

Pastor

A Service of the Word

August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

In Matthew 14, Jesus walks upon stormy water and invites Peter to join him, but Peter’s fear prevents him. It is not the waves themselves that cause Peter to sink, but his fear of them. The lesson encourages us to trust the power of God, even in the face of unsettling storms.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Ring the Church bell

Greeting

Prelude

Leslie Orlovsky

Choral Praise

“I Love You Lord”

Leslie Orlovsky

† Call to Worship

Inge Hersman

Come, now is the time to worship.
We praise the maker of heaven and earth.

Sing praise to the giver of mercy.
To Jesus the ever-living Christ we sing.

And let the Holy Comforter, hear our song of praise.
Hear us Holy Spirit. Hear our song of thanks and praise.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the blessed Three-in-One. Amen!

† Prayer

Ambrose of Milan (4th century)

O Lord, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me
when I seek you. For I cannot seek you unless you first teach me,
nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me.
Let me seek you in longing, and long for you in seeking.
Let me find you in love, and love you in finding. **Amen.**

† Hymn

“We Gather Together”

UMH No. 131

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 85:8-13 Pew Bible p. 543 OT

Jason Kilmer

Anthem

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

Leslie Orlovsky

Children’s Lesson

Krystle Ray

† Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33, Pew Bible p. 16 NT

Sermon

“The Long Arms of Jesus”

Kevin Seymour

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† Hymn of response

“There’s Within My Heart a Melody”

UMH No. 380

† Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH No. 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

WELCOME TO MORRIS CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

~ This the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! ~

This week at Morris Chapel

Sunday –Worship Service @ 930 AM; Fellowship Time & Sunday School, 10:45.

Sunday – Saturday. Family Promise Partner Week.

Jesus said, *"Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."*

Therefore, our church will invite others to come and join us.

The church calendar is on our web site: www.morrischapelumc.org/events

Missions

THANK YOU. The 12th Annual *Give a Kid a Chance Golf* was a wonderful time of competition on the course and good fellowship all around. Under the sunny skies the Good Lord gave us, ample funds were raised to fuel another season of scholarship awards to students recommended by a church member, investment for the future, and funds for Morris Chapel's Youth Ministry. While the entire team is a hard-working and collaborative bunch, a big THANK YOU goes out to all who sponsored the event or signed up to play. See you again next year on the first Saturday in August.

School Supply Drive – Until Aug. 31

Wide-ruled composition book, 12 colored pencils, 10 small Crayola markers, pencils, disappearing purple school glue sticks, 24-count Crayola crayons, Expo dry erase markers, erasers for pencils, small white tube socks (for dry erase board).

Bring these items to the Fellowship Hall. See Karen Rosser.

Let us do all the good we can.



Why does our church support education in local schools and with our scholarship ministry?

As a people called to love the Lord our God with our hearts and our minds, we are a people of equal parts compassion and reason. It is our belief that the positive influence of education on civil society stands in second place only to the Christian faith. We pray that our prayers and our efforts will be blessed by God that they may be foundational in raising up tomorrow's leaders in this, our Father's world. – Pastor Kevin.

Worship

To all who serve in the various roles to support our Sunday services: Please be attentive to the rotations that are published here every week and at www.morrischapelumc.org so that you will know when it's your turn to step up. For questions about how to do the work you're assigned to, you'll find pamphlets detailing your responsibilities in the narthex. If you cannot fill your assigned slot, you are respectfully asked to arrange for a substitute. If you have changes, let Pastor Kevin or Peggy Baker know. Thank you for serving the good of God's church.

The Discipleship Path of Morris Chapel: INVITE – WELCOME – EQUIP – SEND

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Keep these in your prayers

New this week: Cole Burris, Karen Keyser, Hal Price.

Family of Joe Kilcullen, Family of Carey Fincher, Family of Jeff Cummings.

Maria Aristy Peggy Danielsen Libby Hubbard Karen Leinhauser	Rhonda McNeill Robert Odom Susie Pierce Melvin Rosser	Phil Spivey Marilyn Stevens Denny Summers Shelby Truelove	Pam Vaughan Bob Woolston Sandy Woolston
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Attendance last Sunday – 59

Tithes & Offerings as of 08/02/2026	
Needed Each Week:	\$ 4,049.40
Received Last Week:	\$ 4,691.63

The amount needed each week is based on the 2026 church budget.
These funds enable us to pursue God's mission in the neighborhood and around the world.

Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce. Proverbs 3:9

You may support the ministries of Morris Chapel by giving online at
www.morrischapelumc.org/giveplus

Serving in Worship

	Acolytes	Children's Lesson	Lectors	Liturgists	Ushers	Greeters
August 9	Ian Carter Callen Morris	Krystle Ray	Jason Kilmer	Inge Hersman	Daniel Baker Bryson Baker	Janice Holder
August 16	Ellie Kilmer Teagan Kilmer	Rylee Ray	Caleigh Baker		Jason Kilmer Dan Wissinger	Gail Thomas
August 23	Rylee Ray Callen Morris	Kevin Seymour	Evan Deminski	George Orlovsky	Ron Mercer George Orlovsky	Linda Dilley
August 30	Jase Burris Cole Burris	Krystle Ray	Isabelle Sturgill		Jake Wissinger Dan Wissinger	George Orlovsky
Sept. 6	Caleigh Baker Rylee Ray	Caleigh Baker	Drew Burris	Drew Burris	Justin Ray JC Ray	Danny Baker

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