

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Monday-6:30AM MMW Book Club

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-9:30AM Skeins of Love

Tuesday-10AM XYZ Game Day

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church

Wednesday-6:15PM Family Ministry

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

Wednesday-7PM Pub Theology

Thursday-8:30AM Quilters

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

Thursday-6PM Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday-7PM Choir Practice

Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday-8AM Walk and Talk

Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service

Sunday-9:45AM Sunday School

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: 9:45 am
- Cross Connections: 10:45 am

Contact us!

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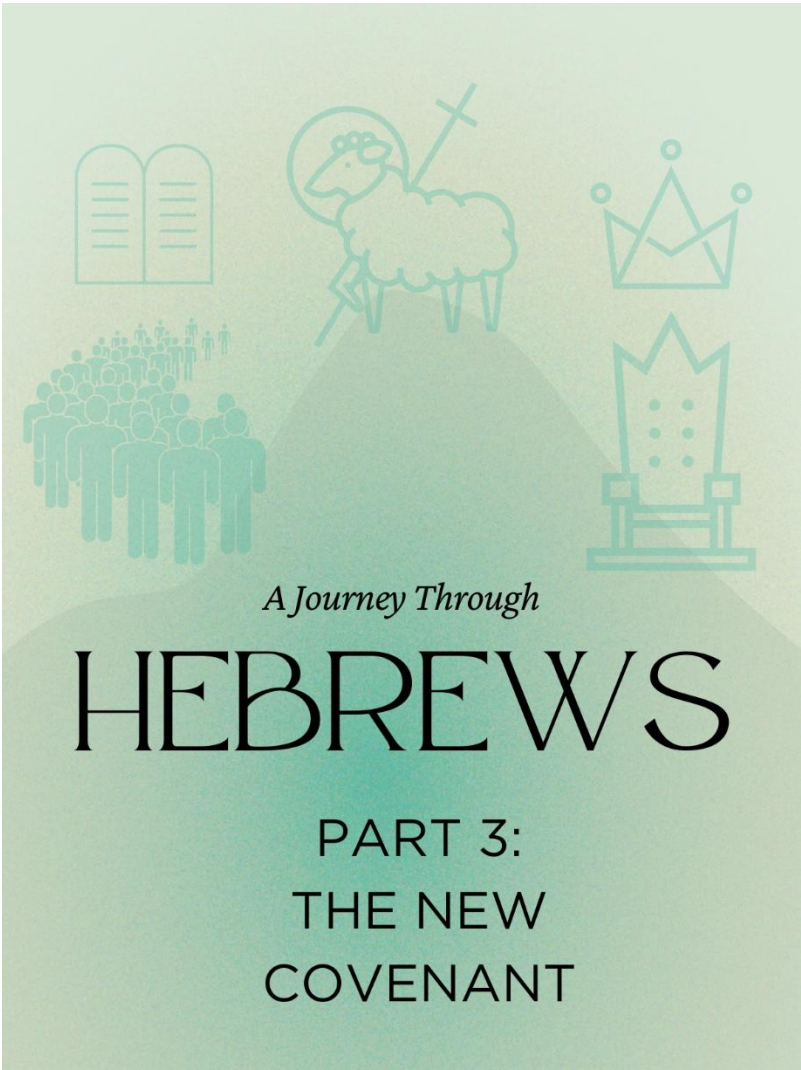
Welcome Visitors!

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

Office Hours:

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

For more information, or to download our church app, please scan the QR code below.



MORTON
Methodist Church

Sunday, January 25th, 2026

Announcements

A/V Update

Our audio/visual system upgrade has been completed in both the sanctuary and the gym. Thanks to those who have already donated towards our \$90,000 fundraising goal. To make a donation towards this project, checks may be made payable to the church with "A/V Upgrade" in the memo line.

Liberia Scholarship Offerings

Today is the last day we are taking offerings for Liberia spring semester nursing/midwife scholarships. Please make checks payable to the church with a note that it is for "Liberia Scholarships".

VBS Coordinators

We are looking for a team of 2-4 (or more) volunteers that would be willing to coordinate VBS this year. We are working to pare down the load so it won't be as much work for any one person. If interested/willing, please contact Pastor Bill at billn@mortonmethodist.org or (309)266-7174.

XYZ

On Tuesday, January 27th, XYZ will be having a Game Day at 10am followed by lunch at church.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive here at church on Monday, February 9th from 1-6pm. Contact the church office or use the link below to make an appointment.



Worship Service

January 25th, 2026 8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements	
Prelude	<i>Jesus Paid It All</i>
Call to Worship(from Psalm 50)*	
L: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth:	
P: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"	
L: The Lord speaks:	
P: "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving."	
All: We come to You, O Lord, in praise!	
Passing the Peace*	
Opening Hymn*	<i>Nothing But the Blood</i> UMH 362
Children's Moment	
Offertory	<i>The Power of the Cross</i> UMH 94
Doxology*	
Centering Hymn*	<i>Just as I Am, Without One Plea</i> UMH 357 vs.1,2&4
Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord's Prayer	
Epistle Reading	Hebrews 9:15-22
Old Testament Reading	Exodus 24
Gospel Reading*	John 19:28-37
Gloria Patri*UMH 70	
Sermon	<i>"A Covenant of Grace"</i> Pastor Bill Novak
Closing Hymn*	<i>Are You Washed in the Blood?</i> CH 330 vs.1-3
Benediction	
Going Forth*	<i>Are You Washed in the Blood?</i> vs.4
Postlude	

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 9:15-22

¹⁵ For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.
¹⁶ In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, ¹⁷ because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. ¹⁸ This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood. ¹⁹ When Moses had proclaimed every command of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. ²⁰ He said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep." ²¹ In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. ²² In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

John 19:28-37

The Death of Jesus

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
³¹ Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. ³² The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵ The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. ³⁶ These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," ³⁷ and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."