

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church
Monday-7PM Boy Scouts
Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting
Tuesday-10:30AM XYZ Game Day
Tuesday-7PM Praise Team
Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group
Wednesday-9AM UWIF Board Meeting
Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church
Wednesday-6:15PM Family Ministry Night
Wednesday-6:30PM Bible Study with Pastor Paul
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters
Thursday-9:30AM Bible Study with Pastor Paul
Thursday-6PM Bells Practice
Thursday-6PM 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 for all ages
Sunday-10:45AM Cross Connections Worship Service
Sunday-12PM Potluck
Sunday-1PM Denominational Session 3

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 the events in the church! There are printed schedules available at the Welcome Desk for anyone who would like one!



Welcome to Morton United Methodist Church!

We're glad you're here!

Sunday Schedule:
Traditional Service: 8:30 am
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Cross Connections: 10:45 am

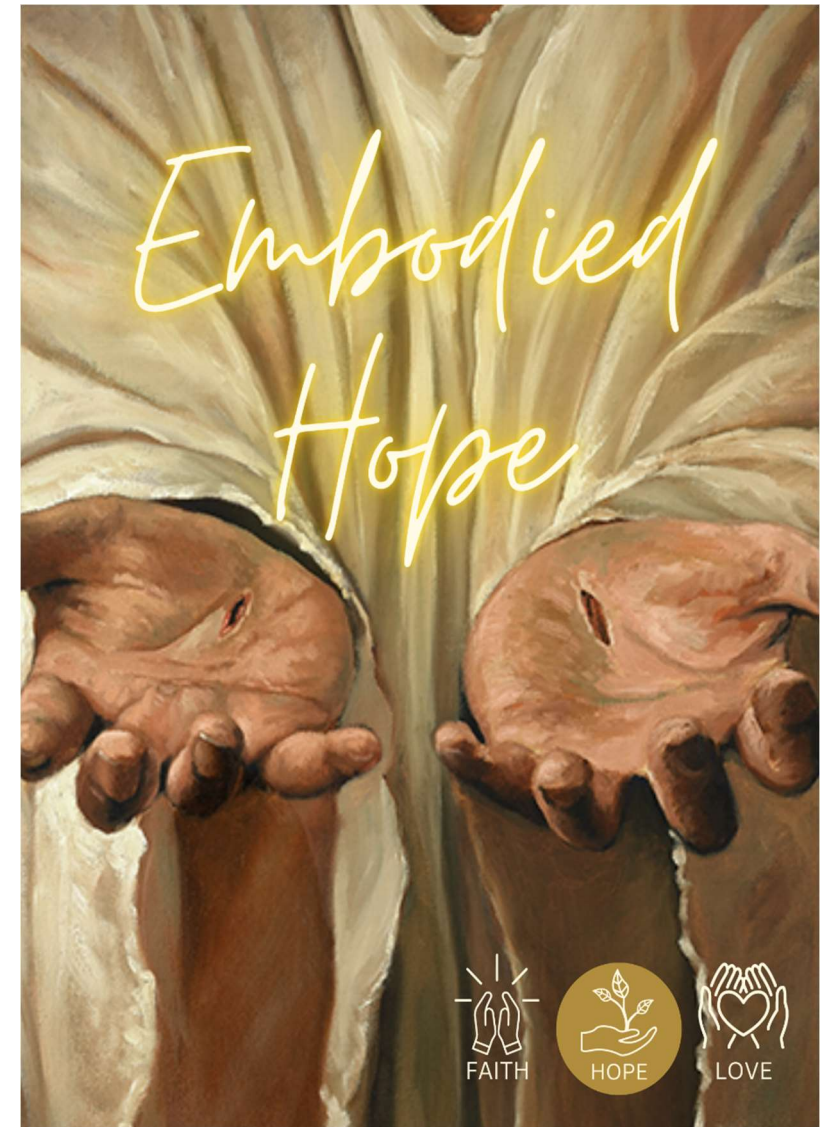
Wednesday Schedule:
Dinner Church: 5 pm
Family Ministry Night: 6 pm
Bible Study: 6:30 pm

Contact us!

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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

**For more information, or to download our church app,
visit our website, or scan the QR code below!**



**Morton United Methodist
Church**

Sunday, January 29th, 2023

Morton United Methodist Church Announcements

XYZ Activities

XYZ will be having a Game Day at 10:30AM on Tuesday, January 31st in the gym. We will be playing Mexican Trains and having lunch.

Sessions Reminder

Don't forget to join us after Cross Connections on this Sunday, January 29th and next Sunday, February 5th at 12pm for our potluck lunch followed by our denominational session at 1pm. These are back-to-back sessions!

Potluck for Session 3

Remember that next week will have another potluck and session! For our third potluck, we will be having spaghetti. We ask that if your last name starts with A-M, please bring a side dish or appetizer. If your last name starts with N-Z please bring a dessert.

Missed Sessions

If you are unable to be at one of the 5 sessions and would like to request information, please contact Megan Benckendorf at the church office. Phone: (309) 266-7174; Email: meganb@mortonumc.org

Worship Service

January 29th, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Call to Worship*

Leader: Rejoice and be glad

People: For God blesses the earth!

Leader: Rejoice and be glad

People: For God renews creation!

All: New Heaven, New Earth Today!

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn*

What A Friend We Have in Jesus
UMH 526

Children's Time

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Doxology*

UMH 94

Centering Hymn*

We Shall Overcome
UMH 533 (v.1-3)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Choral Anthem

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel Reading*

Matthew 5:1-12

Gloria Patri*

UMH 70

Sermon

"Fools for Hope"

Pastor Bill Novak

Closing Hymn*

Be Still My Soul

UMH 534 (v.1-2)

Benediction*

Refrain

Verse 3 of *Be Still My Soul*

Postlude

Scripture Reading

NIV

1 Corinthians 1:18-31:

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;

the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."