

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

**Monday-Manna From Heaven Hams Due**

**Monday-Poinsettia orders due**

Monday-11AM Restmor Communion

Monday-1PM Brandon Wood Communion

Monday-2PM Holly Brook Communion

Monday-7PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday-No XYZ Activities

Wednesday-6:30AM MMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-11:30AM Ruth Circle

Wednesday-6:30PM MMM Meeting

Thursday-8:30AM Quilters

Thursday-6PM Thursday Night Bible Study

Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study

Sunday-10AM Cookies and Carols Service

Sunday-5:30PM Traditional Candlelight Service

Sunday-9PM Cross Connections Candlelight Service

Sunday-11PM Candlelight Service

Monday-Friday-Office Closed – Merry Christmas!

**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!

Email: [info@mortonumc.org](mailto:info@mortonumc.org)

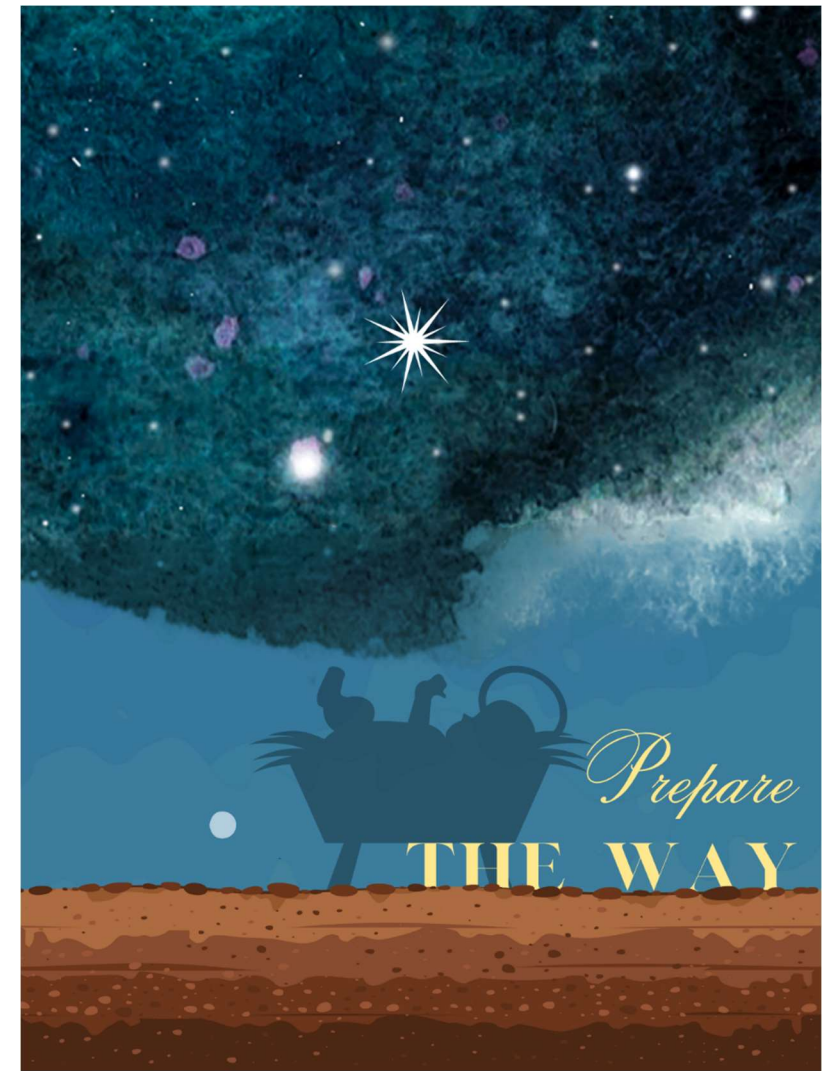
Phone: (309) 266-7174

Website: [www.mortonumc.org](http://www.mortonumc.org)

### Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

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**MORTON**  
Methodist Church

Sunday, December 17th, 2023

## Morton Methodist Church Announcements

### Opportunity to Serve

Midwest Food Bank is looking for volunteers to help pack boxes of food to send to needy families in Kentucky. They are currently in need of volunteers on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 9-11 AM and 1-3 PM starting in January. If you or your Method Group are interested in signing up, contact Dominica at 309-691-5270.

### Christmas Schedule

We will be having 4 services on Christmas Eve this year. At 10AM we will have a Cookies and Carols Christmas Service (No Sunday School), at 5:30pm we will have a Traditional Candlelight Service, at 9pm we will have the Cross Connections Candlelight Service and we will have an 11pm Candlelight Service as well. The office will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> for the holiday. New Year's Eve will be a Wesley Covenant Renewal Service at 10AM (No Sunday School) and the office will be closed on January 1<sup>st</sup> for the holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### Poinsettia orders

We have started taking orders for poinsettias this year. Poinsettias are available to be purchased in honor of or in memory of a loved one for \$18. Forms are available at the Welcome Desk. Please return forms by **tomorrow, Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Plants will be available for pickup after the 5:30pm and 9:00pm services on Christmas Eve.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup>. Please put your hams in the church's walk-in refrigerator by **tomorrow, Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please see Lynn Losey if you have any questions.

### XYZ

There will be no more XYZ activities until January. Merry Christmas!

## Worship Service

December 17th, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *Christmas Rejoicing – Gospel Bells*  
Processional *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – v.2*

Call to Worship\*

Leader: God has done great things for us!

**People: *God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.***

Leader: Let us worship God, whose mercy extends to each generation.

**People: *We will glorify the One who has saved us. AMEN!***

Passing the Peace\*

Opening Hymn\* *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*  
UMH 224

Advent Candle Lighting Mel and Linda Clauser

Children's Time

Offertory *Mary Had a Baby – Gospel Bells*

Christmas Cantata *Come and Worship the King!*

Gospel Reading\* Luke 1:39-45

Devotion *"God's Blessing and Our Circumstances"*  
Pastor Adam

Closing Hymn\* *Joy to the World*  
UMH 246 (v.1-3)

Benediction\*

Refrain\* Verse 4 of *Joy to the World*

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

## Christmas Cantata

Morton Methodist Church Music Teams

### ***Come Worship the King!***

Written by Sue C. Smith, Lee Black, Russell Mauldin &  
Jonathan Crumpton

*Come Worship the King Medley*

*We Need a Savior*

*Mary, Did You Know?*  
- Soloist: Heather Berger

*The First Noel with Noel (He Is Born)*

*Light of the World*  
- Soloist: Luanne Stonewall

*Find All You Need in Jesus*

*Behold with O Come Let Us Adore Him*

Narrator: Marilyn Formhals

