

Be the Church: Check out the ways to get involved below!
Monday-Saturday Gym and Kitchen Closed for Floor Waxing

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church
- Monday-9AM Missions Meeting
- Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting
- Tuesday-10AM XYZ Game Day
- Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group
- Saturday-7AM Men’s Bible Study
- Sunday-8AM Blood Pressure Sunday
- Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service
- Sunday-9:45AM Prayer Workshop
- 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

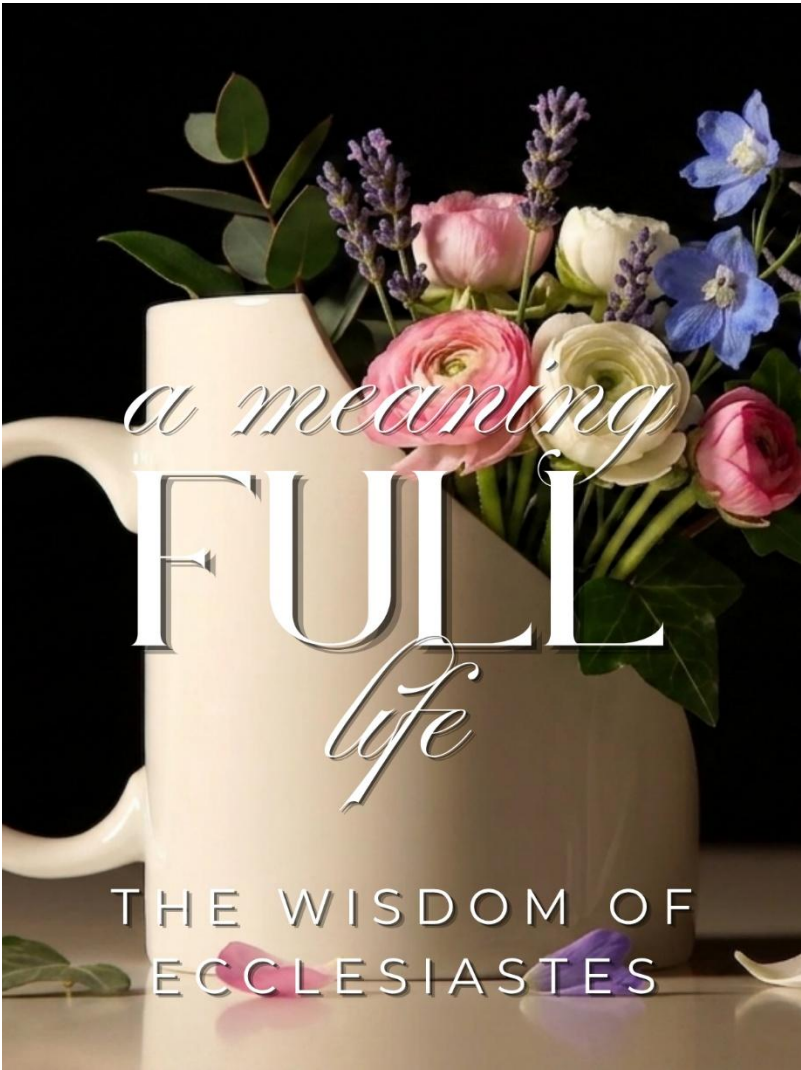
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Office Hours:

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

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Sunday, August 9th, 2026

Announcements

August Between-Service Prayer

The pastors are leading a prayer workshop between services today and next Sunday. Come join us to learn some helpful prayer practices and then put them to work in communal prayer.

Gym and Kitchen Closed for Floor Waxing

The gym and kitchen will be closed August 10th-15th for floor waxing. Please use the front entrance during this time and refrain from stepping on those floors.

XYZ

On Tuesday, August 11th at 10am, XYZ will be having Game Day at church in the Gathering Area. Please use the front door.

Sunday School Teachers and Wednesday Night Facilitators

We are looking for volunteers willing to help with Sunday School and Wednesday Night ministries. We are looking to build a rotation of teachers/facilitators so that volunteers are not expected to be here every week. Contact Pastor Bill if interested at billn@mortonmethodist.org.

Church-wide Contest

We are rebranding Dinner Church for the upcoming school year. Congregants of all ages are invited to enter a brand contest for a new name and logo. Send entries to Pastor Bill. Winner gets the privilege of joining us at Wednesday night ministries. Kitchen help is also needed on Wednesday evenings! Contact Pastor Bill if you can help.

MMC Tee Shirts

If you would like to order an MMC tee shirt, please pick up an order form at the Welcome Desk or email/call the church office to place an order. The shirts are the same as the previous ones, except for a different logo placement and brand. Please have all orders in by August 17th. There are a few shirts left from the previous order available at the Welcome Desk if you would like to take one home today. Each shirt is a suggested donation of \$15.

Mission Opportunity

Morton Methodist Church annually supports Lincoln School by helping it to stock their supply closet in August. If you would like to support this mission, you can make your donations to the church, indicating "Lincoln supply closet" in the memo. Please contact Traci Sullivan if you have any questions.

Worship Service

August 9th, 2026 8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Call to Worship (from Psalm 19)*

L: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing for the soul.

P: The statutes of the Lord are right, making wise the simple.

L: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

P: The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn* *A Charge to Keep I Have*
UMH 413

Children’s Moment

Offertory *Go Light Your World*
Lora Kober
UMH 94

Doxology*

Centering Hymn *Abide with Me*
UMH 700 vs.1&3

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Old Testament Reading Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 3:16-28

Gospel Reading* Luke 12:1-7

Gloria Patri* UMH 70

Sermon *"Getting Away With It"*
Pastor Adam Penn

Closing Hymn* *Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult*
UMH 398 vs.1-4

Benediction

Going Forth* *Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult* vs.5

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Readings

1 Kings 3:16-28

¹⁶ Now two prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. ¹⁷ One of them said, "Pardon me, my lord. This woman and I live in the same house, and I had a baby while she was there with me. ¹⁸ The third day after my child was born, this woman also had a baby. We were alone; there was no one in the house but the two of us.

¹⁹ "During the night this woman’s son died because she lay on him. ²⁰ So she got up in the middle of the night and took my son from my side while I your servant was asleep. She put him by her breast and put her dead son by my breast. ²¹ The next morning, I got up to nurse my son—and he was dead! But when I looked at him closely in the morning light, I saw that it wasn’t the son I had borne."

²² The other woman said, "No! The living one is my son; the dead one is yours."

But the first one insisted, "No! The dead one is yours; the living one is mine." And so they argued before the king.

²³ The king said, "This one says, 'My son is alive and your son is dead,' while that one says, 'No! Your son is dead and mine is alive.'"

²⁴ Then the king said, "Bring me a sword." So they brought a sword for the king. ²⁵ He then gave an order: "Cut the living child in two and give half to one and half to the other."

²⁶ The woman whose son was alive was deeply moved out of love for her son and said to the king, "Please, my lord, give her the living baby! Don’t kill him!" But the other said, "Neither I nor you shall have him. Cut him in two!"

²⁷ Then the king gave his ruling: "Give the living baby to the first woman. Do not kill him; she is his mother."

²⁸ When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice.

Luke 12:1-7

12 Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. ² There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ³ What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

⁴ "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. ⁵ But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ⁷ Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.