

August 2, 2026



When God began to create
the heavens and the earth

Genesis 1:1

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COLTER



ANNA



EVERETT



JOSIAH



KAYLA



LOCHLYN



MIKEY

WELCOME TO THE FLOCK!

This week, our secret flockers delivered a surprise to rising 6th graders to welcome them to the youth ministry.

There's more to come!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

bring your backpack to worship



Covering Our Schools in Prayer



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 9th

Join us for a day of celebration for the beginning of a new school year. During worship services, students are invited to come forward with their backpack to be blessed and to receive a special gift.

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

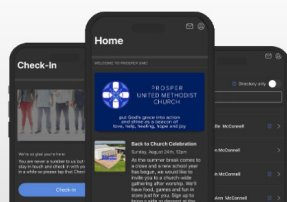
Sunday, August 30th, 12:15pm

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

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GROW



SUNDAY FUNDAY YOUTH EVENTS

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!

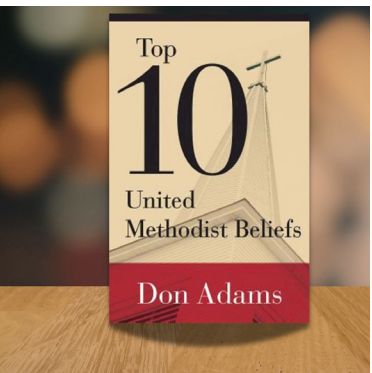


PROMOTION SUNDAY

August 9th

They're growing up fast! On August 9th, we will promote our kids to their new Sunday School grades for the year. New classrooms are:

- Preschool - room 135
- Kinder & 1st - room 137
- 2nd & 3rd - room 145
- 4th & 5th - room 147 for Breakfast Club
- Nursery - room 134



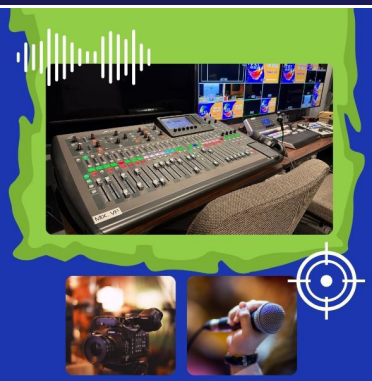
NEW STUDY IN SEASONS WOMENS GROUP

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

ACTION



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

When adults move to a new country or navigate a new language, they face immediate hurdles in everyday tasks like reading medical instructions, helping their children with homework, or advancing their careers. **By stepping up to assist, you become a bridge to their independence.**

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Let Us Break Bread Together*, arr. by Ferreira Veronica Stamm, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN *O God Who Shaped Creation* UMH# 443

PASSING THE PEACE

APPRECIATING EDUCATORS & ISD SUPPORT

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *Immortal, Invisible*, arr. by Holcombe Veronica Stamm, flute

MESSAGE Mid-glissando Pastor Jason
SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1; 1 Kings 19:11-13; Philippians 1:6

HOLY COMMUNION
COMMUNION HYMNS *Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh On Me* UMH# 393
Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast UMH# 616
For the Bread Which You Have Broken UMH# 614

INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

CLOSING HYMN *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* UMH# 142

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Sonata for Flute and Piano*, by Donizetti Veronica Stamm, flute

Communion Servers: Christi & Bruce Kimme, Julie & Bill Wiley, Kelli & Douglas Lowe
Communion Steward: Keegan Hancock

SEEKING DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

Prosper UMC is seeking a Director of Family Ministries. The Director of Family Ministries (DFM) is the hands-on leader of PUMC's efforts to fulfill our commitment to the faith formation of our children and youth.

Know someone who could be a great fit? Share with friends and on social media!

Learn more on the app or at www.prosperumc.org/job-openings



THE GATHERING
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 less than a month from weekly 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!

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Pastor Dallen



Follow their progress 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.

Vasher Lawson
Alyssa & Jack Musoke
Ronnie Johnson
Lisa Glavan

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 **ON BREAK FOR SUMMER

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Jason McConnell, Senior Pastor
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