

Prayer for our Church Family:

Please pray for the Gale family as they mourn the loss of Preston Gale. The visitation will be held here at the church on August 25th from 4-6pm. The funeral will be a private service.

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

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church
- Monday-10AM Lutheran Hillside Communion
- Monday-6PM Transition Team Meeting
- Monday-7PM Ad Board Meeting
- 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-6:30PM UMM Meeting
- Thursday-8:30AM Quilters
- Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study
- Saturday-9AM Serving at Trinity Church
- Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service
- Sunday-10:45AM Cross Connections Worship Service
- Sunday-12PM Lunch Provided in the gym
- Sunday-1PM All Church Meeting**

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! 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

Contact us!

Email: info@mortonumc.org
Phone: (309) 266-7174
Website: www.mortonumc.org

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!



TRUE IDENTITY

GENESIS	ABRAHAM	Who are we? More importantly, whose are we? Let's trace connections between Genesis and Paul's letters to understand what it means to be God's people.	
COVENANT	GALATIANS		
PAUL	EPHESIANS		

**Morton United Methodist
Church**

Sunday, August 13th, 2023

Morton United Methodist Church Announcements

All Church Meeting

Next Sunday, August 20th, we will be having an All Church Meeting. This meeting will be to update the congregation where we are in the disaffiliation process, as well as to briefly recap our previous sessions. The meeting will start at 1pm. Lunch will be provided in the gym at 12pm.

Floor Waxing

We will be stripping and waxing the gym floors from August 28th -31st. There will be no access to the gym during this time. Please see the office with any concerns.

Volunteers Needed

Our senior ministry, Extra Years of Zest (XYZ), is in need of a team of volunteers who would be willing to coordinate their weekly activities. We are also looking for those willing to serve as substitute teachers for our children's Sunday School classes. If you are willing to help in either of these areas, please email Pastor Adam at adamp@mortonumc.org

Sunday School

Today is our last Summer Sunday School meeting! We will begin our full Fall Schedule on September 10th. More details for our fall session will be available soon.

XYZ Activities

XYZ will be having a Game Day at 10:30am in the gym. We will play Mexican Trains and go out to lunch afterwards. You will be on your own for this event.

Worship Service

August 13th, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Call to Worship*

Leader: We gather in anticipation, seeking an encounter with God.

People: *The God who meets us where we are,*

Leader: who invites us to a persistent wrestling in faith;

People: *who gives us a new identity that we might be a blessing.*

Leader: Let us worship God together!

ALL: AMEN.

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn*

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

UMH 386

Children's Time

Offertory

O Love

MUMC Choir

Doxology*

UMH 94

Centering Hymn*

O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go

UMH 480 (v.1-2)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22-32

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-11

Gloria Patri*

UMH 70

Sermon

"Wrestling with God"

Pastor Adam Penn

Closing Hymn*

Showers of Blessing

CH 430

Benediction*

Refrain*

Refrain of *Showers of Blessing*

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

NIV

Genesis 32:22-32:

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

Philippians 3:4b-11:

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.