

**Be the Church:** Check out the ways to get involved below!  
Sunday-Thursday-VBS – dinner at 5PM, program at 5:45  
Sunday-Thursday-8PM Youth Group – VBS After Hours Exp.  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8AM Walking at the Church  
Monday-July Footprints Due  
Monday-7PM Boy Scouts  
Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting  
Tuesday-9:30 Skeins of Love  
Wednesday-6:30AM UMM Prayer Group  
Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting  
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters  
Thursday-6:30PM XYZ Arts in the Park  
Saturday-7AM Men’s Bible Study  
Saturday-8AM Walk and Talk  
Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service  
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 (all ages) 9:45 am
- Cross Connections: 10:45 am

Contact us!

Email: [info@mortonmethodist.org](mailto:info@mortonmethodist.org)

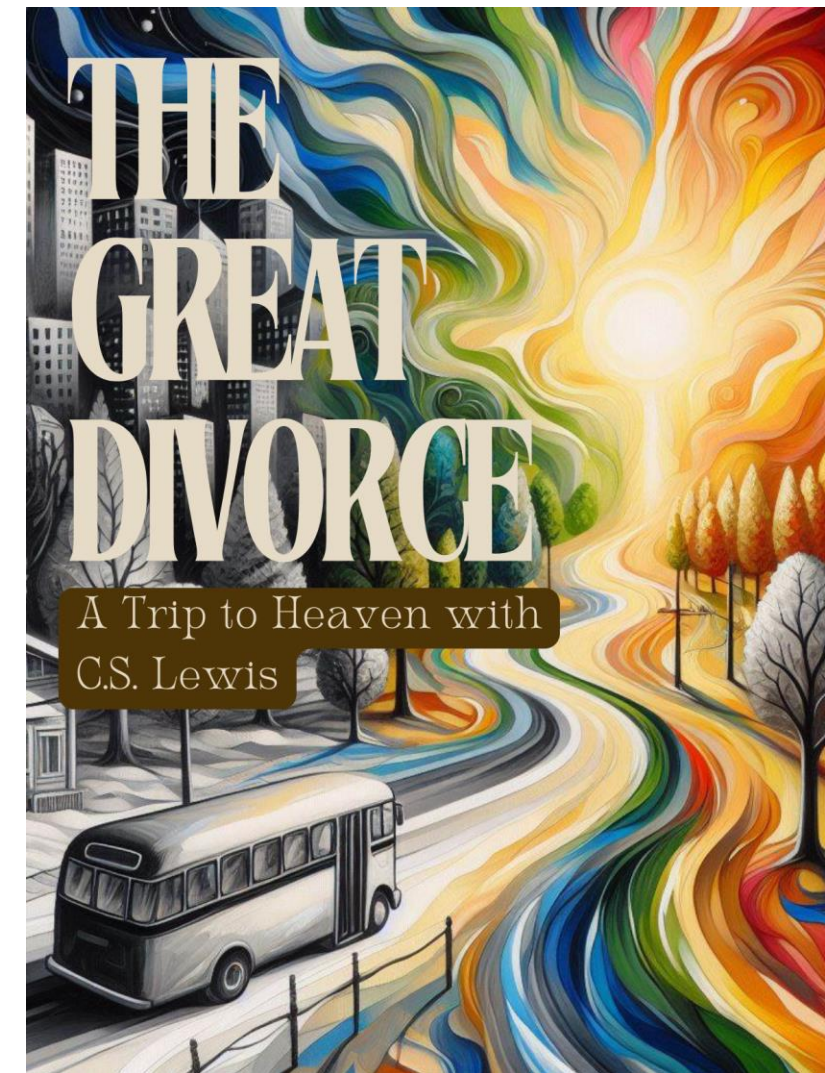
Phone: (309) 266-7174

Website: [www.mortonmethodist.org](http://www.mortonmethodist.org)

Office Hours:

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

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**MORTON**  
Methodist Church

Sunday, June 23rd, 2024

## Morton Methodist Church Announcements

### Servant Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>

If you have volunteered at Morton Methodist over the past year, please join us during Sunday services for a time of prayer and blessing.

### XYZ

On Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>, XYZ will be attending Arts in the Park to listen to the Jim Markum Swing Band.

### VBS

VBS begins tonight through Thursday! It is for children ages 3 to incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Dinner will be served starting at 5pm and the program will start at 5:45. Online signups are currently closed, but walk-in registrations will be welcomed.

### VBS presentation June 30<sup>th</sup>

Next Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>, our VBS kids and volunteers will be giving a short presentation from our VBS week of SCUBA, where we dove into a friendship with God, at our 8:30am traditional service.

### Office Closed July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Our offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Morton Community Independence Day Celebration

Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3pm-dusk.

You may reserve one of 26 guaranteed parking spaces at \$25 per space. Reserve and submit payment at the welcome desk beginning today. All money collected will go toward our missions ministry. Parking spots are first come, first served.

We need 5 volunteers at each shift (3-6pm and 6-9pm) to greet visitors, attend the parking lot, and serve hot dogs, chips and drinks. Sign up at the welcome desk to volunteer. The parking lot and church will be open to the public starting at 3pm. Free parking, bathrooms, a cooling place, and food will be available. For more information, contact Dave Craig, our Director of Family Outreach Ministries, at 309-388-2270 or davidc@mortonmethodist.org.

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## Worship Service

June 23rd, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship\*

Leader: The LORD has been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

Leader: May God satisfy us this morning with His steadfast love.

**People: May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us.**

**AMEN.**

Passing the Peace\*

Opening Hymn\*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
UMH 139

Children's Time

Offertory

*Remember*  
Charlotte Potts

Doxology\*

UMH 94

Centering Hymn\*

*Seek Ye First*  
UMH 405

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading\*

Acts 8:9-25

Gloria Patri\*

UMH 70

Sermon

*"What's In It for Me?"*  
Pastor Adam Penn

Closing Hymn\*

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
UMH 147

Benediction\*

Refrain\*

Refrain of *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

## Scripture Reading

NIV

### Acts 8:9-25

<sup>9</sup> Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, <sup>10</sup> and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God." <sup>11</sup> They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery. <sup>12</sup> But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. <sup>13</sup> Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

<sup>14</sup> When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. <sup>15</sup> When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup> because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

<sup>18</sup> When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money <sup>19</sup> and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

<sup>20</sup> Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! <sup>21</sup> You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. <sup>22</sup> Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. <sup>23</sup> For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin."

<sup>24</sup> Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."

<sup>25</sup> After they had further proclaimed the word of the Lord and testified about Jesus, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many Samaritan villages.