

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

Today-11:15AM XYZ lunch at show at Barn III

Today-Poinsettia orders due

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Monday-Ham Collection Ends

Monday-11AM Restmor Communion

Monday-1PM Brandon Wood Communion

Monday-2PM Holly Brook Communion

Monday-6:30PM Sarah Circle

Tuesday-Footprints Due

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-11:30AM Ruth Circle

Thursday-8:30AM Quilters

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

## MORTON METHODIST CHURCH

### Sunday Schedule:

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

Contact us!

Email: [info@mortonmethodist.org](mailto:info@mortonmethodist.org)

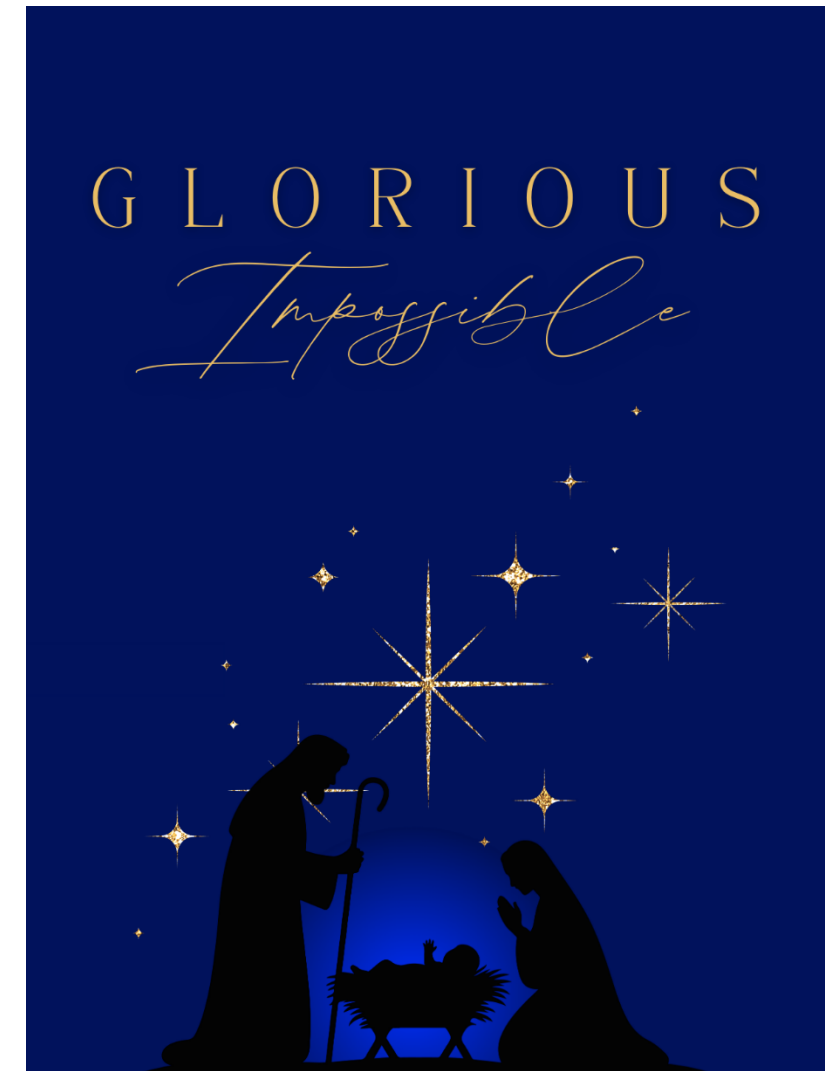
Phone: (309) 266-7174

Website: [www.mortonmethodist.org](http://www.mortonmethodist.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.



**MORTON**  
Methodist Church

Sunday, December 14th, 2025

Announcements

Christmas Ham Donations

The Methodist Men are collecting hams to deliver to Manna from Heaven. The hams may range in size from 5-7lbs. Place the hams in the walk-in refrigerator by Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please sign the sheet at the Welcome Desk if you are able to donate.

Poinsettia Order Forms due today

Order forms for Christmas Poinsettias are due today. Please place in the offering plate or turn into the church office. Extra forms are at the Welcome Desk.

No Wednesday Night activities

Dinner Church and Family Ministry have concluded for 2025. Wednesday night activities will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Footprints Due December 16<sup>th</sup>

Due to the office being closed for the Christmas holiday, we are kindly requesting information for Footprints to be turned in by December 16<sup>th</sup> to allow time for completion.

Sunday School

The last session of Sunday School for 2025 will be on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Sunday School will resume on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am.

Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

The church office will be closed from December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Urgent pastoral care will be available by calling (309)340-9537. The office will reopen on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas Eve Services

- 5pm – Traditional Christmas Eve Service
- 7pm – Traditional Christmas Eve Service with Communion
- 9pm – Christmas Eve Cross Connections Service
- 11pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service

There will only be one worship service on December 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

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Worship Service

December 14th, 2025 8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements	
Prelude	<i>Hark, the Herald Angels Sing</i>
Processional Hymn	<i>People, Look East</i> UMH 202 vs.3
Call to Worship*	
L: Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob	
<b>P: Whose hope is in the Lord their God.</b>	
L: The Lord reigns for all generations;	
<b>P: Praise the Lord!</b>	
Opening Hymn*	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i> UMH 224
Passing the Peace*	
Advent Candle Lighting	John & Eve Ackerman
Offertory	<i>Noel, Grand Jeu et Duo</i>
Doxology*	UMH 94
Christmas Cantata	<i>Glorious Impossible</i>
Epistle Reading	Hebrews 7:11-19
Pastoral Prayer	
Devotion	"A Better Hope" Pastor Bill Novak
Closing Hymn*	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i> vs.1-3 UMH 220
Benediction*	
Going Forth*	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i> vs.4
Postlude	

\*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 7:11-19

Jesus Like Melchizedek

<sup>11</sup> If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? <sup>12</sup> For when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also. <sup>13</sup> He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. <sup>14</sup> For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. <sup>15</sup> And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, <sup>16</sup> one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. <sup>17</sup> For it is declared:

“You are a priest forever,  
in the order of Melchizedek.”  
<sup>18</sup> The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless <sup>19</sup> (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.