

**Be the Church:** Check out the ways to get involved below!  
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church  
 Today-**1PM Prayer Session and Q&A**  
 Monday-11AM Restmor Communion  
 Monday-1PM Brandon Wood Communion  
 Monday-2PM Holly Brook Communion  
 Monday-5:30PM SPRC Meeting  
 Monday-6:30 Disaffiliation Team  
 Monday-7PM Ad Board  
 Monday-7PM Boy Scouts  
 Tuesday- 8:30AM Staff Meeting  
 Tuesday-10:30AM XYZ Movie Day  
 Tuesday-7PM Praise Team  
 Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group  
 Wednesday-6:30PM UMM Meeting  
 Thursday-8:30AM Quilters  
 Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study  
 Saturday-9AM Serving at Trinity Church  
 Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service  
 Sunday-**9:45AM Sunday School (All ages)**  
 Sunday-10:45AM Cross Connections Worship 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 the 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
- 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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## TRUE IDENTITY

GENESIS	ABRAHAM	Who are we? More importantly, whose are we? Let's trace connections between Genesis and Paul's letters to understand what it means to be God's people.	
COVENANT	GALATIANS		
PAUL	EPHESIANS		

**Morton United Methodist  
 Church**

Sunday, July 16th, 2023

## Morton United Methodist Church Announcements

### Sunday School

We are excited to announce that we will be beginning Sunday School again for *all ages* next Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:45am. A full list of classes and more details will be available shortly!

### Prayer Service and Q&A

Please join us for our next Prayer Session today, July 16th at 1pm. We are having a monthly prayer service followed by a listening session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month as we continue the process of exploring disaffiliation. Let us continue to come together, one in the Spirit, one in the Lord, simply to be in God's presence.

### Zion Tabernacle Meetings

Save the date! The 172<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tabernacle meetings are happening July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please pick up a flyer by the Welcome Desk for more information.

### Dishes in the Kitchen

If you brought a dish for VBS please check the kitchen for your dishes! We have several that need to be picked up!

### XYZ Activities

We will be having a movie day on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. We will be watching *The Fableman's* in the children's movie room.

## Worship Service

July 16th, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *Medley: Be Still, Seek, Lead Me*

Call to Worship\*

Leader: Incline your ear, O Lord;

**People: *Listen to the sounds of our praise.***

Leader: For you are great and do wonderful things;

**People: *You alone are God!***

Passing the Peace\*

Opening Hymn\* *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
UMH 400

Children's Time

Offertory

*Driving Nails*  
Lora Kober

Doxology\*

UMH 94

Centering Hymn\*

*Open My Eyes That I May See*  
UMH 454

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 21:1-7

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Gloria Patri\*

UMH 70

Sermon

*"Faithful Praise"*  
Pastor Bill Novak

Closing Hymn\*

*Nothing But the Blood*  
UMH 362

Benediction

Refrain\*

Refrain of *Nothing But the Blood*

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

## Scripture Reading

### Genesis 21:1-7 (NIV):

Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. <sup>2</sup> Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. <sup>3</sup> Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup> When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. <sup>5</sup> Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

<sup>6</sup> Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." <sup>7</sup> And she added, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

### Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV):

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.