<u>Be the Church:</u> Check out the ways to get involved below! Monday-Friday — Office Closed

Wednesday-5PM Christmas Eve Traditional Service Wednesday-7PM Christmas Eve Traditional Service with Communion

Wednesday-9PM Christmas Eve Cross Connections Service Wednesday-11PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study Sunday-10AM Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service

Be the Church:

Scan the QR code to see the upcoming events for next week! You can also download our app to keep up to date with events in the church!



MORTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Schedule:

• Traditional Service: 8:30 am

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Cross Connections: 10:45 am

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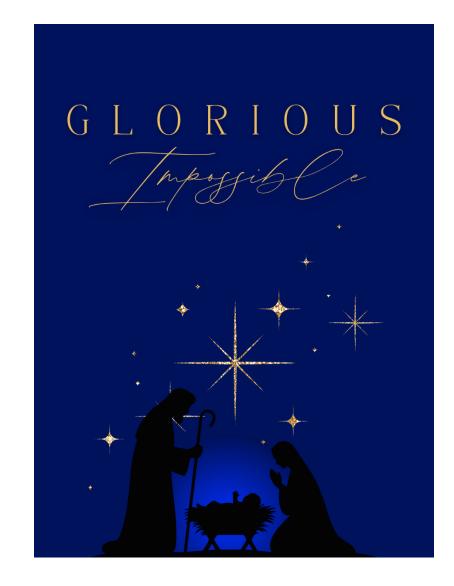
Welcome Visitors!
Stop by the Welcome Desk in the lobby to receive a Welcome Packet

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

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Sunday, December 21st, 2025

Announcements

Worship Service

8:30 a.m.

Sunday School

Today is the last day of Sunday School for 2025. It will resume on January 4th, 2026.

Christmas Eve Services

5pm – Traditional Christmas Eve Service 7pm – Traditional Christmas Eve Service with Communion 9pm – Christmas Eve Cross Connections Service 11pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve Offerings

The Christmas Eve Offering this year will be used to pay for Liberia spring semester nursing/midwife scholarships. Gifts may be made over the next 2-3 weeks. Please make checks payable to the church with a note that it's for "Liberia Scholarships".

Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service

There will only be one worship service on December 28th at 10am.

Wednesday Activities resume in January

Dinner Church, Family Ministry, Pastor Paul's Bible Study, and Pub Theology will resume on January 7th, 2026.

Pastor Paul's Bible Study

Pastor Paul will once again be holding Bible Study this winter/spring. It will be held Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm and Thursday mornings at 9:30am. We will be studying Acts. There is a flyer at the Welcome Desk with a description and schedule.

Volunteer at Community Harvest Food Pantry

Please consider volunteering at the food pantry on Saturday January 3rd. There is a 7:30am shift and a 9:15am shift.

There is a signup sheet at the Welcome Desk.

Ham Collection

The Methodist Men would like to thank the congregation for their generous donation of Christmas hams for Manna from Heaven. 76 hams were collected. Welcome/Announcements

December 21st, 2025

Prelude Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
Processional Hymn People, Look East
UMH 202 vs.4

Call to Worship (from 1 Timothy 6:15)*
L: To Him be honor and eternal dominion;

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: He who is the blessed and only sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords;

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: To Him be honor and eternal dominion.

Opening Hymn* O Come, All Ye Faithful
UMH 234

Advent Candle Lighting

Offertory

Doxology*

The Barrick Family

Noel, Grand Jeu et Duo

UMH 94

Christmas Cantata Glorious Impossible
New Testament Reading Hebrews 7:20-28
Gospel Reading* Matthew 2:1-16

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon "King and Priest – Eternal and True"

Pastor Paul Walles

Closing Hymn* Go, Tell It On the Mountain

UMH 251 vs.1-2

Benediction

Going Forth* Go, Tell It On the Mountain vs.3

Postlude

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 7:20-28

²⁰ And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, ²¹ but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him:

"The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever.""

²² This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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