

August 23, 2026



“Father, I have sinned
against heaven and
against you.”

Luke 15:18b



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BELONG



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 resumed rehearsals 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



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 23rd - Boys vs. Girls Games, 5-7pm

- August 30th— Pool Party, 3-5pm

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

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



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

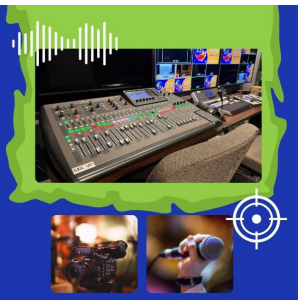
This Sunday, 12:15pm

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.



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

MEET YOUR STEPHEN MINISTERS

In the coming weeks, we will be highlighting Stephen Ministers of Prosper UMC. Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.



AL BELL

“ *I have been a member of PUMC for about one year. My spouse Dee and I joined the congregation to strengthen our faith by worshiping and working with a group of like-minded people. PUMC provides this, and as a bonus is the friendliest church we have ever attended!*

I retired from JC Penney after 35 years of service in Texas, Louisiana and Colorado. Dee and I have a total of 4 daughters and 8 grandchildren, most of whom are in the local area and all are in Texas.

I am a newly commissioned Stephen Minister who chose this ministry because I believe standing with someone who is experiencing a life crisis is exactly what God intended when he commanded us to love one another. Serving in this manner not only benefits the person feeling pain but strengthens the faith of the Stephen Minister. Ongoing

education as well as interaction with other Stephen Ministers, is a huge positive in this ministry work. What a wonderful group of people to be a part of! **”**

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, arr. by Williams Robin Brockway-Nichols

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* UMH# 381

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Union Creed

GLORIA PATRI UMH# 70

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Carol Surplus

MORNING PRAYER
& LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *Song of the Wanderer*, by Forrest Kathryn Zetterstrom

MESSAGE
SCRIPTURE Luke 15:17-20a Pastor Jason

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

CLOSING HYMN *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* UMH# 348

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stamd* arr. by Berry Robin Brockway-Nichols

Acolyte: Gavin Pape



CELEBRATING the BAPTISM of

Mia Owen & Auston Owen

August 16, 2026

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)

 This Sunday is our 1st time worshipping in our new space! Please be in prayer for us as we get ready to enter into a new season! Please encourage friends in the Anna area to visit us too.
Pastor Dallen



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[com](http://progressat.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.

Dick Smith
Charlotte Larson
Steve Moreland
Teddy Jakubik

Dennis LaVergne
Vasher Lawson
Peace in the Middle East
Peace in Ukraine

Interested in joining the Praying Tree?
Subscribe at prosperumc.org/prayingtree



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

STAFF

Jason McConnell, Senior Pastor
Jon Slimack, Asst. Dir. of Family Ministries
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Kaela Vance, Dir. of Children's Choir
Jonah McConnell, A/V Technician
Eric Breon, Pianist

Silvia Wang, Associate Pastor
Sharon Boswell, Dir. of Communications & Office Admin
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Jennifer Steckel, Bookkeeper
Luis Rodriguez, Custodian