

**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 Leadership Development Committee

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-9:30AM Skeins of Love

Tuesday-10AM XYZ Movie Day

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church

Wednesday-6:15PM Family Ministry

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

Wednesday-7PM Pub Theology

Thursday-8:30AM Quilters

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

Thursday-6PM Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday-7PM Choir Practice

Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study

Sunday-8AM Blood Pressure Sunday

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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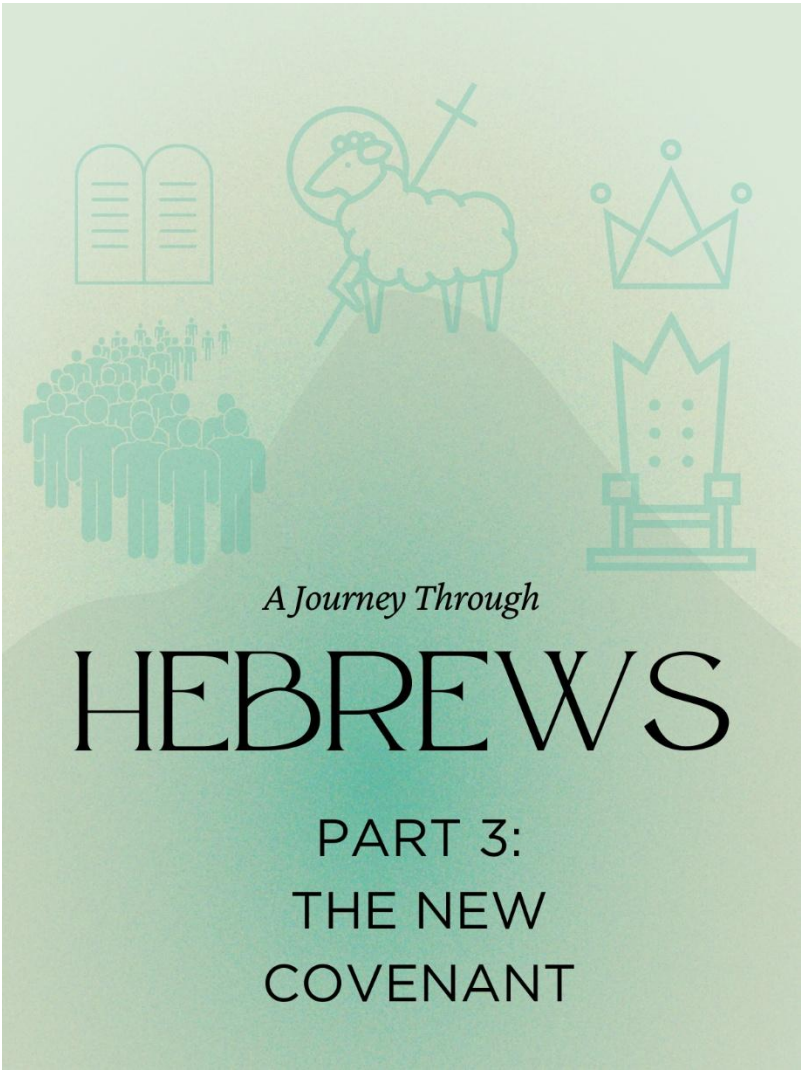
Welcome Visitors!

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

Office Hours:

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

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**MORTON**  
Methodist Church

Sunday, January 11th, 2026

Announcements

A/V Update

Exciting news! Our audio/visual system upgrade will begin next week in the gym, and the following week in the sanctuary! Thanks to those who have already donated towards our \$90,000 fundraising goal. So far, we have raised around \$14,000. To make a donation towards this project, checks may be made payable to the church with "A/V Upgrade" in the memo line.

Liberia Scholarship Offerings

Offerings are still being accepted for Liberia spring semester nursing/midwife scholarships. We will be collecting until January 25<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to the church with a note that it is for "Liberia Scholarships".

XYZ

On Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, XYZ will be having a Movie Day at church at 10am. The movie will be "The Stray". Snacks are provided. Bring a friend!

Worship Service

January 11th, 2026 8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements	
Prelude	<i>Guide Me Thou, O Great Jehovah</i>
Call to Worship (from Psalm 84)*	
L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O God.	
<b>P: Our soul longs for the courts of the Lord;</b>	
L: Our hearts sing for joy	
<b>P: To the living God!</b>	
Passing the Peace*	
Opening Hymn*	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i> UMH 731
Children’s Moment	
Offertory	<i>Here I Am to Worship</i>
Doxology*	UMH 94
Centering Hymn*	<i>We Will Glorify</i> CH 105
Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord’s Prayer	
Epistle Reading	Hebrews 9:1-10
Old Testament Reading	Exodus 40:34-38
Gospel Reading*	Matthew 27:50-54
Gloria Patri*	UMH 70
Sermon	<i>"Encounter the Living God"</i> Pastor Bill Novak
Closing Hymn*	<i>On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand</i> UMH 724 vs.1-3
Benediction	
Going Forth*	<i>On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand</i> vs.4
Postlude	

\*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 9:1-10  
Worship in the Earthly Tabernacle

<sup>9</sup> Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. <sup>2</sup> A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. <sup>3</sup> Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, <sup>4</sup> which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron’s staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. <sup>5</sup> Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now. <sup>6</sup> When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. <sup>7</sup> But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. <sup>8</sup> The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning. <sup>9</sup> This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. <sup>10</sup> They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations applying until the time of the new order.

Matthew 27:50-54

<sup>50</sup> And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. <sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split <sup>52</sup> and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup> They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people. <sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!