

**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 Leadership Development Committee

Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting

Tuesday-9:30AM Skeins of Love

Tuesday-11:30AM XYZ Lunch at Cracker Barrel

Tuesday-7PM Praise Team Practice

Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group

Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting

Wednesday-11:30AM Ruth Circle

Wednesday-5PM Dinner Church

Wednesday-6PM Youth at Midwest Food Bank

Wednesday-6:15PM Family Ministry

Wednesday-6:30PM Pastor Paul's Bible Study

Wednesday-6:30PM Morton Methodist Men Meeting

Wednesday-7PM Pub Theology

Thursday-8:30AM Quilters

Thursday-9:30AM Pastor Paul's Bible Study

Thursday-6PM Bells Practice

Thursday-7PM Choir Practice

Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study

Sunday-Blood Pressure Sunday

Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service

Sunday-9:45AM Mission Partner Visit

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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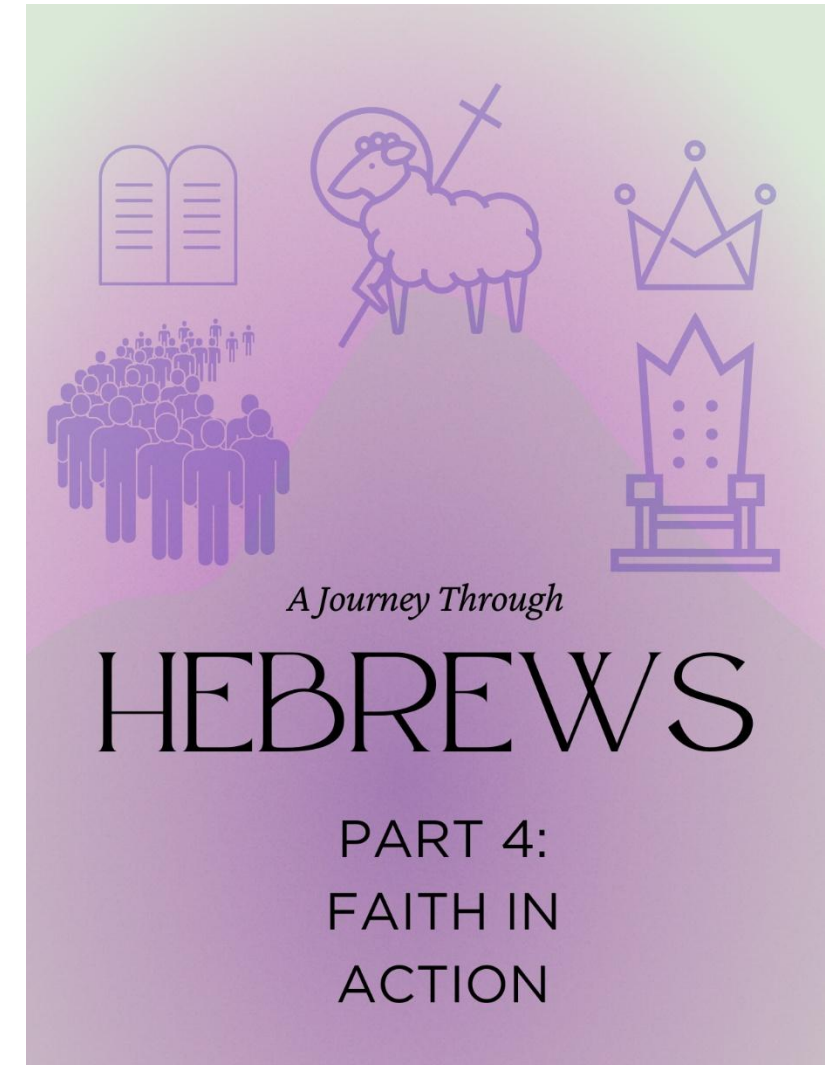
Welcome Visitors!

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

Office Hours:

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

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church app, please scan the QR code below.



**MORTON**  
Methodist Church

Sunday, April 12th, 2026

## Announcements

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### Mission Partner Visit

Sunday, April 19th, one of our Mission Partners, Jared and Rachel Koch, of CRU Ministry will share an update about their college ministry during Sunday School time. They serve Universities in the Central Illinois area, leading college students to Christ and teaching them to serve others. Contributions to their ministry may be made to MMC and indicating it is for their CRU ministry.

### XYZ

On Tuesday, April 14th at 11am, XYZ will be having lunch at Cracker Barrel.

### Midwest Food Bank Visit

On Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, the youth are volunteering at Midwest Food Bank during Family Ministry time at 6:00pm. All ages are welcome to join.

### Mission Camp

Registration forms for Mission Camp (June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) are at the Welcome Desk. Forms are due by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Graduate Info Forms

If you have a high school or college graduate, please take a graduate info form from the Welcome Desk and return it to the church office by May 3<sup>rd</sup> so they may be recognized on Graduation Sunday.

### Kitchen not available

The kitchen will not be available from 8am-12pm on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Worship Service

April 12th, 2026

8:30 a.m.

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Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Call to Worship\*

L: We keep the Lord always before us.

**P: God is our portion and up.**

L: Our souls rejoice!

**P: Our hearts are glad; our bodies rest secure.**

Passing the Peace\*

Opening Hymn\* *We Gather Together*  
UMH 131

Children's Moment

Offertory *I Love You, Lord*  
MMC Choir  
UMH 94

Doxology\*

Centering Hymn\* *The Old Rugged Cross*  
UMH 504 vs.1&4

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading Amos 4:6-13

Epistle Reading Hebrews 12:4-11

Gospel Reading\* Luke 17:1-6

Gloria Patri\*  
UMH 70

Sermon *"Love's Discipline"*  
Pastor Bill Novak

Closing Hymn\* *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*  
CH 602 vs.1-3

Benediction

Going Forth\* *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus vs.4*

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

## Scripture Readings

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### **Hebrews 12:4-11**

<sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup> And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

<sup>6</sup> because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son."

<sup>7</sup> Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? <sup>8</sup> If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. <sup>9</sup> Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! <sup>10</sup> They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. <sup>11</sup> No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

### **Luke 17:1-6**

**17** Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. <sup>2</sup> It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. <sup>3</sup> So watch yourselves.

"If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. <sup>4</sup> Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

<sup>6</sup> He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.