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

Today-3PM XYZ attending MHS fall play

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Monday-11AM Restmor Communion

Monday-1PM Brandon Wood Communion

Monday-2PM Holly Brook Communion

Monday-6:30PM Sarah Circle

Monday-7PM Administrative Council

Tuesday-Footprints Due

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-10AM XYZ Movie Day at Church

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-11:30AM Ruth Circle

Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church

Wednesday-5:30PM Children's Choir Practice

Wednesday-6:15PM Family Ministry Night

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-5:45PM Bells Practice Thursday-6:30PM Cantata Practice

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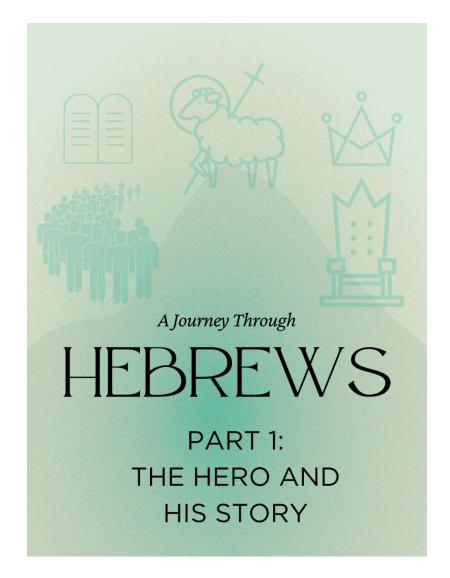
Stop by the Welcome Desk in the lobby to receive a Welcome Packet

## 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.







Sunday, November 16th, 2025

#### **Announcements**

# Worship Service

November 16th, 2025

8:30 a.m.

# **Scripture Readings**

#### **Giving Tree Tags Available**

Tags are available on the trees in the gym and the Gathering Area. Please sign your name in the book when you take a tag and follow the instructions attached to the tag regarding returning the gifts.

#### **Footprints Due**

If you have information for the next issue of Footprints, please send it to the church office by November 18<sup>th</sup> to info@mortonmethodist.org.

## **Thanksgiving Turkey Collection**

The Methodist Men are collecting 12-15lb turkeys which will be donated to Manna from Heaven. If you are able to donate, please sign up at the Welcome Desk. Please leave the turkeys in the walk-in freezer by Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **XYZ**

On Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am, XYZ will be having a Movie Day at church. We will be watching "The Senior".

Snacks are provided. Bring a friend!

#### **Children's Choir Practice**

Children's Choir practice continues this Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm and will also be held December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The choir will sing at both services on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Last week of Pastor Paul's Bible Study**

This Wednesday at 6:30pm and Thursday at 9:30am is the last session of Pastor Paul's Bible Study for the season.

## **Membership Directories Available**

Copies of the Membership Directory are available at the Welcome Desk. Please sign the sheet at the Welcome Desk if you would also like a copy emailed to you.

#### **Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving**

The Church Office will be closed November 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Welcome/Announcements

Prelude Wonderful Words of Life
Gospel Bells

Call to Worship (from Psalm 113:3)\*

L: Blessed be the name of the Lord

P: From this time forth and forevermore.

L: From sunrise to sundown,

P: From beginning to end,

L: From birth to death,

ALL: Let the name of the Lord be praised.

Passing the Peace\*

Opening Hymn\* This Is My Father's World

UMH 144

Children's Moment Stewardship Moment

Offertory Abide With Me

Gospel Bells

Doxology\* UMH 94

Centering Hymn\* I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
UMH 206 vs.1-2

Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 1:28-31

New Testament Reading Hebrews 6:1-8

Gospel Reading\* Luke 13:6-9

Gloria Patri\* UMH 70

"Finishing Well"
Pastor Paul Walles

Closing Song\* When It's All Been Said and Done vs.1-3

Benediction

Going Forth\* When It's All Been Said and Done vs.4

Postlude

Sermon

#### **Proverbs 1:28-31**

<sup>28</sup> "Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me,

<sup>29</sup> since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord.

<sup>30</sup> Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke,

31 they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.

#### **Hebrews 6:1-8**

Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, <sup>2</sup> instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup> And God permitting, we will do so.

<sup>4</sup> It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup> who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age <sup>6</sup> and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace. <sup>7</sup> Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. <sup>8</sup> But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.

#### Luke 13:6-9

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

<sup>8</sup> "Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down."

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand if you are able