

**Be the Church:** Check out the ways to get involved below!  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church  
Monday-10AM Lutheran Hillside Communion  
Monday-7PM Boy Scouts  
Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting  
Tuesday-9:30AM Skeins of Love  
Tuesday-10AM XYZ Game Day  
Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice  
Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group  
Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting  
Wednesday-1PM VBS Work Day  
Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church  
Wednesday-6:30PM Pastor Paul's Bible Study  
Wednesday-6:30PM Family Ministry Night  
Wednesday-8PM Pub Theology  
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters  
Thursday-9:30AM Pastor Paul's Bible Study  
Thursday-6PM Thursday Night Bible Study  
Friday- 6:30PM Restmor Hymn Sing  
Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study  
Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service  
Sunday-9:45AM Sunday School (All Ages)  
Sunday-9:45AM New Member Class  
Sunday-10:45AM Cross Connections Worship

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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 (all ages) 9:45 am
- Cross Connections: 10:45 am

### Contact us!

Email: [info@mortonumc.org](mailto:info@mortonumc.org)  
Phone: (309) 266-7174  
Website: [www.mortonumc.org](http://www.mortonumc.org)

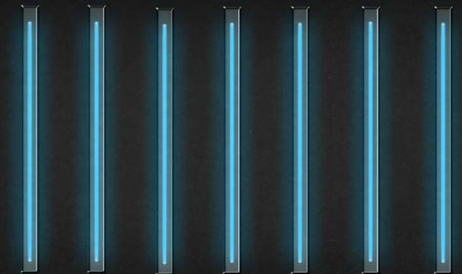
### Office Hours:

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

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## SEVEN CHURCHES



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OF REVELATION



**MORTON**  
Methodist Church

Sunday, April 7th, 2024

## Morton Methodist Church Announcements

### New Member Class

Join us for our New Member Classes ahead of our Charter Sunday on May 19th! Classes will begin during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:30am) on April 14th and meet each Sunday until May 5th. Everyone who would like information on the new church is welcome to join us! There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk for anyone who would like to participate.

### XYZ

The XYZ group will be meeting in the gym to play Mexican Trains at 10:00AM on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Restmor Hymn Sing

Please join us on Friday, April 12th at 6pm for a special time of singing with our friends at Restmor. All are invited to join and sing!

### VBS Work Days

VBS is on the horizon! If you are willing to help us get prepared, please come to one of our VBS work days! All levels of crafting ability are welcome. We will start on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. After FM night and Dinner Church are over, we will add the 6-8pm time on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Mary Barrick for more information.

### Nursery Position

The Leadership Development Team is seeking applicants for paid, part-time nursery attendants willing to work during services, special events, etc. Attendants will be trained and certified for safe sanctuary policies, CPR, etc. If interested, please contact Pastor Bill at [billn@mortonumc.org](mailto:billn@mortonumc.org)

## Worship Service

April 7th, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Call to Worship\*

Leader: Of all the commandments, which is the most important?

**People: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.**

Leader: That is the first and most important. Is there a second?

**People: Love your neighbor as yourself.**

**All: We love because He first loved us.**

Passing the Peace\*

Opening Hymn\* *Give Me the Faith Which Can Remove*  
UMH 650

Children's Time

Offertory *In This Very Room*  
MMC Choir  
UMH 94

Doxology\*

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Revelation 2:1-7

Gloria Patri\* UMH 70

Sermon *"The Greatest of These is Love"*  
Pastor Paul Walles

Communion

Closing Hymn\* *I Know Whom I Have Believed*  
UMH 714

Benediction\*

Refrain\* Refrain of *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

## Scripture Reading

NIV

### Revelation 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup> "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. <sup>2</sup> I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup> You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

<sup>4</sup> Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. <sup>6</sup> But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

<sup>7</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.