

Be the Church:

Sunday-9PM Cross Connections Candlelight Service
Sunday-11PM Candlelight Service
Monday-Friday-Office Closed – Merry Christmas!
Sunday (31st)-10AM Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service
Monday (1st)-Office Closed – Happy New Year!

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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

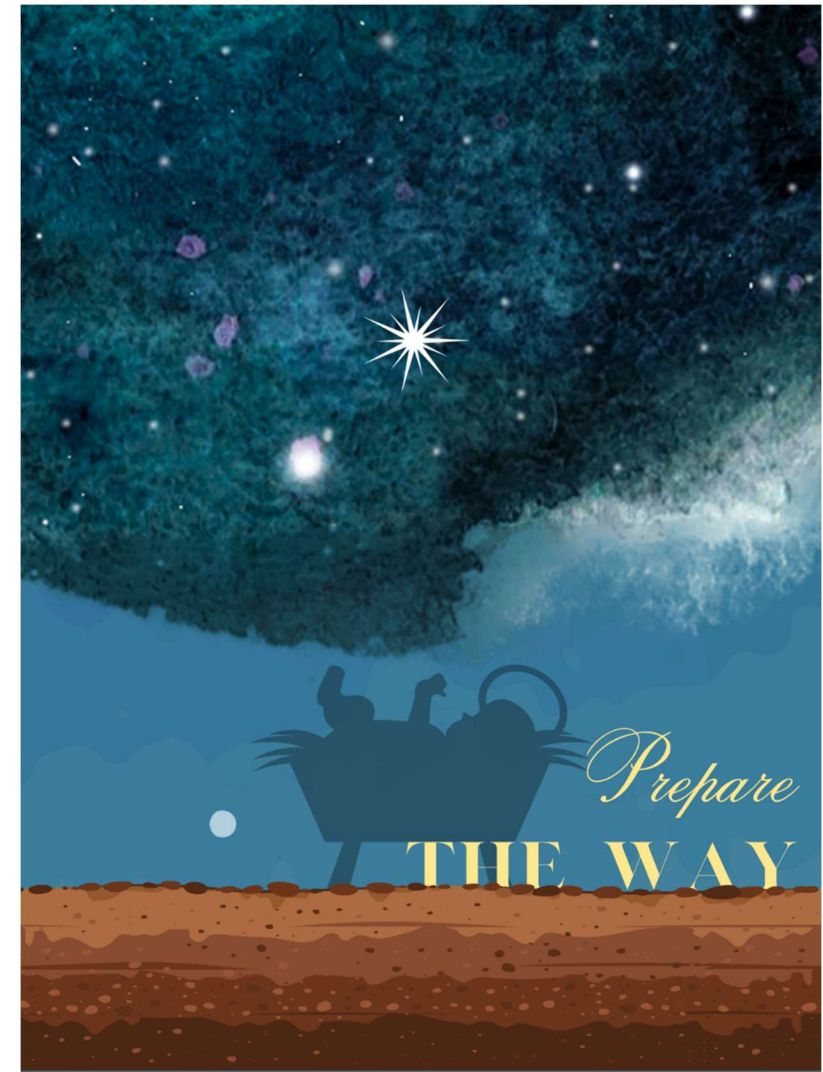
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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

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MORTON
Methodist Church

Sunday, December 24th, 2023



The beautiful poinsettias in the sanctuary and gym are provided by the following members of our church family!

- ✝ Judy Petefish – In memory of Bill Petefish.
- ✝ Tom and Barb Siron – In memory of our parents and sister Shirley.
- ✝ The Barrick Family – In memory of Bob Barrick.
- ✝ Wade Martin – In memory of my wife, Marilyn Martin.
- ✝ Kathy Dallinger, Yvonne Cole and family - In memory of Edward and Pauline Kaufman, Doris Dallinger, Norma and Ken Steeb, Paula Steeb, Susan Kaufman, Jerry and Jolene Kaufman, and Ruby Dean.
- ✝ Bruce and Michelle Bennett Family – In loving memory of Bruce’s mom, Janet Huffman.
- ✝ Marj Orth – In memory of Lawrence and Frances Worner, Marilee Worner Lohman, and Ed and Jean Orth.
- ✝ Brad Gregurich and family – In memory of Kimberly Gregurich and Taylor McCafferty.
- ✝ Judy Poole and Family – In memory of Don Poole.
- ✝ Judy Morse and Family – In loving memory of dear Gene, Dad and Papa. In loving memory of our dear parents, Betty and John Gray, and Randall and Margret Morse.
- ✝ Don and Mary Brecher – In memory of our son Doug, parents and loved ones.
- ✝ Don Ficht – In honor of our great-grandson, Lucas. In memory of my parents, Tillman and Velda Ficht; In memory of Lucas’s great-grandmother, Carol Ficht.
- ✝ Ron and Cheri Patterson – In memory of Don and Doris Patterson, Carroll and Judy Patterson, Sam and Bernice Raber, Nancy Martin, and Judie Owens.
- ✝ Jim and Barb Howard – In memory of our great parents! Wayne and Faye Daily, and Larry and Janet Howard.
- ✝ John Shepherdson – In memory of Tamara Shepherdson.

Worship Service

December 24th, 2023

5:30 p.m.

Welcome

Prelude *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Processional *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – v.1*

Call to Worship*
 Leader: The Lord is King!
People: *Let the earth rejoice!*
 Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: *Give thanks to His holy name!*

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn* *Angels We Have Heard on High*
UMH 238

Advent Candle Lighting Marla and Nick Graff

Children’s Time

Offertory *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
Jessica Penn – Violin
UMH 94

Doxology*

Centering Hymn *What Child is This?*
UMH 219

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Choral Anthem *The First Noel*
MMC Choir

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

Gospel Reading* Luke 2:1-20

Gloria Patri* UMH 70

Sermon *“Make Peace with Ourselves”*
Pastor Bill Novak

Closing Hymn* *Silent Night*
UMH 239

Benediction*

Postlude



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- ✝ Lisa Huette, Megan and Matt Sinn – In memory of Rodger Huette.
- ✝ Deb Shultz and Gina Haynes – In memory of Dennie, Clara and Cliff Lowery.
- ✝ The Kovalcik Family – In memory of Rev. Michael Kovalcik.
- ✝ Joe and Cheryl Crowe – In honor of our daughters, Danielle and Alexa.
- ✝ Beverly Shull – In memory of Dean Shull.
- ✝ Beth Wirth – In memory of my husband, Brian Wirth. Brian loved Christmas and is dearly missed.
- ✝ The Benckendorf Family – In honor of our loving family – those who have gone before, those with us, and those yet to come.
- ✝ Linda Young – In memory of Russell Young.
- ✝ Darrell and Linda Vierling – In memory of our parents, Carl and Rose Vierling and Ross and Doris Weindel; our sisters, Jeanette Vierling and Shirley Knuppel and our brother, Weldon Vierling.
- ✝ Don and Jane Sullivan – In memory of Joy Sullivan and Richard Brusio.
- ✝ Marilyn and David Formhals – In memory of Kathy Churchill, Janet Burg, and Luanne Sanner.
- ✝ Kent and Carol Buffington – In honor of our two sons, Shane and Brandon.
- ✝ David and Sharon Gilbert – In memory of Sharon’s parents, Don and Vera Livingston; and David’s parents, Dale and Donna Gilbert.
- ✝ Dave and Debbie Veltman – In memory of our parents, Joe and May Veltman and Ron and Pauline Wistehuff.
- ✝ Luke and Joanne Hickey – In memory of our dear parents, Jay Hickey, Charles and Betty Bailey and brother John Bailey.