

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Sunday-1PM By-Laws Meeting

Monday-Footprints Due Date

Monday-7PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-11:15AM XYZ Lunch at Café 520

Tuesday-1PM Blood Drive

Tuesday-6:45PM ICMA Practice

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting

Wednesday-11:30AM Ruth Circle

Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church

Wednesday-5PM Fall BOOnanza Event

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

Thursday-8:30AM Quilters

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

Thursday-5:45PM Bells Practice

Thursday-6PM Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday-6:30PM Cantata Practice

Thursday-7PM Choir Practice

Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday-2PM ICMA Concert

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!



WELCOME TO MORTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Sunday Schedule:

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

Contact us!

Email: info@mortonumc.org

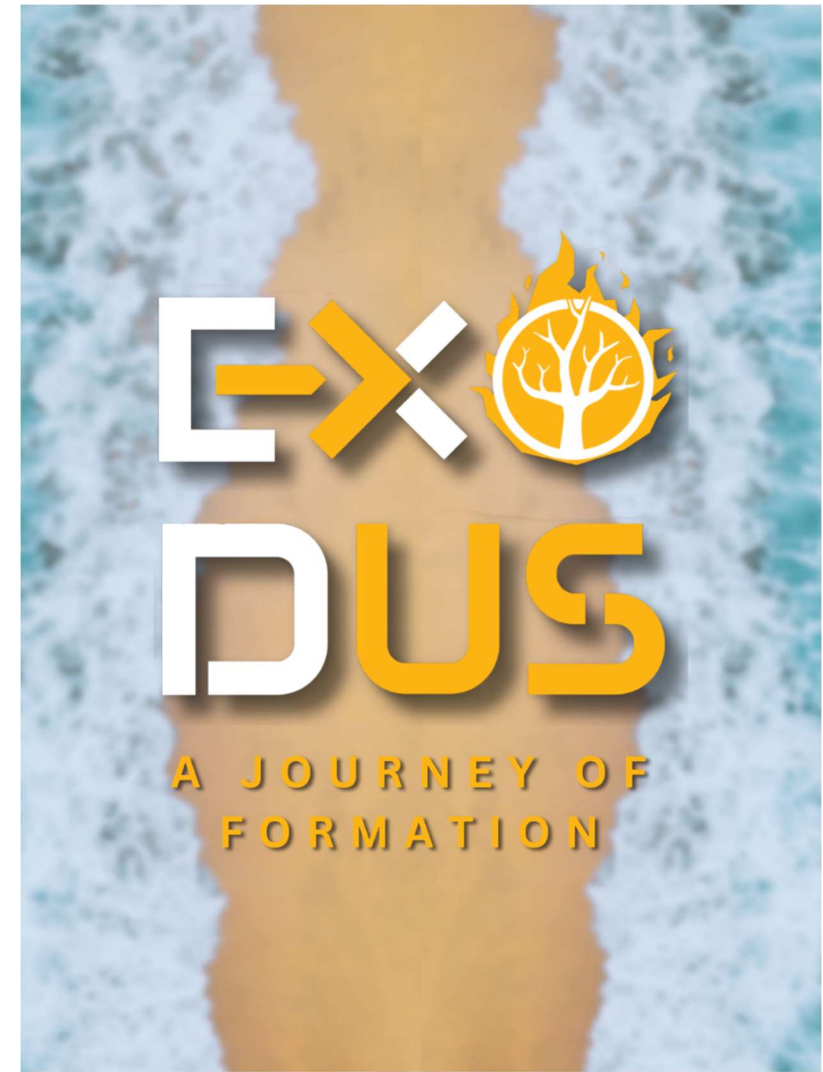
Phone: (309) 266-7174

Website: www.mortonumc.org

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am –
4:00 pm

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**Morton United Methodist
Church**

Sunday, October 22nd, 2023

Morton United Methodist Church Announcements

Convening Conference

As the next step in our disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church, we will be meeting today, Sunday, October 22nd at 1pm to go over the proposed bylaws for the new Morton Methodist Church. This will be followed by a question and answer session on October 29th at 1pm. Finally, we will have our Convening Conference on November 5th at 1pm, where Professing Members who are present at the meeting will vote whether to approve the new bylaws.

Blood Drive

We are hosting a blood drive here at the church on October 24th from 1-6pm. Please consider donating to share a "slice" of life. We are currently in a National Blood Shortage. Appointments are available with the QR code provided, by calling the church office at (309) 266-7174, or by visiting our website.



Method Group Meeting

We will have a Method Group meeting on October 29th at 12PM for ALL Method Group participants. Lunch will be served. This event is open to anyone who is participating or would like to participate in a Method Group.

XYZ

XYZ will be going out to lunch at 520 Café in East Peoria. We will meet at the church at 11:15am. We can carpool.

Fall BOOnanza

Please consider volunteering for our Fall BOOnanza this Wednesday, October 25th. We are still in need of several volunteers. More information is available by the Welcome Desk or on our website!

Worship Service

October 22nd, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements	
Prelude	<i>Wonderful Grace of Jesus</i>
Call to Worship*	
Leader: The Lord is our strength;	
People: <i>The Lord is our salvation!</i>	
Leader: This is our God;	
People: <i>Praise the Rock of our redemption!</i>	
Passing the Peace*	
Opening Hymn*	<i>Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken</i> UMH 731
Children's Time	
Offertory	<i>All the Way My Savior Leads Me</i> MUMC Choir UMH 94
Doxology*	
Centering Hymn*	<i>Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me</i> UMH 361 (v.1&4)
Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord's Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Exodus 14:19-31
Gospel Reading*	John 20:1-18 UMH 70
Gloria Patri*	
Sermon	<i>"Freedom"</i> Pastor Bill Novak
Closing Hymn*	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be</i> UMH 399 (v.1-2)
Benediction*	
Refrain*	Verse 3 of <i>Take My Life, and Let It Be</i>
Postlude	

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

NIV

Exodus 14:19-31:

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴ During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵ He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. ²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. ²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ³⁰ That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. ³¹ And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.