

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

Today-Blood Pressure Sunday  
Today-9:45AM Sunday School  
Today-1PM Monthly Prayer Service  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church  
Monday-11AM Restmor Communion  
Monday-1PM Brandon Wood Communion  
Monday-2PM Holly Brook Communion  
Monday-6PM Leadership Development Committee  
Monday-7PM Boy Scouts  
Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting  
Tuesday-10AM XYZ-Mexican Train at church  
Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice  
Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group  
Wednesday-9AM Trustees Reorganization meeting  
Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care meeting  
Wednesday-6:30PM Family Ministry Night  
Wednesday-6:30PM Morton Methodist Men  
Wednesday-8:30PM Pub Theology  
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters  
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 Group Experiences**

August 21<sup>st</sup>: Morton Methodist Youth Messy Night  
August 28<sup>th</sup>: MMY trip to Putt Club in East Peoria

**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!

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

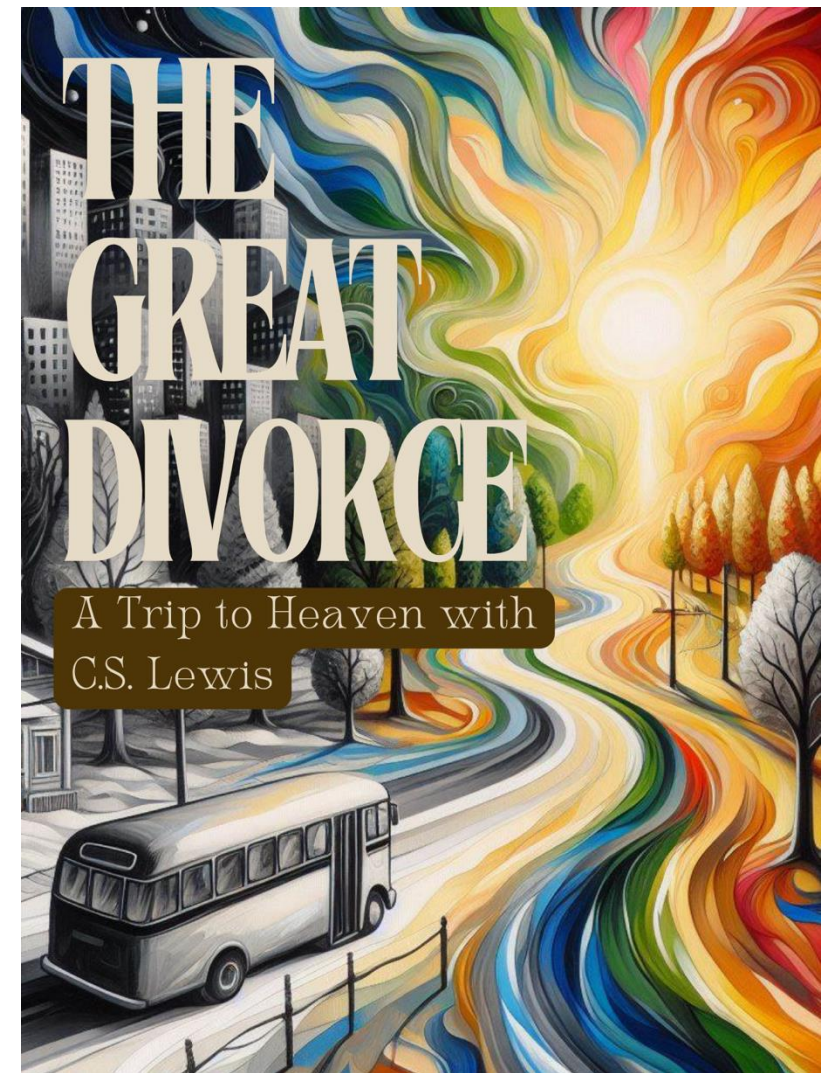
Phone: (309) 266-7174

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, August 18th, 2024

## Announcements

---

### Monthly Prayer Service

We will have our monthly prayer service today at 1pm.

### Pub Theology

Pub Theology will be held this week at the Legion on Wednesday at 8pm. This is a time for fellowship and the Bible with your beverage of choice open to anyone 21+.

### Methodist Men Fall Kickoff Event

Morton Methodist Men will hold their Fall Kickoff Event on Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00. The evening will begin with a devotional and guest speaker Dave Craig. The meal will be hamburgers and hot dogs followed by a fun game night!

### XYZ

On Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, XYZ senior adult ministry will be playing Mexican Train at church at 10am.

### Nursery Care Volunteers

We are hoping to establish a monthly rotation of volunteers to serve in our nursery on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Jessica Penn at [jessicapenn89@gmail.com](mailto:jessicapenn89@gmail.com) or Dave Craig at [davidc@mortonmethodist.org](mailto:davidc@mortonmethodist.org).

### Pumpkin Festival Service Project

MMC is recruiting 30 volunteers to serve at the Food Tent during this year's Morton Pumpkin Festival on Sept 11, 4-7pm. Please sign up at the welcome desk. Join us in serving our community!

### Choir Practice

Our weekly Choir practice will resume on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

## Worship Service

August 18th, 2024

8:30 a.m.

---

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*  
Call to Worship (from Psalm 66)\*

L: Praise our God, all peoples,

**P: Let the sound of His praise be heard.**

L: He has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.

**P: For you God, test us; you refine us like silver.**

L: Let us not cherish sin in our hearts, that God may listen and hear our prayers.

**P: Praise be to God, who does not withhold His love from us! AMEN.**

Passing the Peace\*

Opening Hymn\* *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*  
UMH 110

Children's Time

Offertory *Old Time Religion Medley*  
MMC Choir

Doxology\* UMH 94

Centering Hymn\* *It Is Well*  
UMH 377

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Epistle Reading Romans 7:15-8:2

Gospel Reading\* Matthew 18:6-9

Gloria Patri\* UMH 70

Sermon *"White Knuckles"*  
Pastor Adam Penn

Closing Hymn\* *In Christ Alone*

Benediction\*

Refrain\* *In Christ Alone*

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

## Scripture Readings

NIV

---

### **Romans 7:15-8:2**

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

### **Life Through the Spirit**

**8** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

### **Matthew 18:6-9**

<sup>6</sup> "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. <sup>7</sup> Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! <sup>8</sup> If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.