

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Monday-Friday-9AM-12PM ICMA Summer Camp

Monday-10AM Lutheran Hillside Communion

Monday-7PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday- 8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-9:30AM Skeins of Love

Tuesday-10:30AM XYZ Game Day

Tuesday-6:30PM Caregivers' Support Network

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting

Wednesday-1PM and 6PM Craft Sale Workday

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

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

·Cross Connections: 10:45 am

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Office Hours:


Monday-Thursday 8:30 am –
4:00 pm

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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, July 9th, 2023

Morton United Methodist Church Announcements

Sunday School

We are excited to announce that we will be beginning Sunday School again for *all ages* on Sunday, July 23rd at 9:45am. A full list of classes and more details will be available shortly!

XYZ Activities

We will be having a game day on July 11th at 10:30am. We will be playing Mexican Trains; then go out for lunch. Your choice of restaurant. Meals on your own.

Prayer Service and Q&A

Please join us for our next Prayer Session Sunday, July 16th at 1pm. We are having a monthly prayer service followed by a listening session on the 3rd Sunday of every month as we continue the process of exploring disaffiliation. Let us continue to come together, one in the Spirit, one in the Lord, simply to be in God's presence.

Worship Service

July 9th, 2023

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements	
Prelude	Judy Earleson
Call to Worship*	
Leader: Wait for the Lord; be strong!	
People: <i>The promises of God will never be broken.</i>	
Leader: With God as our light, what is there to fear?	
People: <i>The promises of God will never be broken.</i>	
Leader: Put your faith in God, who provides for our every need.	
People: <i>The promises of God will never be broken. AMEN</i>	
Passing the Peace*	
Opening Hymn*	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i> UMH 89
Children's Time	
Offertory	<i>Prayer</i> Judy Earleson
Doxology*	UMH 94
Centering Hymn*	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> UMH 451
Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord's Prayer	
Old Testament Reading	Genesis 15:1-18
Gloria Patri*	UMH 70
Sermon	<i>"A Torch and a Promise"</i> Pastor Adam Penn
Closing Hymn*	<i>Amazing Grace</i> UMH 378 (v. 1-3)
Benediction	
Refrain*	Verse 6 of <i>Amazing Grace</i>
Postlude	

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

NIV

Genesis 15:1-18:

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

² But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." ⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

⁷ He also said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."

⁸ But Abram said, "Sovereign LORD, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"

⁹ So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon."

¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. ¹¹ Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. ¹³ Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. ¹⁴ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."

¹⁷ When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates