

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-6PM Trustees Meeting
- Monday-7PM Boy Scouts
- Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting
- Tuesday-10AM XYZ Game Day
- Tuesday-6:30PM Care Givers' Support Network
- Tuesday-6:45 ICMA Practice
- Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice
- Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group
- Wednesday-9AM UWF Board Meeting
- Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting
- Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church
- Wednesday-6:30PM Family Ministry Night
- Wednesday-6:30PM Tech and Faith Course
- Thursday-8:30AM Quilters
- Thursday-6PM Bells Practice
- Thursday-6PM Thursday Night Bible Study
- Thursday-7PM Choir Practice
- Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study
- Saturday-4PM Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
- 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!

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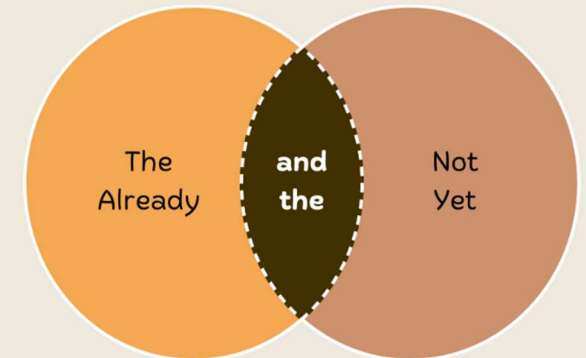
Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

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Between Two Worlds



The Stories of Joshua and the Writings of John



MORTON
Methodist Church

Sunday, February 4th, 2024

Morton Methodist Church Announcements

Technology and Faith Course

Join us on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM this Wednesday, February 7th for a course on Technology and Faith! This will be the final meeting of this course.

Ash Wednesday Service

Please join us next Wednesday, February 14th for a special Ash Wednesday Service. The service will start at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. There will be no other Wednesday night activities.

XYZ

Please join us **TODAY** to watch *Elf Jr., the Musical* put on by the MJHS students. Please meet at Bertha Frank @ 1:30. The show starts at 2:00pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$3 for Seniors (cash only). The XYZ Will also have a game day on Tuesday, February 6th at 10am. We will play Mexican Trains and have lunch.

Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

The Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner will be February 10th from 4-8pm. There will be a silent auction from 4-7:30 in support of the Boy Scout Troops. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$5 for seniors or kids 5 & under. Tickets at the door will be \$8/\$6. Please contact Mary Barrick for tickets.

UWF Booklets for 2024

2024 UWF program booklets are ready. You'll receive them from your circle leaders. If you do not belong to a circle, you can pick one up at the front desk.

Hospitalizations

Please remember to contact the office if you or a family member is in the hospital. Hospitals do not always notify us.

Worship Service

February 4th, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

There is a Fountain

Call to Worship*

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Give thanks to the Lord with a whole heart.

Leader: He sends redemption to His people;

People: His praise endures forever

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn*

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57 (v.1-5)

Children's Time

Offertory

Come to Jesus

MMC Choir

UMH 94

Doxology*

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 20:1-6

Gospel Reading*

John 11:38-44

Gloria Patri*

UMH 70

Sermon

"Freely Forgive for Freedom"

Pastor Bill Novak

Communion

Closing Hymn*

Freely, Freely

UMH 387

Benediction*

Refrain*

Refrain of *Freely, Freely*

Postlude

Scripture Reading

NIV

Joshua 20:1-6:

Then the LORD said to Joshua: ²"Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge, as I instructed you through Moses, ³so that anyone who kills a person accidentally and unintentionally may flee there and find protection from the avenger of blood. ⁴When they flee to one of these cities, they are to stand in the entrance of the city gate and state their case before the elders of that city. Then the elders are to admit the fugitive into their city and provide a place to live among them. ⁵If the avenger of blood comes in pursuit, the elders must not surrender the fugitive, because the fugitive killed their neighbor unintentionally and without malice aforethought. ⁶They are to stay in that city until they have stood trial before the assembly and until the death of the high priest who is serving at that time. Then they may go back to their own home in the town from which they fled."

John 11:38-44:

³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." ⁴⁰Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."