

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 MMW Fall Kick Off

Monday-6PM Nominations Committee Meeting

Monday-7PM Administrative Council Meeting

Tuesday-Footprints Due

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-9:30AM Skeins of Love

Tuesday-10AM XYZ Game Day

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

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-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!

Email: info@mortonmethodist.org

Phone: (309) 266-7174

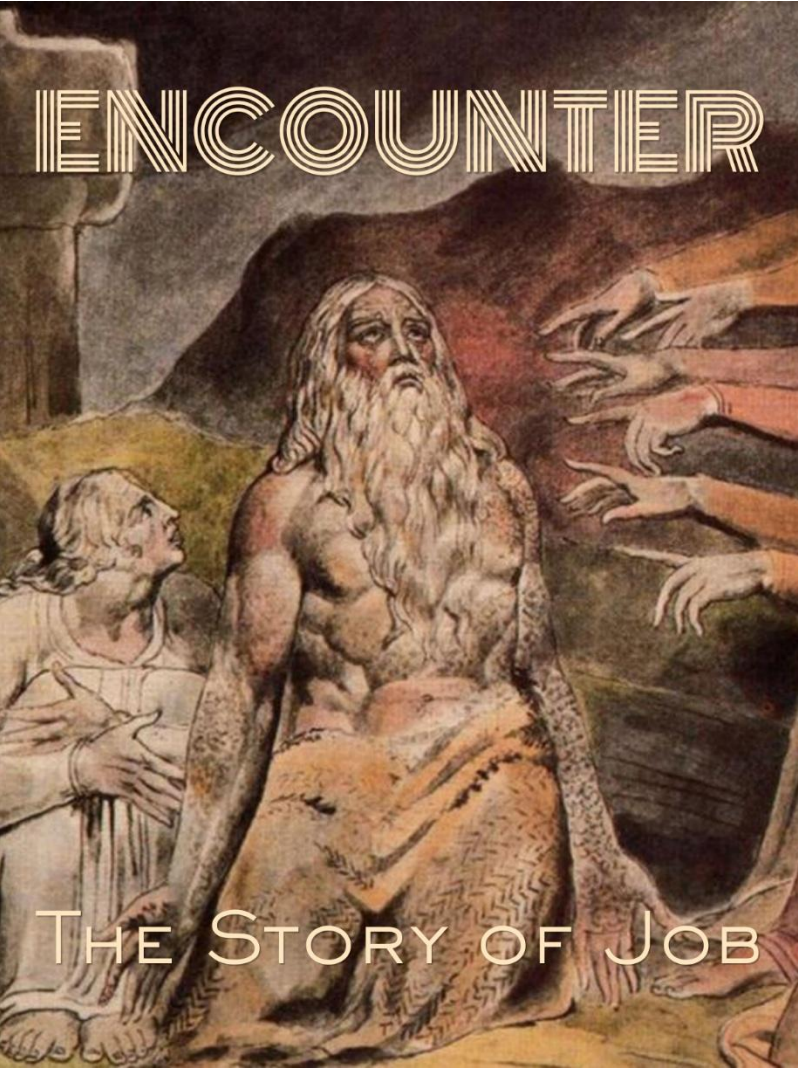
Website: www.mortonmethodist.org

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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, September 20th, 2026

Announcements

Tee Shirts

If you ordered an MMC tee shirt, they have arrived and will be at the Welcome Desk for you to pick up.

MMW Fall Kick Off

The Morton Methodist Women Fall Kick Off will be Monday, September 21st at 6pm. Dessert will be served followed by a speaker from the Morton Police Department about scam prevention.

Footprints Due September 22nd

If you have any information for the next issue of Footprints, please submit it to info@mortonmethodist.org by Tuesday.

XYZ

On Tuesday, September 22nd at 10am, XYZ will be having Game Day at church.

Wednesday Night Encounter

All Wednesday evening activities resume this week, September 23rd. Dinner is at 5pm, followed by Worship with Communion at 6pm. Discipleship for all ages as well as Pastor Paul's Bible Study is held at 6:30pm.

Pub Theology

Pub Theology begins this week and is held on Wednesdays at 7pm at the American Legion. It is for those ages 21+ for conversations about faith and life over a beverage of your choice. Contact Pastor Adam if you have any questions.

Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday Night Bible Study begins September 24th at 5:30pm. This session we will be studying Deborah. Contact Don Chapman or Chuck Birchenough if you are interested or 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.

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Worship Service

September 20th, 2026 8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (from Psalm 139)*

L: You have searched us, Lord, and you know us.

P: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us, too lofty for us to attain.

L: Search us, God, and know our hearts;

P: Test us and know our anxious thoughts.

L: See if there are any offensive ways in us,

P: And lead us in the way everlasting. AMEN.

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn* *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*
UMH 152

Children's Moment

Offertory *Here I Am to Worship*
Doxology* UMH 94

Centering Hymn *Majesty, Worship His Majesty*
UMH 176

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
Old Testament Reading Job 38:1-18, 40:1-5
Gospel Reading* Luke 1:26-38
Gloria Patri* UMH 70

Sermon *"When God Comes Near"*
Pastor Adam Penn

Closing Hymn* *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*
UMH 363 vs.1-3

Benediction

Going Forth* *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* vs.5

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.