

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 Trustees Meeting

Monday-7PM Leadership Development Team

Monday-7PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-9:30AM Skeins of Love

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

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

Thursday-8:30AM Quilters

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

Thursday-1:30PM XYZ Senior Day at the Pumpkin Festival

Thursday-7PM Choir Practice

Friday-10:45AM Volunteering at Pumpkin Festival Food Tent

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

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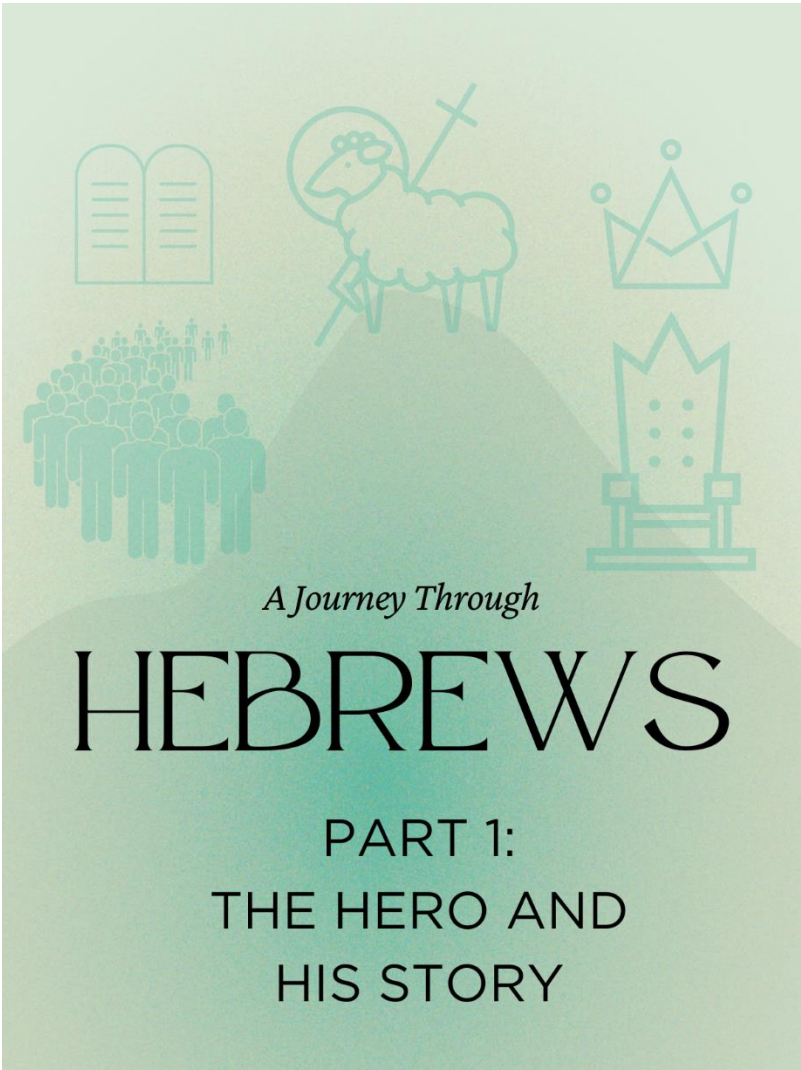
Welcome Visitors!

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, September 7th, 2025

Announcements

Mission Presentation

Today, Jared & Rachel Koch, our 4th Mission Partner, serving in CRU Ministry at university campuses in Central Illinois, will be sharing information about their ministry during the Sunday School time. Contributions may be made to their ministry through our church with "Jared/Rachel -CRU" being indicated. Rachel is the granddaughter of Steve & Joyce Quinn.

Pumpkin Festival Volunteers Still Needed!

Our church will be volunteering in the Food Tent at the Pumpkin Festival on Friday, September 12th from 10:45am-1:15pm. 17 volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

XYZ

On Thursday, September 11th, XYZ will be attending Senior Day at the Pumpkin Festival. Pumpkin Bingo is from 1:30-2:30 and free pie from 2:30-3:30 at the Sweet Shop Tent.

No Dinner Church this week

There will be no Dinner Church, Family Ministry, or Pub Theology on Wednesday September 10th due to the Pumpkin Festival. Pastor Paul will still lead Bible Study at 6:30pm.

Bible Sunday

We invite all children Pre-K to 6th grade to either worship service on Sunday September 21st for Bible Sunday. We will be handing out Bibles to our children during Children's Times at both services. Invite all the children you know to receive a Bible!

Hospital Visit Reminder

This is a reminder about Carle Hospital privacy policies. They no longer inform the church if members are patients at either Methodist or Proctor. If you would like a care visit from the church, please call us directly. One of our care team members will be there promptly!

Worship Service

September 7th, 2025 8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements	
Prelude	<i>His Eye is On the Sparrow</i>
Call to Worship*	
L: The Lord reigns,	
P: Let the nations tremble.	
L: Let them praise Your great and awesome name;	
P: He is holy!	
Passing the Peace*	
Opening Hymn*	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> UMH 57 vs.1-5
Children's Moment	
Offertory	<i>Remember Me</i> MMC Choir UMH 94
Doxology*	
Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord's Prayer	
Old Testament Reading	1 Samuel 15:16-26
Epistle Reading	Hebrews 2:1-4
New Testament Reading	Acts 9:1-19
Sermon	<i>"A Tale of Two Sauls"</i> Pastor Bill Novak
Sacrament of Holy Communion	
Closing Hymn*	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i> vs.1-2 UMH 593
Benediction	
Refrain*	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i> vs.3
Postlude	

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-19

Saul's Conversion

9 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest **2** and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. **3** As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. **4** He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" **5** "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. **6** "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." **7** The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. **8** Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. **9** For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. **10** In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. **11** The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. **12** In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." **13** "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. **14** And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." **15** But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. **16** I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." **17** Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." **18** Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, **19** and after taking some food, he regained his strength. **Saul in Damascus and Jerusalem**
Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.