

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church  
Monday-11AM Restmor Communion  
Monday-1PM Brandon Wood Communion  
Monday-2PM Holly Brook Communion  
Monday-6PM Legacy Fund Committee Meeting  
Monday-6:30PM Sarah Circle  
Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting  
Tuesday-11AM XYZ Lunch at Emerald Tea Room  
Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice  
Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group  
Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting  
Wednesday-11:30AM Ruth Circle  
Wednesday-7PM Ash Wednesday Service  
Thursday-Footprints Due  
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters  
Thursday-6PM Bells Practice  
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

**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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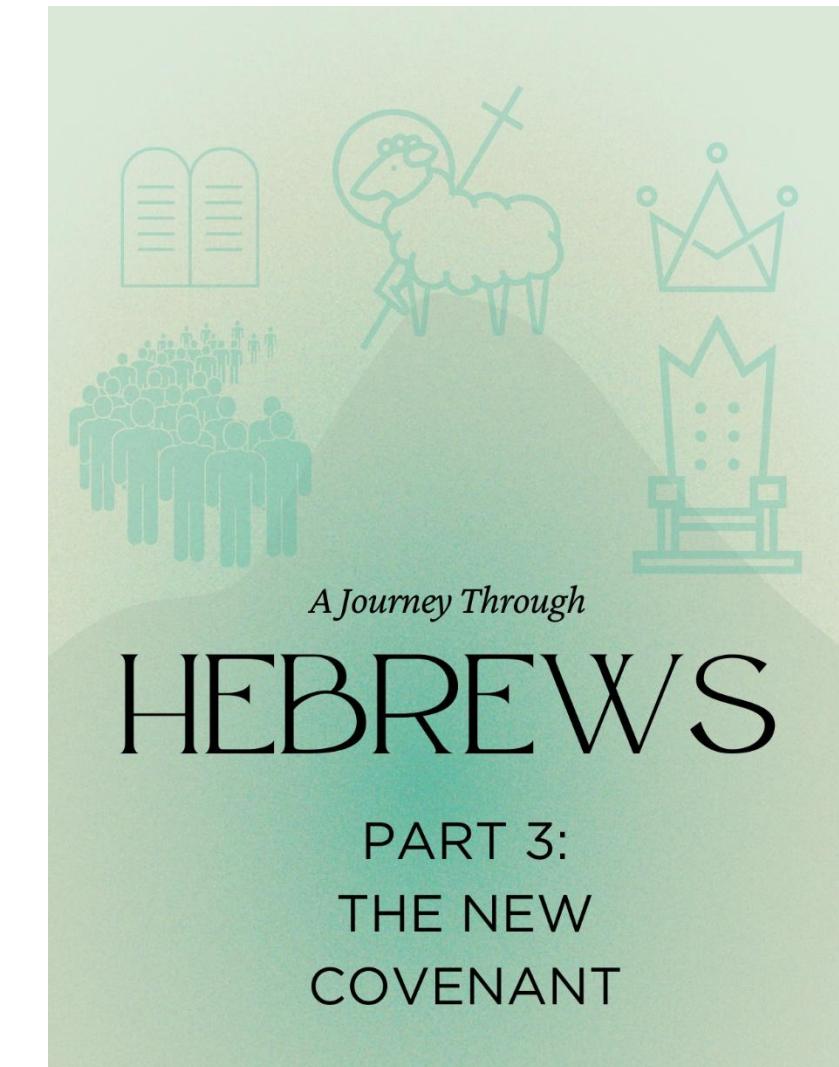
Welcome Visitors!

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, February 15th, 2026

## Announcements

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### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. There will be no dinner church or other activities that evening.

### Footprints

All information for the next issue of Footprints is due Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have anything to include, you may send it to [info@mortonmethodist.org](mailto:info@mortonmethodist.org).

### XYZ

On Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am, XYZ will be having lunch at the Emerald Tea Room in East Peoria. RSVP to Traci if you plan to attend. Meet at the church at 11am to carpool.

### Save the Date

Mission Camp – June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)  
VBS – June 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> (3 years-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

If you are willing to help with either event, please contact Pastor Bill at [billn@mortonmethodist.org](mailto:billn@mortonmethodist.org).

### A/V Update

Our audio/visual system upgrade has been completed in both the sanctuary and the gym. Thanks to those who have already donated towards our \$90,000 fundraising goal. To make a donation towards this project, checks may be made payable to the church with "A/V Upgrade" in the memo line.

## Worship Service

February 15th, 2026

8:30 a.m.

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Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

*Pie Jesu*

Judy Easleson, cello

Call to Worship\*

L: The Lord is King;

**P: Let the people tremble!**

L: The Lord is great in Zion;

**P: Let us praise His great and awesome name!**

Passing the Peace\*

Opening Hymn\*

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH 140

Children's Moment

Offertory

*What Wondrous Love is This*

Judy Earleson, cello

UMH 94

Doxology\*

Centering Hymn\*

*It Is Well With My Soul*

UMH 377 vs.1-3

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hebrews 10:11-25

Epistle Reading

Matthew 14:22-32

Gospel Reading\*

UMH 70

Gloria Patri\*

"Day Story"

Sermon

Pastor Bill Novak

Closing Hymn\*

*Standing on the Promises*

UMH 374 vs.1-3

Benediction

Going Forth\*

*Standing on the Promises* vs.4

Postlude

## Scripture Reading

### **Hebrews 10:11-25**

<sup>11</sup> Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. <sup>14</sup> For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

<sup>15</sup> The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

<sup>16</sup> "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

<sup>17</sup> Then he adds:

"Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."

<sup>18</sup> And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

### **A Call to Persevere in Faith**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.