

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Monday – Office Closed

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

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 Night

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

Thursday-8:30AM Quilters

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

Thursday-7PM Choir Practice

Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study

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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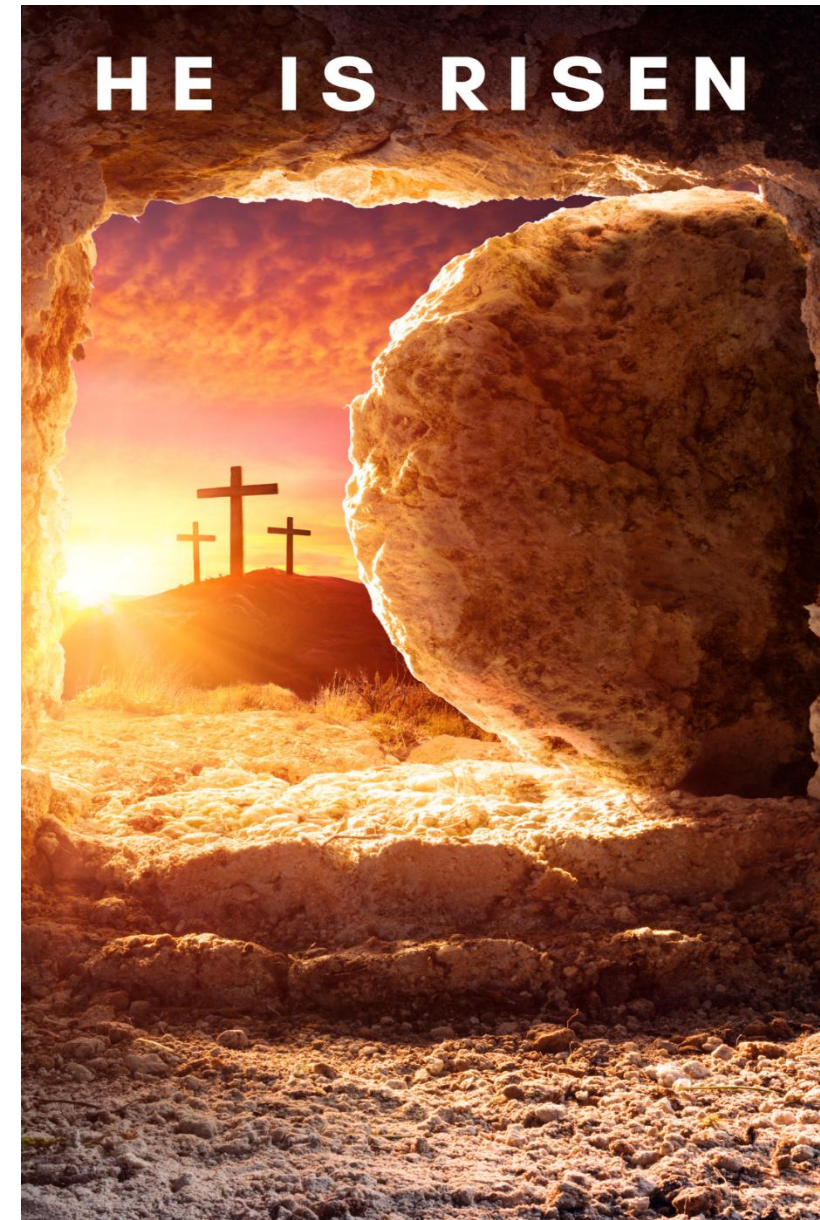
Welcome Visitors!

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, April 5th, 2026

Announcements

Office Closed

Our church office will be closed Monday, April 6th for Easter Monday. It will reopen at 8:30am on Tuesday.

XYZ

On Tuesday, April 7th at 10am, XYZ will be having a game day at church.

Wednesday Evening

Dinner Church, Family Ministry, and Pastor Paul's Bible Study resume on Wednesday. There will be no Pub Theology this week.

SoulQuest

If you plan to attend SoulQuest in June, please let Pastor Bill know by April 12th. All are invited, ages high school and older. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Bill at billn@mortonmethodist.org.

Mission Camp

Registration forms for Mission Camp (June 8th-12th) are at the Welcome Desk. Forms are due by May 3rd.

Graduate Info Forms

If you have a high school or college graduate, please take a graduate info form from the Welcome Desk and return it to the church office by May 3rd so they may be recognized on Graduation Sunday.

Worship Service

April 5th, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Prelude	<i>See, What a Morning</i>
Processional	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i> UMH 302 vs.1&4
Call to Worship*	
Leader: He is risen!	
People: He is risen indeed!	
Leader: Christ the Lord is risen today;	
People: Glory to God! He is risen indeed!	
Passing the Peace*	
Opening Hymn*	<i>Up from the Grave He Arose</i> UMH 322
Offertory	<i>Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed</i>
Doxology*	UMH 94
Pastoral Prayer	
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 114 UMH 835
Epistle Reading	Hebrews 12:1-3
Gospel Reading*	Luke 24:13-35
Gloria Patri*	UMH 70
Sermon	<i>"The Cloud of Witnesses"</i> Pastor Bill Novak
Sacrament of Holy Communion	
Closing Hymn*	<i>He Lives</i> vs.1-2 UMH 310
Benediction*	
Refrain*	<i>He Lives</i> vs.3
Postlude	

**Cameron Shook – trumpet, Bob & Suzanne Behle –
Guitars, Jessica Penn – violin, Adam Penn - percussion

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.