

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Monday-9AM Missions Meeting

Monday-6PM Trustees Meeting

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-10:15AM XYZ Trip to Tanner’s Orchard

Tuesday-5PM Methodist Men Kickoff

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-9:30AM Bible Study Fellowship

Wednesday-5PM Dinner

Wednesday-6PM Worship with Communion

Wednesday-6:30PM All Ages Discipleship

Wednesday-6:30PM Pastor Paul’s Bible Study

Wednesday-7PM Pub Theology

Thursday-9:30AM Pastor Paul’s Bible Study

Thursday-5:30PM Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday-5:45PM Bells Practice

Thursday-6:30PM Cantata Practice

Thursday-7PM Choir Practice

Saturday-7AM Men’s Bible Study

Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service

Sunday-9:45AM Sunday School

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: 9:45 am
- Cross Connections: 10:45 am

Contact us!

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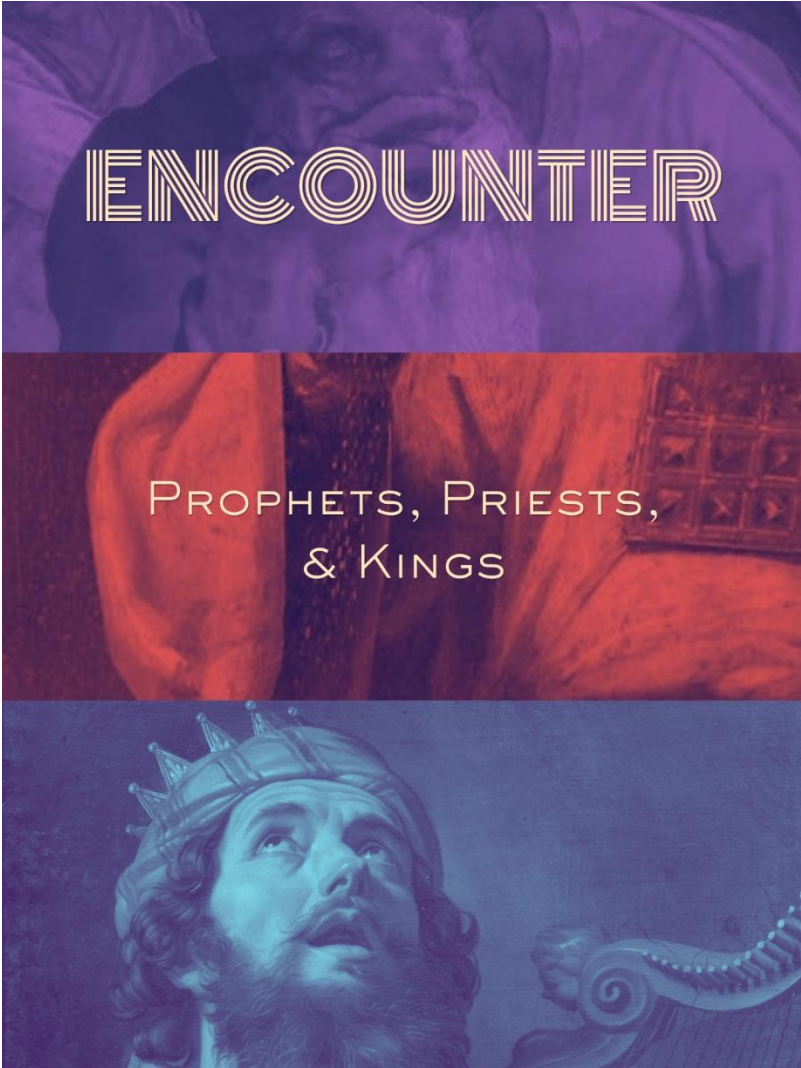
Website: www.mortonmethodist.org

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Office Hours:

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

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Sunday, October 4th, 2026

Announcements

XYZ

On Tuesday, October 6th, XYZ will be taking a trip to Tanner’s Orchard. Meet at the church at 10:15am to carpool. We will be eating lunch and shopping.

Methodist Men Kickoff

On Tuesday, October 6th at 5pm, the Methodist Men are having their annual kickoff event. Dinner will be served at 5pm, followed by speaker Cole Bernhardt from the Ridge. There will then be fun and games until dark.

Midwest Food Bank

After dinner on Wednesday, October 14th, we will be volunteering at Midwest Food Bank. We will leave church at 6:00pm and return by 7:45pm. All ages are welcome.

Carpet Cleaning

The carpets in the church are being cleaned on October 15th. Please avoid walking on the carpets while they are wet.

Methodist Men Retreat

The Annual Methodist Men’s Retreat is being held October 30th-November 1st at Menno Haven Camp in Tiskilwa, IL. The cost is \$200 per person. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Contact Don Chapman if you have questions.

Directory Appendix Pages

There are pages at the Welcome Desk which contain pictures and information about our new church members. Please pick them up to add to your Directory.

Tee Shirts

If you ordered an MMC tee shirt, they are at the Welcome Desk for you to pick up. There are also a limited number of shirts available for a \$15 donation if you did not pre-order one.

Worship Service

October 4th, 2026 8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *Jesus Paid It All*

Call to Worship (from Hebrews 4:14-16)*

L: We have a great high priest, Jesus the Son of God;

P: Who is able to sympathize with our every weakness.

L: With confidence let us draw near to His throne of grace,

P: that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn* *How Firm a Foundation*
UMH 529 vs.1-4

Children’s Moment

Offertory *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
Doxology* UMH 94

Pastoral Prayer
Old Testament Reading Exodus 3:1-6, 10-12

Gospel Reading* Luke 5:1-11

Gloria Patri UMH 70

Sermon *"Holy Encounter/Holy Ground"*
Pastor Paul Walles

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn* *On Eagle’s Wings*
UMH 143

Benediction

Going Forth* *On Eagle’s Wings*

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Readings

Exodus 3:1-6

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. **2** There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. **3** So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."
4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"
And Moses said, "Here I am."
5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." **6** Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 3:10-12

10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."
11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"
12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

Luke 5:1-11

5 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. **2** He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.
4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."
5 Simon answered, "Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."
6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. **7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.
8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" **9** For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, **10** and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners.
Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."
11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.