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Merry Christmas!

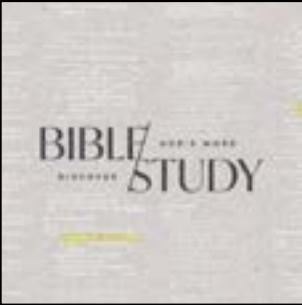


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GIVE THE GIFT OF COMPASSION

This year's Alternative Giving Tree will be helping World Vision. World Vision partners with children and families all over the world to help lift them out of poverty. With a donation of \$25 or more, your gift will help provide chickens, ducks, goats, clean water, wells or care kits to help people in the US and all over the world. The ornaments adorning the tree have been purchased from a fair trade store. This keepsake, received with your donation, can serve as a unique gift to a family or friend in lieu of a traditional Christmas gift. The tree is located in the Commons with instructions on how to participate.

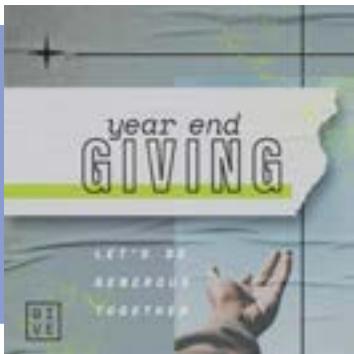


NEW YEAR...NEW STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

We are offering several new studies beginning in January:

- ***A Disciple's Path*** by Harnish & LaRosa, led by Larry Johnson & Ron Worley, begins Wed., Jan 21st, 6:30pm
- ***Called*** by Susan Robb, led by Gloria Ashby, begins Wed., Jan. 21st, 6:30pm
- ***Don't Look Back*** by Christine Cain, led by Aubrey Kennedy, begins Tues., Jan. 6th, 11:30am
- ***Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*** by Joanna Weaver, led by Ellen Mainiero, begins Tues., Jan. 6th, 6:30pm
- ***SONshine Bible Study*** - A local community member, Jon Banks, will be using our facility for a local bible study. This is open to anyone who would like to participate. Jon describes this community Bible study as a space for open Scripture exploration beyond denominational boundaries. Begins January 8, 2026 @ 6:00pm

Learn more at prosperumc.org/adult



As the year comes to a close, we hope that you will consider Prosper UMC in your generosity. More information can be found on giving at prosperumc.org/give.

If giving by check, checks dated by 12/31/25 will appear on your 2025 Giving Statement. If dropping off between Christmas Day & New Years, please drop in secure mailbox at parking lot entrance.

MIDWINTER 2026

**ASK
SEEK
KNOCK**
MATTHEW 22:9

MIDWINTER RETREAT

January 23rd-25th

Midwinter is a retreat led by and for grades 6-12 students within the North Texas Conference. Our Conference Youth Leadership participants plan everything from the theme to the games and activities that we will participate in. They will also lead throughout the MidWinter Camp weekends, sharing prayers, testimonies, and much more.

Learn more at prosperumc.org/midwinter

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Sermon Series • January 18th - February 8th

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *O Holy Night*, arr. by Cook Leonard Hayes, guest pianist

OPENING HYMN *Joy to the World*, v. 1, 2 & 4 UMH# 246

OPENING PRAYER

CAROL-SING-A-LONG *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, v. 1, 3 & 6 UMH# 234
Angels We Have Heard on High, v. 1 & 3 UMH# 238

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-20

CAROL-SING-A-LONG *Away in the Manger* UMH# 217
What Child Is This, v. 1 UMH# 219

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

CAROL-SING-A-LONG *Good Christian Friends Rejoice*, v. 1 & 2 UMH# 224
O Little Town of Bethlehem, v. 1 & 4 UMH# 230

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC *In the Bleak Midwinter*, arr. by Cook Leonard Hayes, guest pianist

INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

CLOSING HYMN *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*, by Mendelssohn Leonard Hayes, guest pianist

Acolytes: Blair Brown



ONE SERVICE SUNDAY

Sunday, January 4th, 11am

We will have only one Sunday morning service on the Sunday following New Years. It will be a casual service with carols.

In addition, please note that we will not meet for Sunday School during the 9:45am or 11am hours.

The December Communion Rail Offering collected \$2603. Along with a match of \$500 from Mission & Outreach, Homeward Bound will receive \$3103 to promote the development of positive behavior, health, and independence for individuals and families caught up in the cycles of substance abuse and addiction, criminal behavior, and mental illness.. Your generosity makes a difference!



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.

David Garner
Family of Jacob Mason
Cole Robbins
Patsy Snider
Family of Arlene Kruse

Alan Larson
Swenson Kreger
Christians in Nigeria
Peace in Israel
Peace in Ukraine

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.



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

THE GATHERING
A CHURCH WITH ROOM FOR ALL

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - CHILDREN UP TO 5TH GRADE • VISIT PROSPERUMC.ORG/CHILDREN FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, JENN@PROSPERUMC.ORG

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM & 11AM

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

YOUTH MINISTRY - GRADES 6-12 • VISIT PROSPERUMC.ORG/YOUTH FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, YOUTH@PROSPERUMC.ORG

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45AM

CONFIRMATION - 7TH GRADE & UP • SUNDAYS @ 9:45AM

YOUTH GROUP - SUNDAYS @ 5PM

ADULT MINISTRY - VISIT PROSPERUMC.ORG/ADULT FOR DETAILS • TO CONNECT, PASTORKELLIE@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

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

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](#)
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[Kaela Vance, Dir. of Children's Choir](#)
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