

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

- Today-1:30PM XYZ trip to Bertha Frank
- 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 Ad Board Meeting
- Monday-7PM Boy Scouts
- Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting
- Tuesday-10AM XYZ Game Day
- Tuesday-1PM Blood Drive
- Tuesday-6:45 ICMA Practice
- Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice
- Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group
- Wednesday-9AM Reorganization Meeting
- Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting
- Wednesday-11:30AM Ruth Circle
- Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church
- Wednesday-6:30PM Pastor Paul's Bible Study
- Wednesday-6:30PM Family Ministry Night
- Wednesday-6:30PM MMM Meeting
- Wednesday-8PM Pub Theology
- Thursday-8:30AM Quilters
- Thursday-9:30AM Pastor Paul's Bible Study
- Thursday-6PM Bells Practice
- Thursday-6PM Thursday Night Bible Study
- Thursday-7PM Choir Practice
- Friday-Footprints Due Date**
- Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study
- 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!



MORTON METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Schedule:

- Traditional Service: 8:30 am
- Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 am
- Cross Connections: 10:45 am

Contact us!

Email: info@mortonumc.org
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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

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THE GOOD LIFE



Kingdom Reflections on 1 Corinthians



MORTON
Methodist Church

Sunday, February 18th, 2024

Morton Methodist Church Announcements

Pastor Paul's Bible Study

Pastor Paul's Spring Bible Study begins this week on Wednesday at 6:30pm and Thursday at 9:30am! The study will be working through Psalms. Please pick up an info sheet at the Welcome Desk if you are interested!

Blood Drive

Morton Methodist Church will be hosting a blood drive this Tuesday, February 20th from 1-6pm. Please consider donating as we are in a nationwide blood shortage! Sign up with the QR code below or by calling the church at (309) 266-7174.



Pub Theology

Join us for our first Pub Theology night at The Office this Wednesday, February 21st at 8pm. This is a time for fellowship and the Bible with your beverage of choice open to anyone 21+. We will be meeting weekly and start our study off by working through 1 Corinthians. Hope to see you there!

XYZ

We will be having a Game Day on Tuesday, Feb. 20th at 10AM in the gathering area and then heading out to lunch in Morton afterwards!

UWF 2024 Kickoff

Please join us next Monday, February 26th at 6 PM, for our 2024 Kickoff gathering in the sanctuary. We will learn more about what each circle did in 2023, install our new board of officers, have our pledge giving service, and remember the ladies of our UWF that passed on to be with Jesus in 2023.

Save the Date

Megan's baby shower, Friday March 15th @ 1:00 at the church.

Worship Service

February 18th, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Gospel Bells

Call to Worship*

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

People: Make melody to our God!

Leader: Take pleasure in God's steadfast love;

People: Praise the Lord!

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn* *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

UMH 213

Children's Time

Offertory

I Love to Tell the Story

Gospel Bells

UMH 94

Doxology*

Centering Hymn*

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

UMH 297

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Reading*

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

Gloria Patri*

UMH 70

Sermon

"Fools for Christ"

Pastor Bill Novak

Closing Hymn*

Lift High the Cross

UMH 159

Benediction*

Refrain*

Refrain of *Lift High the Cross*

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

NIV

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5:

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;

the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

² And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.^[e] ³ For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ⁴ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁵ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.