

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Monday-**Office Closed for MLK Jr. Day**

Monday-11AM Restmor Communion

Monday-1PM Brandon Wood Communion

Monday-2PM Holly Brook Communion

Monday-6PM Leadership Development Committee

Monday-6:30PM Sarah Circle

Monday-7PM Ad Board

Monday-7PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-10AM XYZ Movie Day

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-11:30AM Ruth Circle

Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church

Wednesday-6:30PM Family Ministry Night

Wednesday-6:30PM Tech and Faith Course

Wednesday-6:30PM MMM Meeting

Thursday-8:30AM Quilters

Thursday-6PM Bells Practice

Thursday-6PM Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday-7PM Choir Practice

Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday-8AM Walk and Talk Group

Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service

Sunday-9:45AM Sunday School (All Ages)

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 (all ages) 9:45 am
- Cross Connections: 10:45 am

Contact us!

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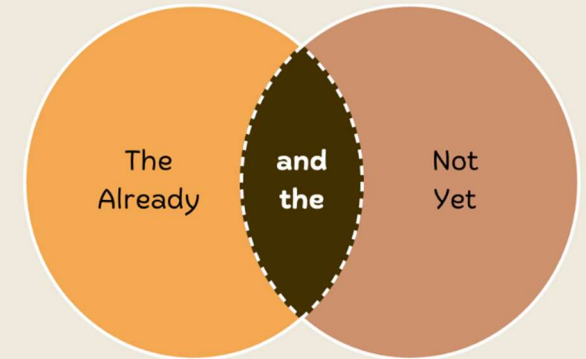
Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

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Between Two Worlds



The Stories of Joshua and the Writings of John



MORTON
Methodist Church

Sunday, January 14th, 2024

Morton Methodist Church Announcements

Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will still have all of our communion services and evening meetings. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 16th.

Technology and Faith Course

Join us on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM this Wednesday, January 17th for a course on Technology and Faith! The goal of this course is to help us see clearly the urgency of the times we are living in and navigate our tech-infused culture as followers of Jesus. Pastors Bill and Adam will be covering some hard-hitting topics such as the effect of social media and pornography usage, as well as providing practical tools and instruction around how to order our personal and family usage of technology in a God-honoring way.

XYZ

XYZ will be meeting at the Morton Cinema to see *The Boys in the Boat* on Tuesday January 16th. The showtime is at 11AM and tickets will be \$5.50 each. Please see Traci Sullivan for any further details.

Footprints

We are having some issues with our post office account following disaffiliation. We hope to get everything remedied as soon as possible, but in the meantime, we will have to send out Footprints via email. We will have plenty of copies available at the Welcome Desk and can accommodate special requests as needed. Thank you all for your patience with us!

Worship Service

January 14th, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Wade in the Water

Call to Worship*

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord's glory and strength;

People: *Worship the Lord in holy splendor.*

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: *Praise the Lord of majesty.*

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

Children's Time

Offertory

Come to the Water

MMC Choir

UMH 94

Doxology*

Centering Hymn* *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

UMH 500 (v. 1,4,5)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 3:14-17

Gospel Reading*

John 1:29-34

Gloria Patri*

UMH 70

Sermon

"Baptized in the Kingdom"

Pastor Bill Novak

Closing Hymn*

Lift High the Cross

UMH 159

Benediction*

Refrain*

Refrain of *Lift High the Cross*

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

NIV

Joshua 3:14-17:

¹⁴ So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. ¹⁵ Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, ¹⁶ the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷ The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

John 1:29-34:

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

³² Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."