

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

Monday Sept 1 – Office Closed for Labor Day

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-11:30AM XYZ lunch at La Fiesta

Tuesday-6:30PM Care Givers’ Support Network

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-9AM UWF Board Meeting

Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting

Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church

Wednesday-6:15PM Family Ministry

Wednesday-6:30PM Pastor Paul’s Bible Study

Wednesday-7PM Pub Theology

Thursday-8:30AM Quilters

Thursday-9:30AM Hannah Circle

Thursday-9:30AM Pastor Paul’s Bible Study

Thursday-7PM Choir Practice

Saturday-7AM Men’s Bible Study

Saturday-7:30AM Serve at Community Harvest Food Pantry

Saturday-8AM Walk and Talk

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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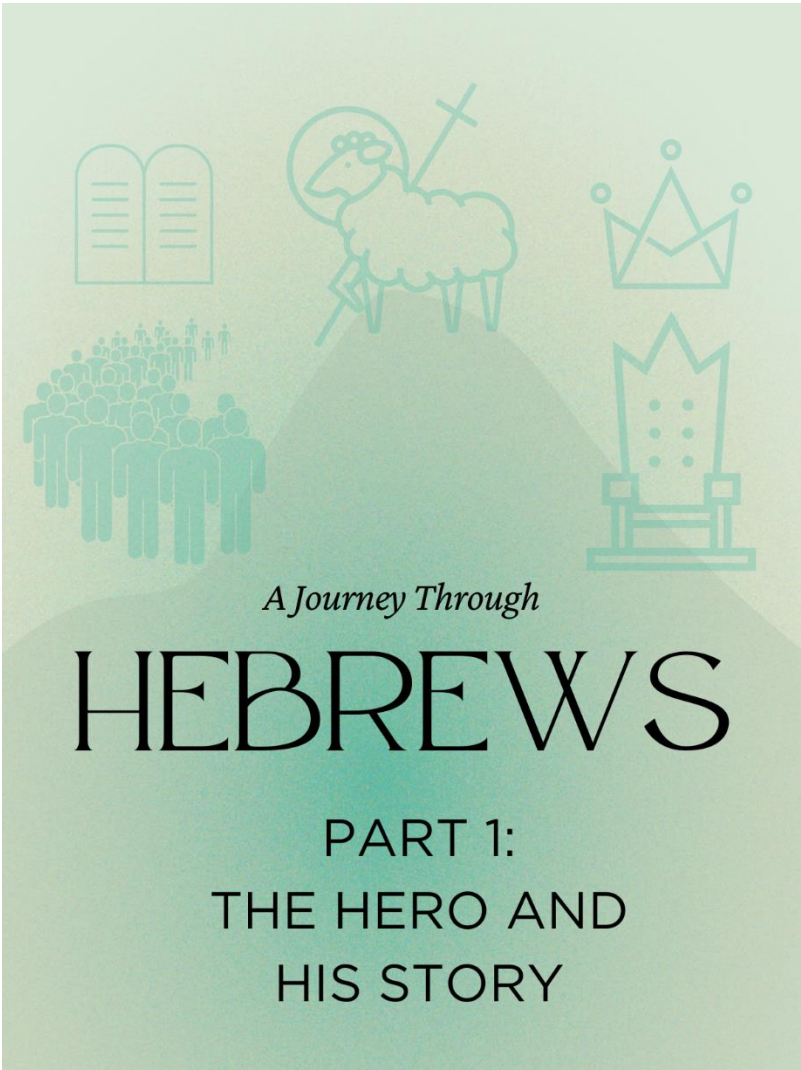
Welcome Visitors!

Stop by the Welcome Desk in the lobby to receive a Welcome Packet

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, August 31st, 2025

Announcements

Mission Presentation

Sunday September 7, one of our Mission Partners, Jared and Rachel Koch, CRU Ministry (formerly Campus Crusade), will be introduced to the congregation and share information about their ministry during the Sunday School time. They serve Universities in the Central Illinois area, leading college students to Christ. Contributions to their ministry may be made on that Sunday, with cash or checks written to MMC and "Jared/Rachel - CRU" in the memo field. Rachel is the granddaughter of Steve & Joyce Quinn.

XYZ

On Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, XYZ will be going out to lunch at La Fiesta in Morton. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30.

Pastor Paul’s Bible Study

Pastor Paul’s Bible Study begins this week. We will be studying Romans. The class meets Wednesdays 6:30-8pm or Thursdays 9:30-11am. The same material is covered in both the Wednesday and Thursday sessions. There is a flyer at the Welcome Desk if you would like more information.

Pumpkin Festival Volunteers Needed!

Our church will be volunteering in the Food Tent at the Pumpkin Festival on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:45am-1:15pm. 17 volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Hospital Visit Reminder

This is a reminder about Carle Hospital privacy policies. They no longer inform the church if members are patients at either Methodist or Proctor. If you would like a care visit from the church, please call us directly. One of our care team members will be there promptly!

Dinner Church cooks and helpers needed

We are looking for people who are willing to cook and serve Wednesday Dinner Church meals throughout the year. We still have a few Wednesday evenings open. If you are interested in preparing a meal, please contact Jayne Benckendorf at (309)657-9796. It takes a team to make Wednesday Dinner Church happen. Let’s Feed God’s People!

Office Closed September 1<sup>st</sup>

The church office will be closed Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, in observance of Labor Day.

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Worship Service

August 31st, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *Surely the Presence of the Lord*  
Judy Earleson

Call to Worship\*

L: Your Throne, O God, endures forever;

**P: You have anointed us with the oil of gladness.**

L: With joy and gladness, we enter the palace of the king;

**P: We praise your name forever and ever!**

Passing the Peace\*

Opening Hymn\* *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
UMH 158

Welcoming of New Members Mike and Cathy Thomas  
Offertory *Spirit of the Living God*

Tami Grieder & Judy Earleson

Doxology\* UMH 94

Centering Hymn\* *Nearer, My God, to Thee*  
UMH 528 vs.1-3

Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord’s Prayer

Old Testament Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

New Testament Reading Hebrews 1:6-14

Gospel Reading\* Matthew 17:1-8

Gloria Patri UMH 70

Sermon *"The Heart of the Hero"*  
Pastor Bill Novak

Closing Hymn\* *Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
UMH 140

Benediction

Refrain\* Refrain of *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup> And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God’s angels worship him."

<sup>7</sup> In speaking of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels spirits,  
and his servants flames of fire."

<sup>8</sup> But about the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has set you above your  
companions  
by anointing you with the oil of joy."

<sup>10</sup> He also says,

"In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the  
earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

<sup>11</sup> They will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like a garment.

<sup>12</sup> You will roll them up like a robe;  
like a garment they will be changed.

But you remain the same,  
and your years will never end."

<sup>13</sup> To which of the angels did God ever say,

"Sit at my right hand  
until I make your enemies  
a footstool for your feet"?

<sup>14</sup> Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those  
who will inherit salvation?