

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

Today-1PM Monthly Prayer Service  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church  
Monday-10AM Missions meeting  
Monday-11AM Restmor Communion  
Monday-1PM Brandon Wood Communion  
Monday-2PM Holly Brook Communion  
Monday-6PM Leadership Development Committee  
Monday-7PM Administrative Council  
Monday-7PM Boy Scouts  
Tuesday-8:30AM Staff meeting  
Tuesday-11AM XYZ lunch at Pat Ficht's house  
Tuesday-3:30PM P.E.O. Sisterhood – Chapter EE  
Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group  
Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting  
Wednesday-11:30AM Ruth Circle  
Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church  
Wednesday-6:30PM Family Ministry Night  
Wednesday-6:30PM Pastor Paul's Bible Study  
Wednesday-6:30PM Morton Methodist Men  
Wednesday-8PM Pub Theology  
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters  
Thursday-9:30AM Pastor Paul's Bible Study  
Thursday-6PM Bells Practice  
Thursday-7PM Choir Practice  
Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study  
Saturday-8AM Walk and Talk  
Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service  
Sunday-9:45AM Sunday School  
Sunday-10:45AM Cross Connections Worship

**Upcoming Youth Encounters**

Sunday School – Grades 9-12 studying *The Screwtape Letters*  
Confirmation Class: Sundays 9:45-10:30  
Sept 22 12PM High Impact Teacher Training Luncheon for All  
Sept 25 "See You at the Pole"

**Upcoming Mission Service Project Encounters**

September – Coat Drive for Community Harvest Food Pantry  
Sept 23 Methodist Men deliver supplies to Bethel UMC Food Pantry  
Sept 24 Provide meal for the Ridge C.C.  
Oct 5 Community Harvest Food Pantry

## MORTON METHODIST CHURCH

### Sunday Schedule:

- Traditional Service: 8:30 am
- Sunday School: 9:45 am
- Cross Connections: 10:45 am

