUTH@PROSPERUMC.ORG](mailto:YOUTH@PROSPERUMC.ORG)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - 9:45AM

**CONFIRMATION** - 7TH GRADE & UP • SUNDAYS @ 9:45AM, RESUMES SEPT. 7TH

**YOUTH GROUP** - SUNDAYS @ 5PM, RESUMES SEPT. 7TH

**ADULT MINISTRY** - VISIT [PROSPERUMC.ORG/ADULT](http://PROSPERUMC.ORG/ADULT) FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, [PASTORKELLIE@PROSPERUMC.ORG](mailto:PASTORKELLIE@PROSPERUMC.ORG)

**FAITHBUILDERS & JOURNEY**- SUNDAY MORNING GROUP @ 9:45AM, ROOM 149

**THE SEEKERS** - SUNDAY MORNING GROUP@ 9:45AM, ROOM 157

**THRIVING:NEXT GEN HEARTS** - SUNDAY MORNING GROUP@ 9:45AM, ROOM 108

**THIRST TO THRIVE** - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, TUESDAY @ 9AM, ROOM 149 OR WEDNESDAY @ 6:30PM, ROOM 108

**TRUE GRIT** - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, WEDNESDAYS @ 11:45AM

**METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - 1ST MONDAYS @ 6:30PM

**MUSIC MINISTRY** - VISIT [PROSPERUMC.ORG/MUSIC](http://PROSPERUMC.ORG/MUSIC) FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, [MUSIC@PROSPERUMC.ORG](mailto:MUSIC@PROSPERUMC.ORG)

**CHANCEL CHOIR** - REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAYS @ 6:45PM, SANCTUARY

**JOYFUL NOISE** - CHILDREN'S CHOIR, KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE • SUNDAYS @ 9:45AM, RESUMES SEPTEMBER 7TH

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