

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Monday-7PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday-10AM XYZ Game Day

Tuesday-6:30PM UWF Book Club

Tuesday-6:45 ICMA Practice

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-8:30AM Staff Lunch at Jack's

Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting

Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church

Wednesday-6:30PM Family Ministry Night

Wednesday-6:30PM Tech and Faith Course

Thursday-8:30AM Quilters

Thursday-6PM Bells Practice

Thursday-6PM Thursday Night Bible Study

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!



MORTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Schedule:

- Traditional Service: 8:30 am
- Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 am
- Cross Connections: 10:45 am

Contact us!

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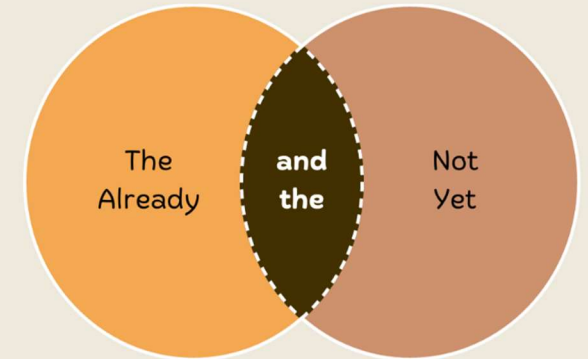
Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

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Between Two Worlds



The Stories of Joshua and the Writings of John



MORTON
Methodist Church

Sunday, January 21st, 2024

Morton Methodist Church Announcements

Technology and Faith Course

Join us on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM this Wednesday, January 17th for a course on Technology and Faith! The goal of this course is to help us see clearly the urgency of the times we are living in and navigate our tech-infused culture as followers of Jesus. Pastors Bill and Adam will be covering some hard-hitting topics such as the effect of social media and pornography usage, as well as providing practical tools and instruction around how to order our personal and family usage of technology in a God-honoring way.

XYZ

XYZ will be meeting at the church on Tuesday, January 23rd for a Game Day in the Gym! We will also have lunch here at the church.

Worship Service

January 21st, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Call to Worship*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: For His steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: Give thanks to Lord of lords,

People: For His steadfast love endures forever!

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn* *Come, Thou Almighty King*
UMH 61

Children's Time

Offertory *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*
MMC Choir

Doxology* UMH 94

Centering Hymn* *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
UMH 358 (v.1-3)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading Joshua 6:1-7

Gospel Reading* John 3:16-21

Gloria Patri* UMH 70

Sermon *"Obstacles in the Way"*
Pastor Bill Novak

Closing Hymn* *Shall We Gather at the River*
UMH 723

Benediction*

Refrain* Refrain of *Shall We Gather at the River*

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

NIV

Joshua 6:1-7:

Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in. ²Then the LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. ³March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. ⁴Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. ⁵When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in." ⁶So Joshua son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant of the LORD and have seven priests carry trumpets in front of it." ⁷And he ordered the army, "Advance! March around the city, with an armed guard going ahead of the ark of the LORD."

John 3:16-21:

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.