

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

Today-3PM XYZ Attending MHS Spring Musical
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church
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-5PM Dinner Church
Wednesday-6:15PM Family Ministry
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters
Thursday-6PM Bells Practice
Thursday-7PM Choir Practice
Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study
Saturday-7:30AM Serve at Community Harvest Food Pantry
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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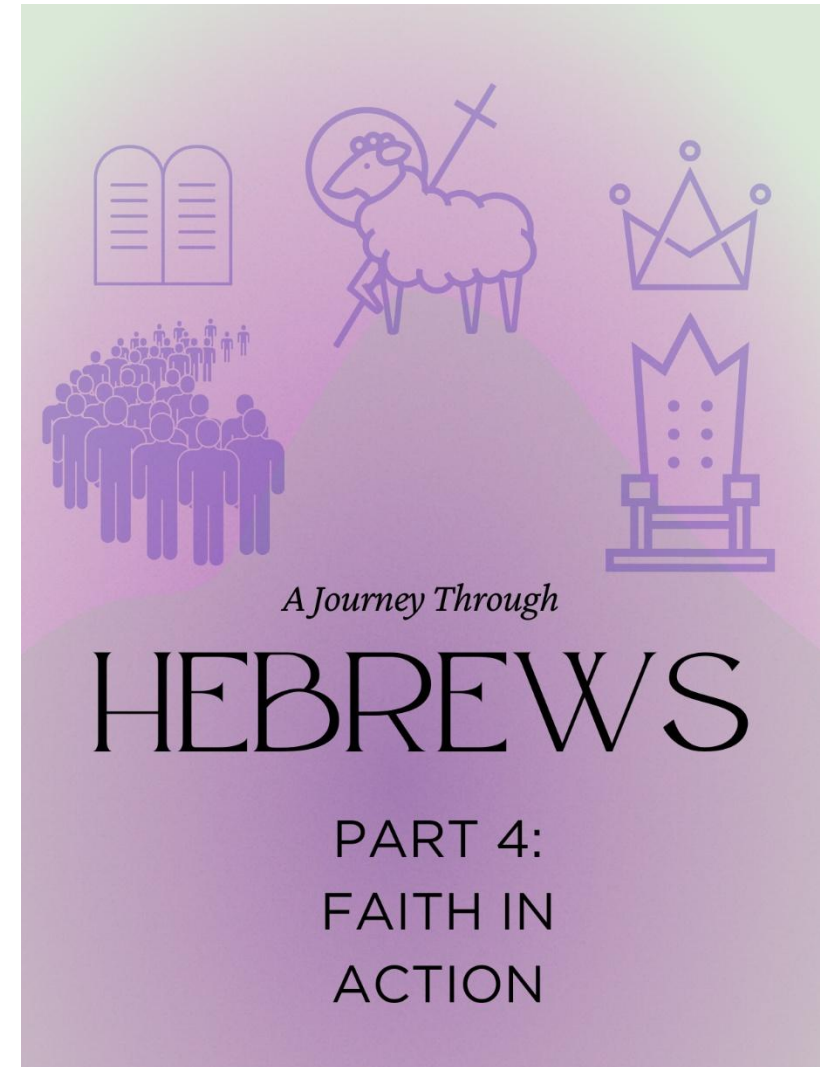
Welcome Visitors!

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, April 26th, 2026

Announcements

Last Dinner Church and Family Ministry

This Wednesday, April 29th, will be the last Dinner Church and Family Ministry night of the season. The pastors will be grilling out.

Pastor Paul's Bible Study and Pub Theology have already concluded. All Wednesday evening activities will resume in the fall.

Midwest Mission Volunteer Day

The Missions team is organizing a volunteer day at Midwest Mission on July 16th. A maximum of 20 people can participate. Please see Diane Pflederer or Mel Clauser at the Welcome Desk after service if you would like to participate.

XYZ

On Tuesday, April 28th at 10am, XYZ will be having Game Day followed by lunch at church.

Parking Lot

Please avoid parking in the far north section of the parking lot until further notice as crews are preparing the grounds for the new pavilion.

Mission Camp

Registration forms for Mission Camp are due by **May 3rd**. Contact Pastor Adam if you have any questions.

Vacation Bible School

Registration is available! Please see the table in the Gathering Area for more information and to sign up to attend or volunteer. Youth ages 3 years old through 5th grade are encouraged to attend and many volunteers are needed! Contact Brigit Harper or Diane Beaver if you have questions.

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 3rd** so they may be recognized on Graduation Sunday.

Orpheus Club Concert

Today, April 26th at 3pm, the Orpheus Club of Peoria will be holding their spring concert at First Federated Church. Dale Hall will be performing.

Volunteer at Community Harvest Food Pantry

All are welcome to volunteer at Community Harvest Food Pantry on the first Saturday morning of each month. There is a signup at the Welcome Desk. Contact Pastor Bill if you have any questions.

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Worship Service

April 26th, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Love Lifted Me

Call to Worship (from Psalm 61:1-4)*

L: Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer.

P: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

L: Let me dwell in Your tent forever;

P: Let me take refuge under the shelter of Your wings.

Passing the Peace*

Opening Hymn*

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

UMH 731

Children's Moment

Offertory

Called Me Higher

MMC Choir

UMH 94

Doxology*

Centering Hymn*

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

UMH 357 vs.1,2&5

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-21

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 12:18-24

Gospel Reading*

Matthew 5:17-20

Gloria Patri*

UMH 70

Sermon

"The Place of Completion"

Pastor Paul Walles

Closing Hymn*

Higher Ground

CH 549 vs.1-3

Benediction

Going Forth*

Higher Ground vs.4

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

Scripture Readings

Hebrews 12:18-24

The Mountain of Fear and the Mountain of Joy

¹⁸ You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹ to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰ because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." ²¹ The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Matthew 5:17-20

The Fulfillment of the Law

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.