

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
Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting
Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice
Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group
Wednesday-9:30AM Bible Study Fellowship
Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting
Wednesday-11:30AM Ruth Circle
Wednesday-4PM Pumpkin Festival Sweet Shop Volunteers
Wednesday-6:30PM Pastor Paul's Bible Study
Thursday-9:30AM Pastor Paul's Bible Study
Thursday-1:30PM XYZ Pumpkin Festival Bingo and Pie
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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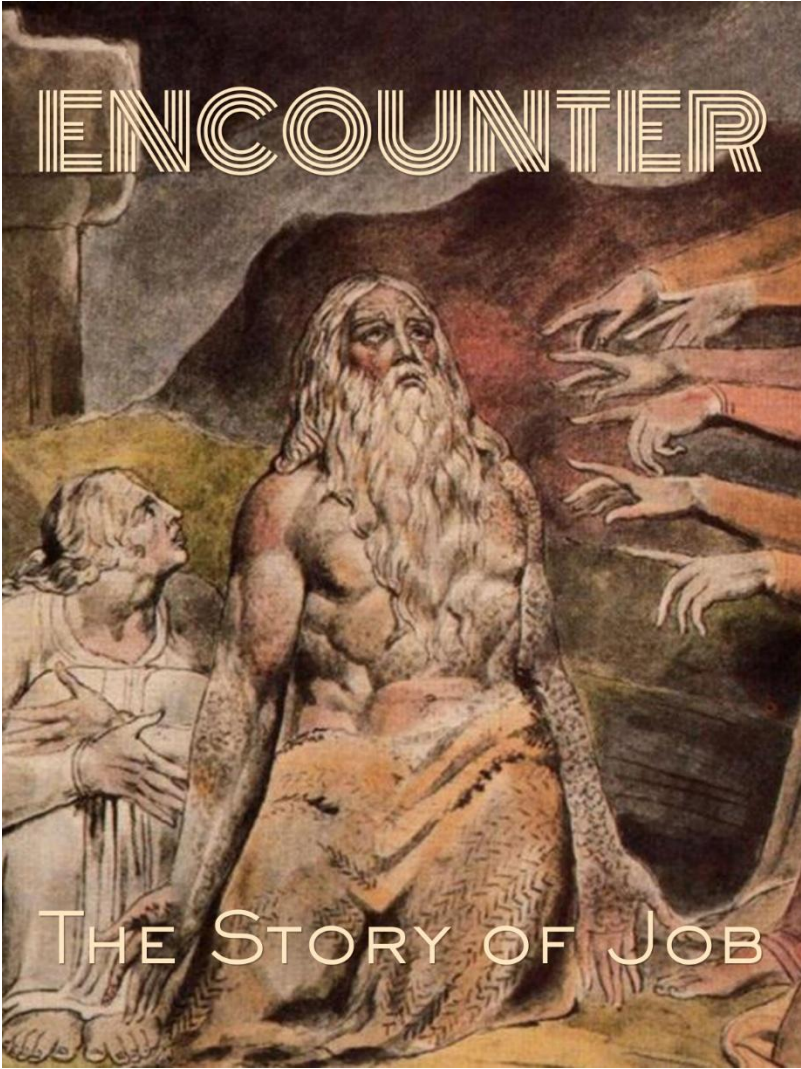
Website: www.mortonmethodist.org

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Office Hours:

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

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MORTON
Methodist Church

Sunday, September 13th, 2026

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages begins TODAY at 9:45am.

Tee Shirts

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

Wednesday Night Encounter

There will be no dinner, worship, or family ministry this Wednesday, September 16th due to the Pumpkin Festival.

Pastor Paul will still hold Bible Study that evening. All Wednesday evening activities resume on September 23rd.

XYZ

On Thursday, September 17th, XYZ will be attending senior day at the Pumpkin Festival. Bingo is in the Grill Tent from 1:30-2:30pm. There is free pie for seniors from 2:30-3:30pm.

Meet at the Grill Tent.

Walk and Talk Cancelled September 19th

Walk and Talk is cancelled on September 19th due to the Pumpkin Festival. It will resume on October 3rd.

Bible Study Fellowship

Our church will be FULL on Wednesday mornings starting September 16th! Women and children ages 0-5 are invited to join Bible Study Fellowship for a study on Paul's Letter to the Romans from 9:30 to 11am. BSF is a free, inter-denominational study whose Morton chapter has over 100 women in attendance. Join us in welcoming this incredible ministry to our church!

Wednesday Night Kitchen Help Needed

Help is needed in the kitchen for Wednesday night dinners. Contact Pastor Bill if you can help.

Welcome Desk Volunteers

We are in need of a few more volunteers for the Welcome Desk. If you are interested, please contact Marj Orth at (309)253-7597.

Worship Service

September 13th, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *My Life Flows On In Endless Song*

Call to Worship (from Psalm 145)*

L: The Lord is gracious and compassionate,

P: Slow to anger and rich in love.

L: The Lord is good to all;

P: He has compassion on all he has made.

L: All your works praise you, Lord;

P: Your faithful people extol you! AMEN.

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn* *O Worship the King*
UMH 73

Children's Moment

Offertory *Held By His Grace*
MMC Choir

Doxology* UMH 94

Centering Hymn *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*
UMH 500 vs.1-2

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading Job 32:1-5, 35:1-8, 36:13-21

Gospel Reading* Matthew 20:1-16

Gloria Patri* UMH 70

Sermon *"The Unfairness of Grace"*
Pastor Adam Penn

Closing Hymn* *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
UMH 154 vs.1-4

Benediction

Going Forth* *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* vs.6

Postlude

Scripture Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. **2** He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

3 "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. **4** He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' **5** So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. **6** About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

7 "Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

8 "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

9 "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. **10** So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. **11** When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. **12** 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

13 "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?' **14** Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. **15** Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

16 "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*Please stand if you are able