



GRAPETINE

*Water, River,
Spirit, Grace,
sweep over me!*

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WELCOME!

With the start of this new year, there are annual transitions that are made. Within the church, one such transition is the changing of the guard. Each year, there are individuals who are elected into key leadership positions. The names listed will work alongside the staff, leaders and pastors in valuable decision making, numerous meetings, and countless discussions of actions behind the scenes that will help make ministry possible through Prosper UMC. Today, we share these names in hopes that you will help us thank them profusely for their gracious gift of time, attention and discernment across their tenure. In the coming weeks, the elected committee members will come together for a presentation to prepare them for the year ahead.

Please help us to thank them ahead of time for the time.

Administrative Council: Jen Lawler*, Eric Smith, Garon Bruce, Doyle Eiler, Gloria Ashby, Brett Smith, Jane Russell, Scott Surplus, Emma Hirsch, Misty Standifer, Don Kerr, Lindsey Pennington & Anne Kunde

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Staff Parish Relations: Brett Smith*, Hila Cartwright, Yoon Smith, Michael Payne, Larry Johnson, Ellen Mainiero, John Anstedt, Bill Wiley, Norm Beck, & Gloria Ashby

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Mission & Outreach: Don Kerr*, Stephen Rogers, Brenda Mueller, Amy Barley, Andy Cartwright, Cathy Daniels, Ryan Marzec, Bruce Mueller, Marissa Wall, & Gloria Ashby

* denotes team chairperson

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2025 GIVING STATEMENTS

Statements can now be downloaded at prosperumc.shelbynextchms.com. If you have not yet set up a Shelby account, contact [Sharon Boswell](#) to get started. Follow the step-by-step instructions provided below. If you would prefer a printed statement or have questions, contact [Jennifer Steckel](#).

1.) Sign on to your Shelby account. 2.) Select *Giving* from top bar. 3.) Select *Statement* 4.) Select *Last Calendar Year* from the box and click Next. 5.) Choose *Download PDF* or *Email Statement* and Confirm. If you select *Email Statement*, the email will be sent to the email address in your profile.



FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Wednesday, January 28th, 6pm

Take a break from making dinner and spend some time getting to know each other. Bring the entire family for an evening of food and fun. See you then!

- Learn about Events
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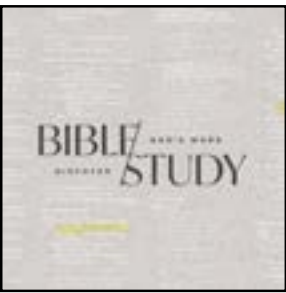
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GROW



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
- ***Unhurried*** led by Pastor Kellie. A 4-week small group focusing on slowing down, releasing the grip of hurry and learning to live more fully unhurried. Begins Wednesday, Jan. 21st, 6:30pm.
- ***Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*** by Joanna Weaver, led by Ellen Mainiero, Tuesdays, 6:30pm

Learn more at prosperumc.org/adult



SUMMER CAMP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 11th, 12pm

Current 3rd - 5th grade families it is time to talk about Camp Bridgeport! Come learn about camp, get the dates and registration info. We will meet in room 149. Come ask ALL the questions you want!



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



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration for Bridgeport Summer Camps is now open. This summer, we are encouraging students to attend the JH/SH Mixed 2 camp for students completing grades 6-12 on June 29th-July 3rd and the Children's 1 camp for students completing grades 3-5 on July 6th-10th.

These camps usually fill up fast. Early Bird discounts are available through January 31st and a \$50 deposit guarantees a spot at camp.

Learn more at bridgeportcamp.org

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Sermon Series • January 18th - February 8th

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Deep River*, arr. by Diemer Eric Breon

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN *Baptized in Water* FWS# 2248

PASSING THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00) Carol Surplus

MORNING PRAYER
& LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM
SPECIAL MUSIC *Down to the River to Pray*, arr. by Althouse Kaela Vance
SUNG RESPONSE *Water, Rive, Spirit, Grace* FWS# 2253

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)
CELEBRATING BAPTISM (11:00)
SPECIAL MUSIC Alden John & Reagan Caroline Birek
The Lord Came Down to the River Kathryn Zetterstrom

MESSAGE
SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:32-33 Pastor Jason

INVITATION TO FOLLOW JESUS

CLOSING HYMN *Go To The World* W&S# 3158

BENEDICTION Wesleyan Covenant Prayer

POSTLUDE *I've Got Peace Like a River*, arr. by Hyes Eric Breon

Acolyte: Elaine Cardamone, Benjamin Vance

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.

Sandy Bowen
JoNell Carter
David Garner
Family of Jacob Mason
Cole Robbins

Patsy Snider
Family of Arlene Kruse
Alan Larson
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

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](#)
[Jenn Brown, Director of Family Ministries](#)
[Kathryn Zetterstrom, Director of Music](#)
[Kaela Vance, Dir. of Children's Choir](#)
[Jonah McConnell, A/V Technician](#)
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