

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Monday-6PM Trustees Meeting

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-10AM XYZ Game Day

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-9AM MMW 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 Pastor Paul's Bible Study

Thursday-6PM Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday-7PM Choir Practice

Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study

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

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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

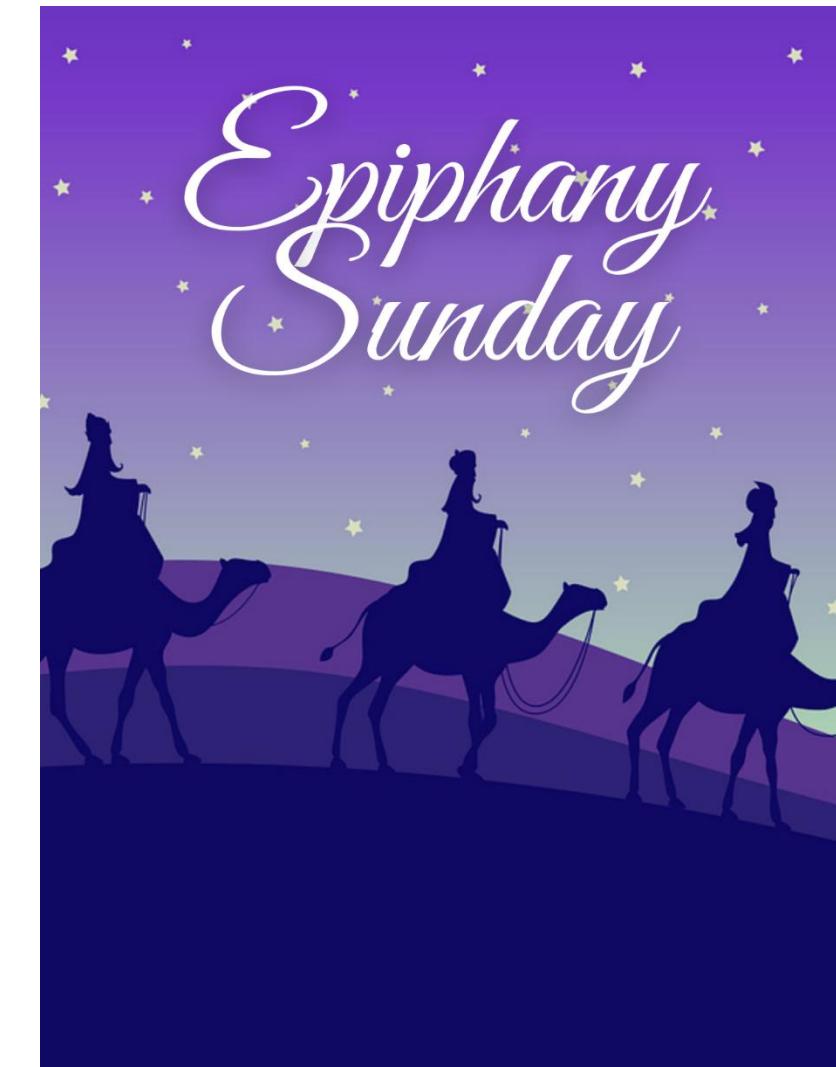
For more information, or to download our church app, please scan the QR code below.



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!



Sunday, January 4th, 2026

Announcements

Wednesday Activities resume this week

On Wednesday, January 7th, Dinner Church is at 5pm, Family Ministry is at 6:15pm, Pastor Paul's Bible Study is at 6:30pm, and Pub Theology is at 7pm (American Legion).

Pastor Paul's Bible Study

Pastor Paul will once again be holding Bible Study this winter/spring. It will be held Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm and Thursday mornings at 9:30am. We will be studying the book of Acts. There is a flyer at the Welcome Desk with a description and schedule.

XYZ

On Tuesday, January 6th, XYZ will be having a Game Day at church at 10am.

Worship Service

January 4th, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship*

L: Arise, Shine!

P: For, the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

L: We shall see and be radiant.

P: Our hearts thrill and rejoice: praise the Lord!

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn*

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

UMH 248

Children's Moment

Offertory

Doxology*

UMH 94

Pastoral Prayer

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 8:7-13

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Gospel Reading*

Matthew 2:1-12

Gloria Patri*

UMH 70

Sermon

"A Promise Fulfilled"

Pastor Bill Novak

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn*

All Glory, Laud and Honor

UMH 280 vs.1-3

Benediction

Going Forth*

All Glory, Laud and Honor vs.4

Postlude

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Visit of the Wise Men

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, **2** saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." **3** When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; **4** and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. **5** They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. **8** And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." **9** After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. **11** And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. **12** And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.