

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

Today-2:30PM XYZ Attending Philharmonic Chorale
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church
Monday-9AM Missions Meeting
Monday-6PM Trustees Meeting
Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting
Tuesday-10AM XYZ Movie Day
Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice
Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group
Wednesday-9AM UMW Board Meeting
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters
Thursday-11AM Hannah Circle
Thursday-6PM Bells Practice
Thursday-7PM Choir Practice
Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study
Saturday-8AM Walk and Talk
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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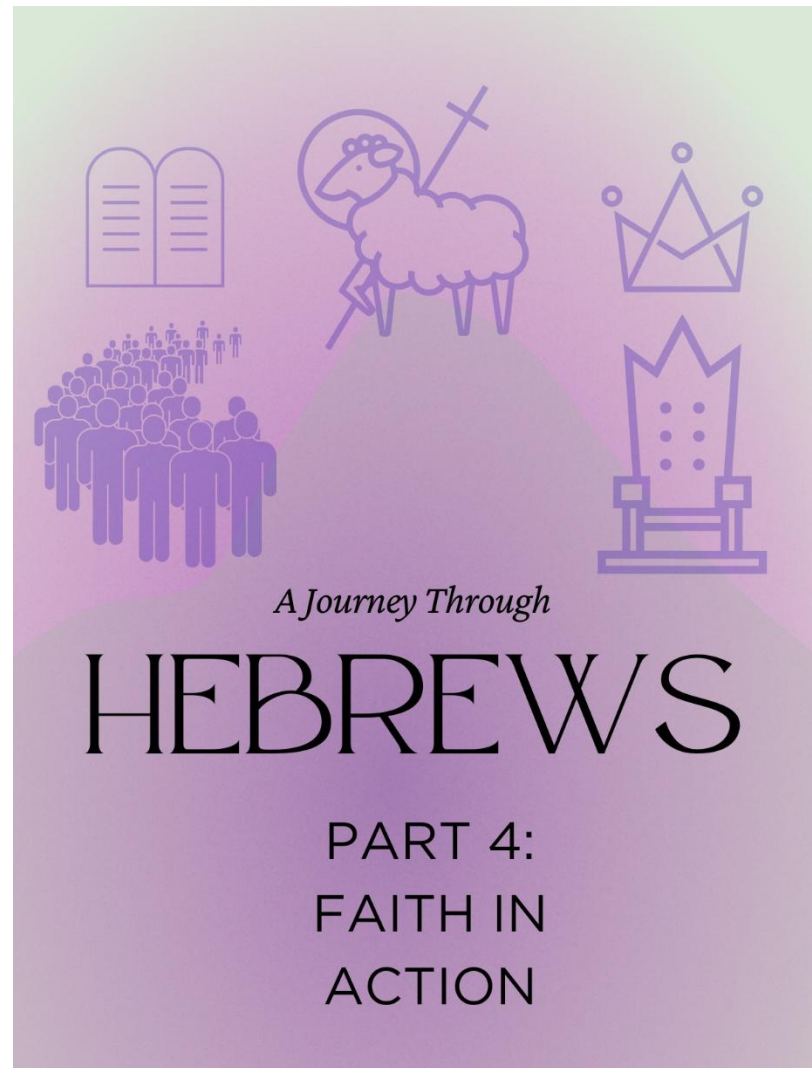
Welcome Visitors!

Stop by the Welcome Desk in the lobby to receive a Welcome Packet

Office Hours:

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

For more information, or to download our church app, please scan the QR code below.



MORTON
Methodist Church

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

Announcements

XYZ

Today at 2:30pm, XYZ will be attending the Philharmonic Chorale concert at ICC. Meet at the church at 1:45 to ride the bus. Tickets are \$12 at the door. On Tuesday, May 5th at 10am, XYZ is having a Movie Day at church. Movie will be announced later. Bring a friend!

Moms for Missions Offering

Next Sunday, May 10th, there will be a special "Moms for Missions" Offering. This will help fund Pathway Ministries' Women's Community House here in Morton. Please indicate "Moms for Missions" in your offering.

Parking Lot

Please avoid parking in the far north section of the parking lot until further notice as crews are working on the new pavilion.

Mission Camp

Registration forms for Mission Camp are due **today**. Contact Pastor Adam if you have any questions.

Graduate Info Forms

If you have a high school or college graduate, please take a graduate info form from the Welcome Desk and return it to the church office by **today** so they may be recognized on Graduation Sunday.

Vacation Bible School

Registration is available! Please see the table in the Gathering Area for more information and to sign up to attend or volunteer. Youth ages 3 years old through 5th grade are encouraged to attend and many volunteers are needed! Contact Brigit Harper or Diane Beaver if you have questions.

VBS Workdays

VBS Workdays will be held on Wednesdays from 1-3pm and 6-8pm, beginning May 13th. Come help us prepare for VBS! All are welcome, no crafting experience required!

Sunday School

May 17th is the last day of Sunday School for the season. It will resume in the fall.

Worship Service

May 3rd, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Call to Worship*

L: In you, O Lord, we see refuge.

P: Into your hand, we commend our spirit.

L: Let your face shine upon us,

P: That we may praise you in the fire of your love!

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn*

This Is My Father's World

UMH 144

Children's Moment

Offertory

Taste and See

MMC Choir

UMH 94

Doxology*

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:21-24

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 12:25-29

Gospel Reading*

Matthew 17:14-21

Gloria Patri*

UMH 70

Sermon

"Consumed by Fire!"

Pastor Bill Novak

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn*

Give Thanks

CH 170

Benediction

Going Forth*

Give Thanks

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 12:25-29

²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ²⁷ The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our "God is a consuming fire."

Matthew 17:14-21

Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Boy

¹⁴ When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. ¹⁵ "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. ¹⁶ I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him."

¹⁷ "You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me." ¹⁸ Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.

¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

²⁰ He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."