### Contact us!

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

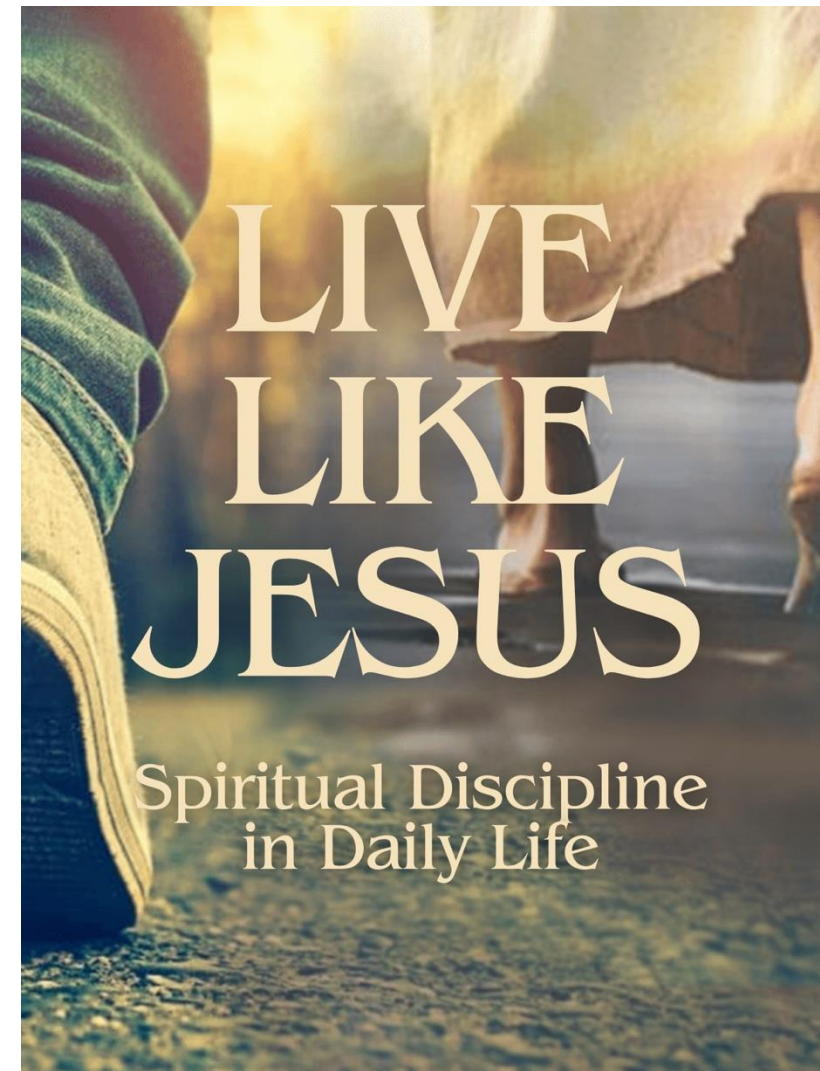
Phone: (309) 266-7174

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

### 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, September 15th, 2024

## Announcements

### **MMC T-Shirt pickup**

T-shirts are available for pickup today! If you volunteer at any of our Mission Service Projects, please pick up a shirt.

### **Dinner Church/Pastor Paul's Bible Study begins this week!**

Dinner Church will begin this Wednesday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00. Please see Facebook or email for the menu. Carryout meals will be available by calling the church or signing up through the event on our website. Pastor Paul's Bible study on the Minor Prophets will begin this week on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>. It will be Wednesdays at 6:30 and Thursdays at 9:30.

### **Family Ministry/Pub Theology**

Family Ministry Nights and Pub Theology resumes on Wednesday this week. We encourage all families to attend.

### **Wednesday night Dinner Church help needed!**

We are looking for anyone who would like to help cook Wednesday night dinners or make desserts. If you are interested, please contact Jayne Benckendorf at 309-657-9769 or jbenckendorf@msn.com. Thank you!

### **XYZ**

On Tuesday, Sept 17th, XYZ senior adult ministry will be having lunch at Pat Ficht's house. Pat will serve brats/burgers. Bring a side dish and a lawn chair. 22822 Veterans Rd. Meet at church at 10:45 to carpool.

### **Liberia School Scholarships**

There is a table in the foyer with information about scholarships for students in Liberia. 68 scholarships have been fulfilled. We have 83 scholarships from \$120-\$135 that still need a sponsor. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Winter Coat Drive**

Morton Methodist Church is collecting new or gently used coats and winter gear through October 4<sup>th</sup>. These will be delivered to the Community Harvest Food Pantry for the needy in Tazewell County.

### **Becoming a High Impact Teacher training**

This luncheon and seminar is next Sunday, Sept 22 12-2pm. A catered lunch by Dac's Smokehouse will be served. There is more information and a sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

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## Worship Service

September 15th, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

*There is a Fountain*

Call to Worship\*

L: Sing to the Lord a new song;

**P: For He does marvelous things!**

L: Make known His victory;

**P: And remember His steadfast love!**

Opening Hymn\* *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*  
UMH 731

Children's Time

Offertory

*Bread and Wine of Life*

MMC Choir

UMH 94

Doxology\*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 30:7-8

Gospel Reading\*

Luke 24:13-35

Gloria Patri\*

UMH 70

Sermon

*"Union with God"*

Pastor Bill Novak

Communion

Closing Hymn\*

*O Jesus, I Have Promised vs.1-3*

UMH 396

Benediction\*

Refrain\*

*O Jesus, I Have Promised vs.4*

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

## Scripture Reading

NIV

### **Luke 24:13-35**

#### **On the Road to Emmaus**

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

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> 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?"

<sup>19</sup> "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. <sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning <sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

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

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. <sup>29</sup> 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.

<sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. <sup>32</sup> 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?"

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