

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church
Monday-11AM Restmor Communion
Monday-1PM Brandon Wood Communion
Monday-2PM Holly Brook Communion
Monday-6PM Staff Parish Meeting
Monday-7PM Boy Scouts
Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting
Tuesday-7PM Praise Team
Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group
Wednesday-11:30AM Ruth Circle
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters
Thursday-6:30PM Choir Practice
Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study
Saturday-5:30PM Traditional Christmas Eve Service
Saturday-9PM Cross Connections Christmas Eve Service
Saturday-11PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Sunday-10AM Cookies and Carols Christmas Day Service
Monday-Saturday – Office Closed for Christmas
Sunday (Jan. 1st)-10AM One Service for New Years
Monday (Jan. 2nd) Office Closed

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 the events in the church! There are printed schedules available at the Welcome Desk for anyone who would like one!



Welcome to Morton United Methodist Church!

We're glad you're here!

Sunday Schedule:
Traditional Service: 8:30 am
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Cross Connections: 10:45 am

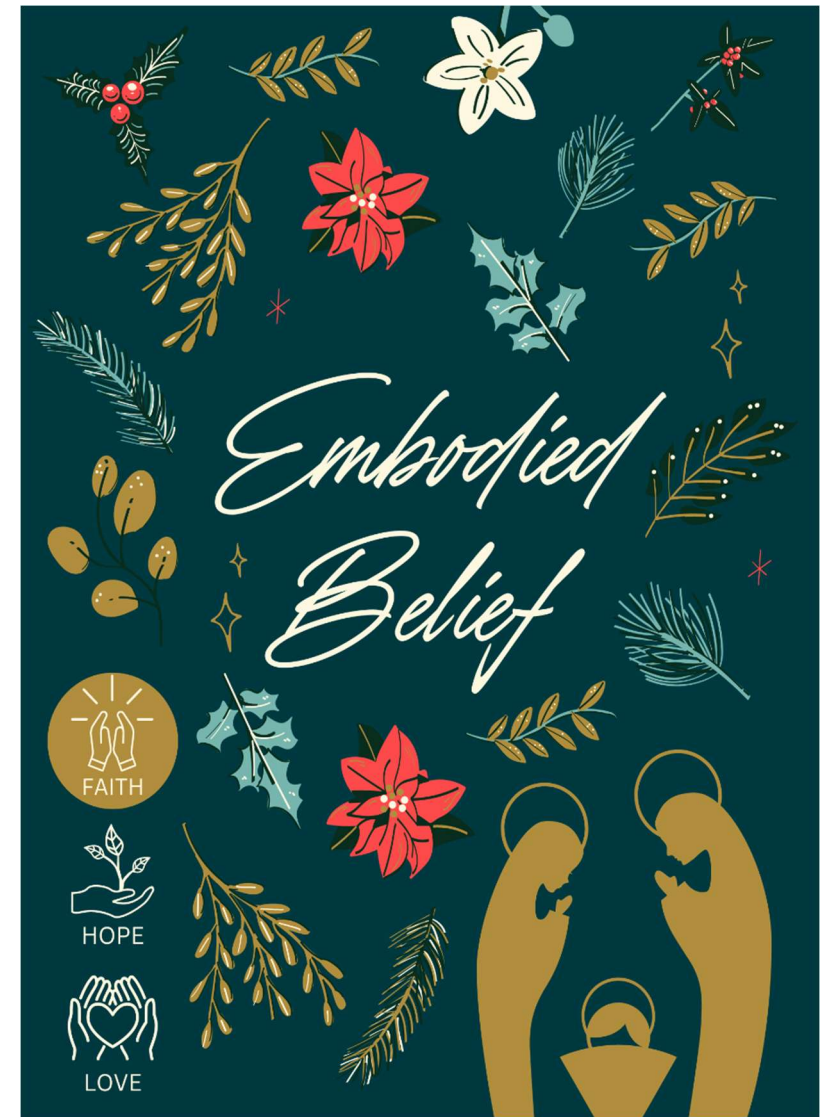
Wednesday Schedule:
Dinner Church: 5 pm
Family Ministry Night: 6 pm
Bible Study: 6:30 pm

Contact us!

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Website: www.mortonumc.org

Business Hours:
Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

**For more information, or to download our church app,
visit our website, or scan the QR code below!**



**Morton United Methodist
Church**

Sunday, December 18th, 2022

Morton United Methodist Church Announcements

Christmas Eve Services

We will be having three services on Christmas Eve. Traditional service will be at 5:30PM, Cross Connections will be at 9:00PM, and our Candlelight Service will be at 11PM. Please visit our website or app for more information.

Christmas Day Service

On Christmas Day, we will be having a special Cookies and Carols service at 10AM. Join us for scripture, carols, and cookies!

Office Closed

The office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years from Monday the 26th to Saturday the 31st. We will also be closed on January 2nd in for New Year's Day observed. Please enjoy the holiday season with your families!

New Year's Day Service

We will be having only one service on New Year's Day at 10AM. Pastor Adam will be leading us in a Covenant renewal service. See you there!

Manna From Heaven

The UMM are collecting hams to take to the food pantry Manna from Heaven. As mentioned before, Manna from Heaven is a food pantry on the South side of Peoria that loves Jesus. They are hoping to collect a total of 75 hams (medium size). There is a signup sheet in the gathering area. Hams can be put in the refrigerator. We will be delivering them the Tuesday morning before Christmas. We need to have them to church by Monday, December 19th. Please contact Lynn Losey with any questions.

Sunday Worship

December 18th, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Processional

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Call to Worship*

Leader: Restore us, O God,

People: Let your face shine that we may be saved.

Leader: Give ear, O peoples, to the Shepherd of Israel,

People: Praise and worship Him!

Leader: Restore us, O God,

People: Let your face shine that we may be saved.

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn*

O Come All Ye Faithful

UMH 234

Advent Reading

Offertory

Good Christian Friends Rejoice!

Gospel Bells

UMH 94

Doxology*

Children's Time

Gospel Bells

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Choral Anthem

Rejoice! Declare! Jesus Christ is Born!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Gospel Reading*

Matthew 1:18-25

Gloria Patri*

UMH 70

Sermon

"Curds and Honey"

Pastor Bill Novak

Closing Hymn*

Angels From the Realm of Glory

UMH 220 (v.1-3)

Benediction*

Refrain

Verse 4 of *Angels From the Realm of Glory*

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

NIV

Isaiah 7:10-16:

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."

¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test."

¹³ Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, ¹⁶ for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

Matthew 1:18-25:

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about^[d]: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.