

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

Today-9:45AM Mission Partner Visit

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-9:30AM Skeins of Love

Tuesday-10AM XYZ Game Day and Lunch at Church

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Thursday-7PM Choir Practice

Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday-8AM Forever Team Jaxson Blood Drive

Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service

Sunday-10:45AM Cross Connections Worship

Sunday-11:30AM XYZ Barn III Show

**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!

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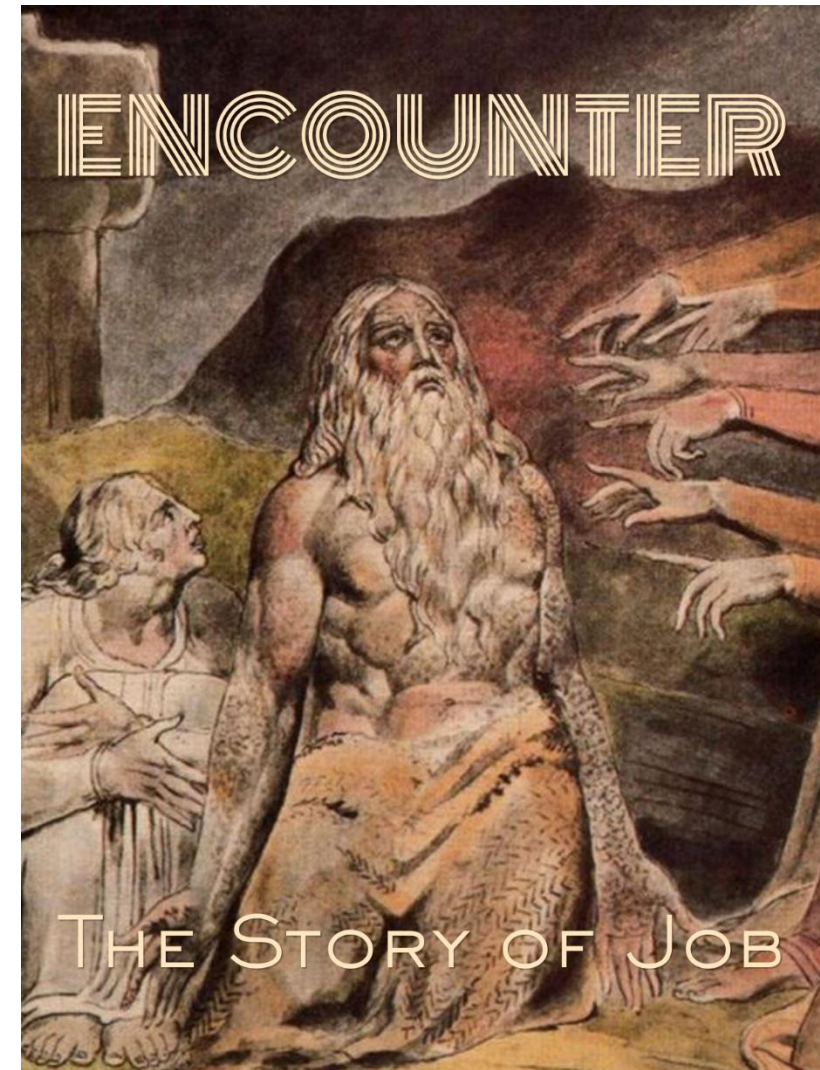
Website: [www.mortonmethodist.org](http://www.mortonmethodist.org)

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Office Hours:

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

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**MORTON**  
Methodist Church

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

Announcements

Mission Partner Visit

Today, Nate and Carrie Shaver, our Mission Partner, serving with the Wycliffe Bible Translators, will be sharing information about their ministry during Sunday School time. Contributions may be made to their ministry through our church with an indication that it is for the Shaver’s Wycliffe Ministry.

XYZ

On Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am, XYZ will be having Game Day followed by lunch at church.

Wednesday Night Kitchen Help Needed

Help is needed in the kitchen for Wednesday night dinners. Contact Pastor Bill if you can help.

Welcome Desk Volunteers

We are in need of a few more volunteers for the Welcome Desk. If you are interested, please contact Marj Orth at (309)253-7597.

Blood Drive

There will be a Forever Team Jaxson Blood Drive on August 29<sup>th</sup> from 8am-1pm in memory of Jaxson Harper. Please visit the Red Cross website to make an appointment. See the flyers at the Welcome Desk for more information.

Pastor Paul’s Bible Study

The class will begin on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm and Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am. We will study the book of Isaiah. There is a flyer at the Welcome Desk with more information.

Choir Practice

Choir Practice will begin this Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

One Service September 6th

There will be one service at 10am on September 6th at our new pavilion behind the church! Yard games at 11am, followed by a potluck lunch at 12pm. Last names A-M bring a side, and last names N-Z bring a dessert. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please drop your dish off at the kitchen when you arrive.

Worship Service

August 23rd, 2026 8:30 a.m.

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| Welcome/Announcements                                            |                                                        |
| Prelude                                                          | <i>What Wondrous Love is This</i>                      |
| Call to Worship*                                                 |                                                        |
| L: Let Israel now say – if it had not been the Lord on our side, |                                                        |
| <b>P: When the Enemy attacked us,</b>                            |                                                        |
| L: Then Death would have swallowed us alive.                     |                                                        |
| <b>P: Blessed be the Lord who has not given us as prey!</b>      |                                                        |
| <b>All: Our help is in the name of the Lord!</b>                 |                                                        |
| Passing the Peace*                                               |                                                        |
| Opening Hymn*                                                    | <i>Rejoice, the Lord is King</i><br>UMH 715            |
| Children’s Moment                                                |                                                        |
| Offertory                                                        | <i>I Can Only Imagine</i><br>Dennis Mitchell<br>UMH 94 |
| Doxology*                                                        |                                                        |
| Centering Hymn                                                   | <i>Because He Lives</i><br>UMH 364 vs.1&3              |
| Pastoral Prayer                                                  |                                                        |
| The Lord’s Prayer                                                |                                                        |
| Old Testament Reading                                            | Job 1-2:10                                             |
| Epistle Reading                                                  | 1 Corinthians 15:50-58                                 |
| Gloria Patri*                                                    | UMH 70                                                 |
| Sermon                                                           | <i>"To Sit Among the Ashes"</i><br>Pastor Bill Novak   |
| Closing Hymn*                                                    | <i>Victory in Jesus</i><br>UMH 370                     |
| Benediction                                                      |                                                        |
| Going Forth*                                                     | Refrain of <i>Victory in Jesus</i>                     |
| Postlude                                                         |                                                        |

\*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Readings

Job 1:20-22

<sup>20</sup> At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship <sup>21</sup> and said: “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.” <sup>22</sup> In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

<sup>50</sup> I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” <sup>55</sup> “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.