



He longed to eat his fill
from what the pigs ate, but
no one gave him anything.

Luke 15:16

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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 16th – Color Wars, 5-6:30pm
- August 23rd - Mystery Event, 5-7pm
- August 30th– Pool Party, 3-5pm

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



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



JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Wednesdays, 6:45pm, Sanctuary

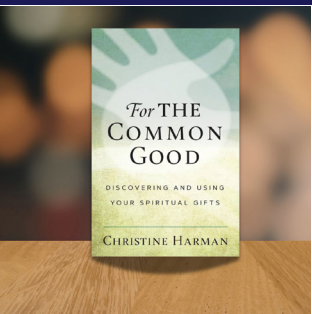
The Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals this Wednesday and welcomes all who wish to serve and honor God through singing.

Interested? Join us on Wednesday nights!

Rehearsals located in the Choir Room located behind where the pastors sit.

For more information, email Kathryn Zetterstrom at music@prosperumc.org

GROW



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

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ACOLYTE & COMMUNION STEWARD TRAINING

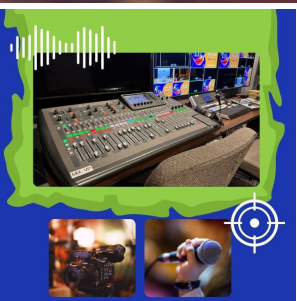
Sunday, August 23rd, 12:15pm

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.

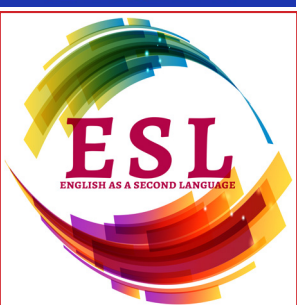
Questions? Contact [Pastor Silvia](#)



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 TRAINING

THIS SUNDAY, 12:30PM, ROOM 149

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? Drop by the training this Sunday. 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.

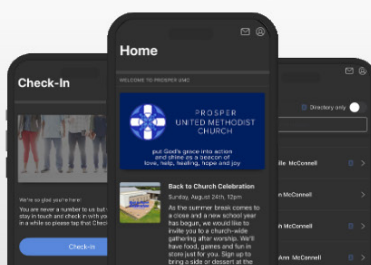
The donation rack is located near the west entrance.

The August Communion Rail Offering received \$1665 for Direction 61:3. Along with a match of \$1000 from Mission & Outreach, Direction 61:3 will receive \$2665 to walk alongside older foster and aged out youth and provide a network of support as they transition to become vibrantly independent young adults. Your generosity makes a difference!



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Come, Ye Disconsolate*, arr. by Kaiser Eric Breon

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast* UMH# 339

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30) UMH# 883

GLORIA PATRI (8:30) UMH# 70

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Mike Lish

CELEBRATING BAPTISM (11:00) Auston Alfred Wallace Owen
Mia Sophie Stewart Owen

MORNING PRAYER
& LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Prodigal Son - Prelude*, by Debussy Eric Breon

MESSAGE
SCRIPTURE Luke 15:14-16 Pastor Silvia

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

CLOSING HYMN *The Repenting Prodigal*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God of Grace and God of Glory*, arr. by Robertson Eric Breon

Acolyte: Alex Denzer

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WORSHIP LAUNCHES

AUGUST 23, 2026
10:15 AM
817 S. INTERURBAN STREET
ANNA, TX 75409
WWW.THEGATHERINGANNA.COM

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.

Charlotte Larson
Steve Moreland
Teddy Jakubik

Dennis LaVergne
Vasher Lawson
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

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Jason McConnell, Senior Pastor
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