

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church

Monday-9AM Missions Meeting

Monday-6PM Trustees Meeting

Monday-7PM Leadership Development Committee

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-10AM XYZ Game Day at church and lunch out

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

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-5:30PM Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday-5:45PM Bells Practice

Thursday-6:30PM Cantata Practice

Thursday-7PM Choir Practice

Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday-11AM Carol McClelland Memorial Service

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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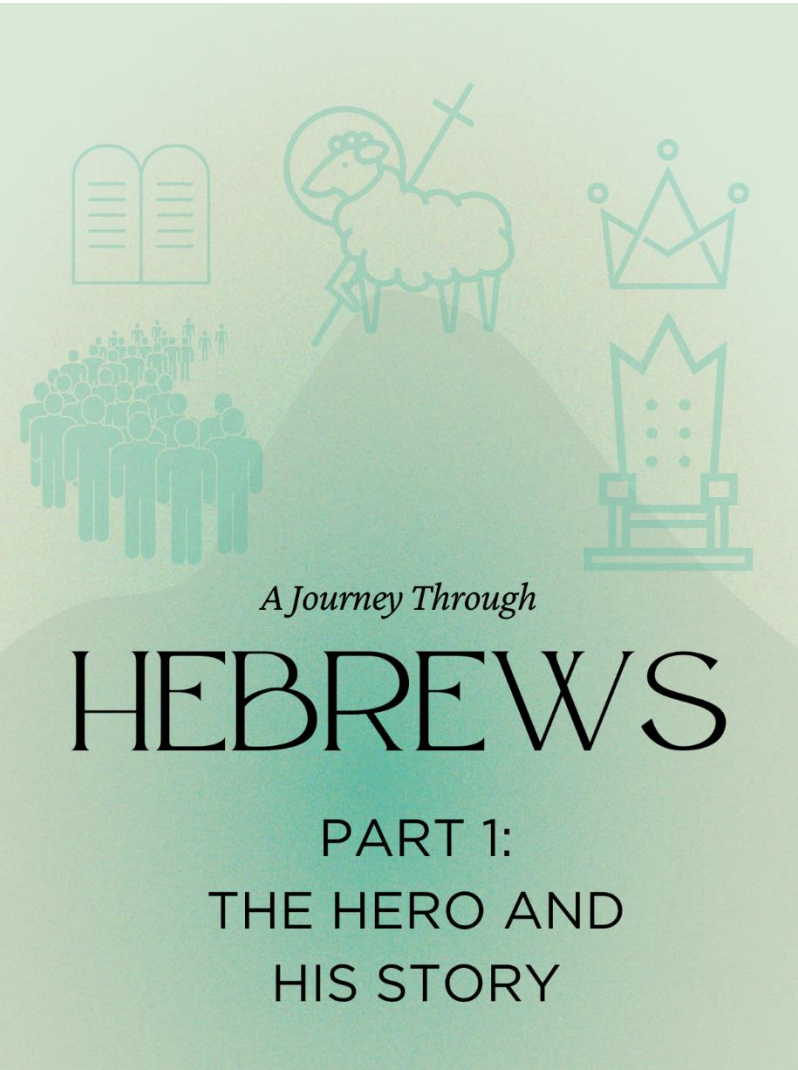
Welcome Visitors!

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, October 5th, 2025

Announcements

Carol McClelland Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for Carol McClelland will be held this Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Lunch will follow the service.

XYZ

On Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am, XYZ will be having a Game Day playing Mexican Train at church, followed by lunch out at a local restaurant.

Men’s Retreat

Please see the flyer at the Welcome Desk regarding the men’s retreat October 31<sup>st</sup>-November 2nd. There is a signup sheet next to it. If you have questions, you may contact Don Chapman at (309)208-4303.

Blood Drive October 14th

The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive here at church on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-6pm. Please contact the church or use the QR code below to make an appointment.



Membership Directories Available

New Membership Directories are available to be picked up at the Welcome Desk. We ask that you take just one copy per household. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Worship Service

October 5th, 2025 8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements	
Prelude	<i>How Beautiful</i>
Call to Worship*	
L: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;	
<b>P: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving!</b>	
L: Let us extol Him with music and song;	
<b>P: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all kings!</b>	
Passing the Peace*	
Opening Hymn*	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i> UMH 381
Children’s Moment	
Offertory	<i>Surely the Presence</i> MMC Choir UMH 94
Doxology*	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 137:1-6
Pastoral Prayer	
Old Testament Reading	Numbers 14:1-4
New Testament Reading	Hebrews 3:7-13
Gospel Reading*	Mark 1:9-11
Gloria Patri*	UMH 70
Sermon	<i>"Weeping by the Water"</i> Pastor Bill Novak
Sacrament of Holy Communion	
Closing Hymn*	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i> UMH 384 vs.1-3
Benediction	
Going Forth*	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i> vs.4
Postlude	

\*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 3:7-13

Warning Against Unbelief

<sup>7</sup> So, as the Holy Spirit says:  
“Today, if you hear his voice,  
<sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts  
as you did in the rebellion,  
during the time of testing in the wilderness,  
<sup>9</sup> where your ancestors tested and tried me,  
though for forty years they saw what I did.  
<sup>10</sup> That is why I was angry with that generation;  
I said, ‘Their hearts are always going astray,  
and they have not known my ways.’  
<sup>11</sup> So I declared on oath in my anger,  
‘They shall never enter my rest.’ ”  
<sup>12</sup> See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a  
sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living  
God. <sup>13</sup> But encourage one another daily, as long as it is  
called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s  
deceitfulness.

Mark 1:9-11

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was  
baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming  
up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the  
Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came  
from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am  
well pleased.”