

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Monday-6PM Trustees Meeting

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-10AM XYZ Game Day at church

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-12PM Giving Tree gifts due

Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church

Wednesday-5:30PM Children’s Choir Practice

Wednesday-6:15PM Family Ministry Night

Thursday-8:30AM Quilters

Thursday-9:30AM Hannah Circle

Thursday-5:45PM Bells Practice

Thursday-6:30PM Cantata Practice

Thursday-7PM Choir Practice

Friday-9AM Cookie Walk Drop Off

Saturday-7AM Men’s Bible Study

Saturday-7:30AM Serve at Community Harvest Food Pantry

Saturday-9AM Christmas Cookie Walk

Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service

Sunday-9:45AM Sunday School

Sunday-10:45AM Cross Connections Worship

Sunday-3PM XYZ attending Orpheus Winter Concert

**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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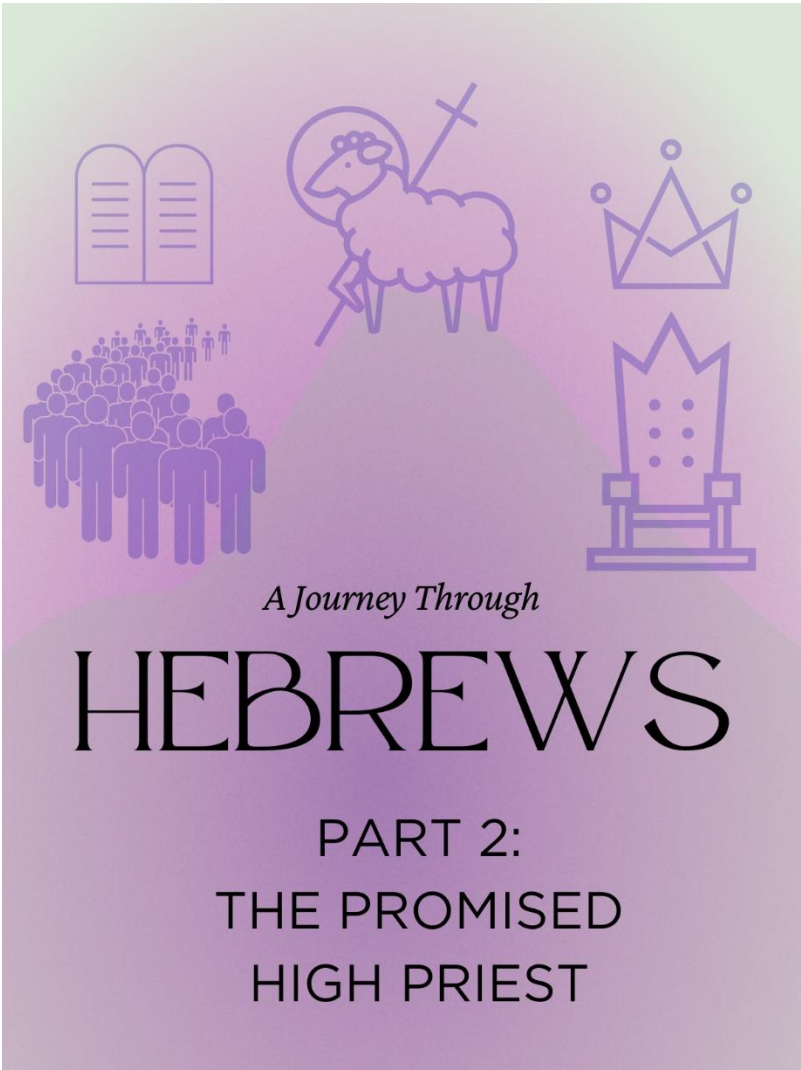
Welcome Visitors!

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, November 30th, 2025

Announcements

Giving Tree Gifts Due December 3rd

If you picked up a tag from the Giving Tree, please return your gifts by noon on December 3rd. See the sheet attached to the tag for instructions on how to package your gift.

Wednesday Activities Resume

Dinner Church and Family Ministry night will resume on December 3rd. There will be no Pub Theology that evening.

Children’s Choir Practice

The last Children’s Choir practice will be held on December 3rd at 5:30pm. The choir will sing at both services on December 7th. All children are welcome to sing at services.

XYZ

On Tuesday, December 2nd at 10am, XYZ will be having a Game Day at church. On Sunday, December 7th, XYZ will be attending the Orpheus Winter Concert at First Federated Church in Peoria. The show is at 3pm. Meet at church at 2:15 to carpool.

Volunteer at Community Harvest Food Pantry

Please consider volunteering at the food pantry on Saturday December 6th. There is a 7:30am shift and a 9:15am shift. There is a signup sheet at the Welcome Desk.

Christmas Poinsettias

There will once again be Christmas poinsettias available to purchase. The cost is \$19 each. Please fill out the form and bring it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Forms are due by December 14th.

Christmas Ham Donations

The Methodist Men are collecting hams to deliver to Manna from Heaven. The hams may range in size from 5-7lbs. Place the hams in the walk-in refrigerator by Monday, December 15th. Please sign the sheet at the Welcome Desk if you are able to donate.

Christmas Cookie Walk

If you are baking cookies for the Cookie Walk, please bring them to the church this Friday, December 5th from 9am-12pm.

Worship Service

November 30th, 2025 8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements	
Prelude	<i>In Christ Alone</i>
Processional Hymn	<i>People, Look East</i> UMH 202 vs.1
Call to Worship (from Psalm 130)*	
L: Wait for the Lord with your whole being, and in his word put your hope.	
<b>P: We wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.</b>	
L: Put your hope in the Lord.	
<b>P: With the Lord is unfailing love, and with Him is full redemption.</b>	
<b>ALL: He himself will redeem us from all our sins.</b>	
Passing the Peace*	
Opening Hymn*	<i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i> UMH 213
Advent Candle Lighting	Dave and Sharon Gilbert
Stewardship Moment	Heather Berger
Offertory	<i>Come, Messiah!</i> MMC Choir/Cathy Thomas - flute UMH 94
Doxology*	
Centering Hymn*	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i> UMH 196
Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord’s Prayer	
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 122 UMH 845 Response 1
Old Testament Reading	Genesis 22:15-18
Epistle Reading	Hebrews 6:13-20
Gospel Reading*	Matthew 5:33-37
Gloria Patri*	UMH 70
Sermon	<i>"Anchored in Covenant"</i> - Pastor Adam Penn
Closing Hymn*	<i>My Hope Is Built</i> UMH 368 vs.1-3
Benediction	
Going Forth*	<i>My Hope Is Built</i> vs.4
Postlude	

\*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 6:13-20

The Certainty of God’s Promise

<sup>13</sup> When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, <sup>14</sup> saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.” <sup>15</sup> And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

<sup>16</sup> People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. <sup>17</sup> Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. <sup>18</sup> God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. <sup>19</sup> We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, <sup>20</sup> where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

Matthew 5:33-37

Oaths

<sup>33</sup> “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ <sup>34</sup> But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. <sup>36</sup> And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.