

Be the Church: Check out the ways to get involved below!

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Today-3PM XYZ Winter Concert

Monday-6PM Trustees Meeting

Monday-7PM Ad Board Meeting

Monday-7PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-6:30PM Care Givers Support Network

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-9AM UWF Board Meeting

Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church

Wednesday-5:30PM XYZ Trip to the Barn III

Wednesday-6:30PM Family Ministry Night

Wednesday-6:30PM Pastor Paul's Bible Study

Thursday-8:30AM Quilters

Thursday-9:30AM Hannah Circle

Thursday-9:30AM Pastor Paul's Bible Study

Thursday-5:45PM Bells Practice

Thursday-6PM Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday-6:30PM Cantata Practice

Thursday-7PM Choir Practice

Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study

Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service

Sunday-9:45AM Sunday School (All Ages)

Sunday-10:45AM Cross Connections Worship

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!



WELCOME TO MORTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Sunday Schedule:

- Traditional Service: 8:30 am
- Sunday School: 9:45 am
- Cross Connections: 10:45 am

Contact us!

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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am –
4:00 pm

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MORTON
Methodist Church

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

Morton United Methodist Church Announcements

The Christmas Giving Tree

All Christmas Giving Tree gifts are due TODAY, **Sunday, December 3rd by 12pm.** Please place gifts with the tag securely attached in the appropriate box in the Gathering Area. Thank you to all who took tags and purchased gifts this year! Merry Christmas!

XYZ

XYZ will be heading to Orpheus Club Winter Concert to support Dale Hall today at 3pm. Please visit the Welcome Desk for more information. On Wednesday, Dec. 6th we will be going to the Barn III in for Dinner and a Show. RSVP already submitted.

Christmas Cantata

Mark your calendars! We will be having our Christmas Cantata Services on Sunday, December 17th at the Traditional Service (8:30am) with highlights given at the Cross Connections Service (10:45am).

Manna from Heaven

The Methodist Men are collecting hams to take to Manna from Heaven for Christmas. We are hoping to collect 110 hams. We will deliver the hams on Tuesday December 19th. Please put your hams in the church's walk-in refrigerator by **Monday December 18th.** Please see Lynn Losey if you have any questions.

The Ridge Paper Product Drive

The Ridge is in desperate need of paper products. Our church is partnering with other churches in the area to help and we have agreed to provide paper towels. There will be a tub in the gathering area to collect them. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Please contact Linda Clauser with any questions.

Worship Service

December 3rd, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Call to Worship*

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation.

People: *Whom shall we fear?*

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

People: *Of whom shall we be afraid?*

Leader: Wait for the Lord.

People: *We will be strong and take heart, as we wait for the Lord!*

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn*

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH 196

Advent Candle Lighting

Children's Time

Offertory

Come, Emmanuel

MUMC Choir

Doxology*

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 13:1-3,17-21,25-33

Gospel Reading*

Mark 1:1-8

Gloria Patri*

UMH 70

Sermon

"Proper Preparation"

Pastor Adam Penn

Communion

Closing Hymn*

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH 213 (vs. 1-3)

Benediction*

Refrain*

Verse 4 of *Lift Up Your Heads*

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

NIV

Numbers 13:1-3, 17-21, 25-33:

The LORD said to Moses, ²"Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders."³ So at the LORD's command Moses sent them out from the Desert of Paran. All of them were leaders of the Israelites.

¹⁷ When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, "Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. ¹⁸ See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. ¹⁹ What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified? ²⁰ How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land." (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.) ²¹ So they went up and explored the land from the Desert of Zin as far as Rehob, toward Lebo Hamath.

²⁵ At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land. ²⁶ They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷ They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸ But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. ²⁹ The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan."³⁰ Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."³¹ But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." ³² And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³ We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."