

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

Today-3PM XYZ attending Orpheus Club Winter Concert
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church
Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting
Tuesday-9:30AM Skeins of Love
Tuesday-11:30AM XYZ Christmas Potluck
Tuesday-7PM Cantata 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 Youth Christmas Carol Sing
Wednesday-6:15PM Family Ministry Night
Wednesday-7PM Pub Theology
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters
Thursday-6:30PM Cantata Practice
Thursday-7PM Choir Practice
Saturday-7AM Men’s Bible Study
Saturday-8AM Walk and Talk
Sunday-Cantata Sunday
Sunday-Poinsettia Orders Due
Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service
Sunday-9:45AM Sunday School
Sunday-10:45AM Cross Connections Worship
Sunday-11:15AM XYZ Lunch and Show at Barn III

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

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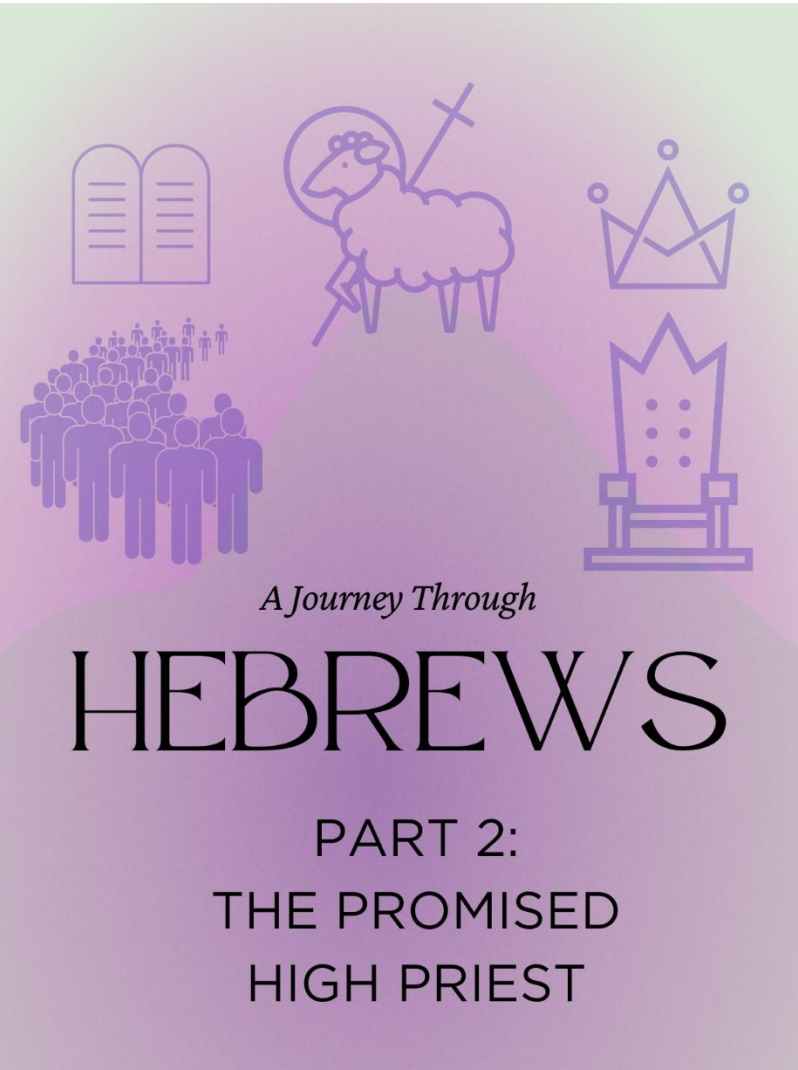
Welcome Visitors!

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

Office Hours:

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

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MORTON
Methodist Church

Sunday, December 7th, 2025

Announcements

Christmas Cantata

Next Sunday, December 14th, the MMC Music Teams will present the Christmas Cantata “Glorious Impossible” at the 8:30am Traditional Service with an excerpt at the 10:45am Cross Connections Service.

Children’s Nativity

Next Sunday, December 14th, there will be a Children’s Nativity at the 10:45am Cross Connections service.

Last Dinner Church this Wednesday

The last Dinner Church for the year will be held this Wednesday, December 10th. After dinner, the youth are invited to join us at Brandonwood and Hollybrook to sing Christmas carols. Dinner Church will resume on January 7th.

XYZ

Today at 3pm, XYZ will be attending the Orpheus Winter Concert at First Federated Church in Peoria. Meet at church at 2:15pm to carpool. On Tuesday, December 9th at 11:30am, XYZ will be having a Christmas Potluck. The main dish will be fried chicken. Please sign up with Traci.

Christmas Poinsettias

There will once again be Christmas poinsettias available to purchase in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The cost is \$19 each. Please fill out the form and bring it to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Forms are due by December 14th. Plants will be available for pickup after Christmas Eve Services.

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 15th. Please sign the sheet at the Welcome Desk if you are able to donate.

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Worship Service

December 7th, 2025 8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements	
Prelude	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>
	Gospel Bells
Processional Hymn	<i>People, Look East</i> UMH 202 vs.2
Call to Worship*	
L: Praise the Lord!	
P: We extol the Lord with all our hearts.	
L: Glorious and majestic are His deeds;	
P: His righteousness endures forever!	
Passing the Peace*	
Opening Hymn*	<i>Hail to the Lord’s Anointed</i> UMH 203
Children’s Choir	
Advent Candle Lighting	The Harper Family
Stewardship Moment	Sam Churchill
Offertory	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> Gospel Bells
Doxology*	UMH 94
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 122 UMH 845 Response 1
Pastoral Prayer	
Old Testament Reading	Genesis 14:13-24
Epistle Reading	Hebrews 7:1-10
Gospel Reading*	Matthew 1:18-25
Gloria Patri*	UMH 70
Sermon	<i>“King of Righteousness, King of Peace”</i> Pastor Bill Novak
Sacrament of Holy Communion	
Closing Hymn*	<i>There’s a Song in the Air</i> UMH 249 vs.1-3
Benediction	
Going Forth*	<i>There’s a Song in the Air</i> vs.4
Postlude	

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 7:1-10

Melchizedek the Priest

7 This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the defeat of the kings and blessed him, **2** and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything. First, the name Melchizedek means “king of righteousness”; then also, “king of Salem” means “king of peace.” **3** Without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.

4 Just think how great he was: Even the patriarch Abraham gave him a tenth of the plunder! **5** Now the law requires the descendants of Levi who become priests to collect a tenth from the people—that is, from their fellow Israelites—even though they also are descended from Abraham. **6** This man, however, did not trace his descent from Levi, yet he collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. **7** And without doubt the lesser is blessed by the greater. **8** In the one case, the tenth is collected by people who die; but in the other case, by him who is declared to be living. **9** One might even say that Levi, who collects the tenth, paid the tenth through Abraham, **10** because when Melchizedek met Abraham, Levi was still in the body of his ancestor.

Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. **19** Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: **23** “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. **25** But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.