

Be the Church: Check out the ways to get involved below!
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church
Monday-10AM Lutheran Hillside Communion
Monday-6PM Transition Team Meeting
Tuesday-10AM XYZ Game Day
Tuesday-6:45PM ICMA Practice
Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice
Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group
Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting
Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church
Wednesday-6:30PM Family Ministry Night
Wednesday-6:30PM Pastor Paul's Bible Study
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters
Thursday-9:30AM Pastor Paul's Bible Study
Thursday-5:45PM Bells Practice
Thursday-6PM Thursday Night Bible Study
Thursday-7PM Choir Practice
Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study
Saturday-8:30AM Walk to Emmaus Group
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! There are printed schedules available
at the Welcome Desk for anyone who would like one!



**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

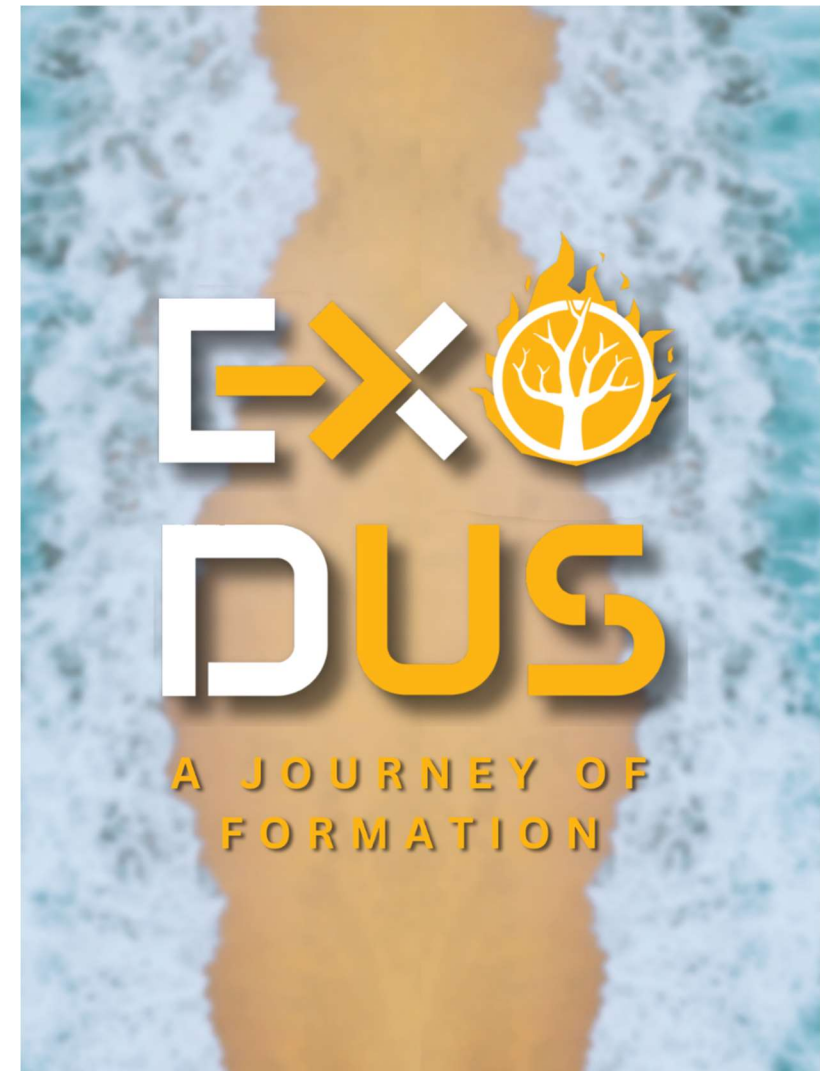
Contact us!

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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am –
4:00 pm

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**Morton United Methodist
Church**

Sunday, October 8th, 2023

Morton United Methodist Church Announcements

Convening Conference

As the next step in our disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church, we will be meeting on October 22nd at 1pm to go over the proposed bylaws for the new Morton Methodist Church. This will be followed by a question and answer session on October 29th at 1pm.

Finally, we will have our Convening Conference on November 5th at 1pm, where Professing Members who are present at the meeting will vote whether to approve the new bylaws.

Blood Drive

We are hosting a blood drive here at the church on October 24th from 1-6pm. Please consider donating to share a "slice" of life. We are currently in a National Blood Shortage. Appointments are available with the QR code provided, by calling the church office at (309) 266-7174, or by visiting our website.



Method Group Meeting

We will have a Method Group meeting on October 29th at 12PM for ALL Method Group participants. Lunch will be served. This event is open to anyone who is participating or would like to participate in a Method Group.

XYZ

XYZ will be having a game day in the gym on Tuesday at 10AM. We will play Mexican Trains and go out to lunch afterwards.

Men's Retreat

The United Methodist Men will be having a retreat to Meno Haven November 10th-12th. Sign up is available at the Welcome Desk. Please see Lynn Losey for details.

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Worship Service

October 8th, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
with Eine Kleine Nachtmusik - Allegro*

Call to Worship*

Leader: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name;

People: *Make known among the nations what he has done.*

Leader: Sing to Him, sing praise to Him;

People: *Tell of all His wonderful acts.*

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
UMH 384

Children's Time

Offertory

Standing on the Promises
MUMC Choir

Doxology*

UMH 94

Centering Hymn*

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
UMH 474

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 5:1-11,19-23,6:1

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 6:10-17

Gloria Patri*

UMH 70

Sermon

"Not Against Flesh and Blood"
Pastor Adam Penn

Closing Hymn*

Go Down, Moses
UMH 448 (v.1,3,4,11)

Benediction*

Refrain*

Refrain of *Go Down, Moses*

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

NIV

Exodus 5:1-11,19-23,6:1

Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.'"

² Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go."

³ Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, or he may strike us with plagues or with the sword."

⁴ But the king of Egypt said, "Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!" ⁵ Then Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working."

⁶ That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and overseers in charge of the people: ⁷ "You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. ⁸ But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don't reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God.' ⁹ Make the work harder for the people so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies."

¹⁰ Then the slave drivers and the overseers went out and said to the people, "This is what Pharaoh says: 'I will not give you any more straw. ¹¹ Go and get your own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all.'"

¹⁹ The Israelite overseers realized they were in trouble when they were told, "You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day." ²⁰ When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, ²¹ and they said, "May the LORD look on you and judge you! You have made us obnoxious to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us." ²² Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Why, Lord, why have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why you sent me? ²³ Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble on this people, and you have not rescued your people at all."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country."