

morton tprints united methodist church April 2019

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!



HOLY WEEK

**SUNRISE
SERVICE**

PALM SUNDAY — April 14 at 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Praying His Way — Holy Week — April 15 to 19 at 6:30 a.m.

Our theme throughout Lent has been “Listen to Him” as we have fine-tuned our ears to the voice of Jesus. Jesus taught His disciples to pray and we need to listen to what He taught. Join us each morning of Holy Week at 6:30 a.m. as we consider Praying His Way!

Monday, April 15	Adoration	Matthew 6:9
Tuesday, April 16	Submission	Matthew 6:10
Wednesday, April 17	Petition	Matthew 6:11
Thursday, April 18	Confession	Matthew 6:12
Friday, April 19	Protection	Matthew 6:13

Maundy Thursday — April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

A night to recall Jesus with his disciples in the Upper Room. We will remember the events of this Holy Night. Holy Communion will be served.

Good Friday — April 19

Good Friday Ministry Opportunity

We will be distributing all the donated clothes to the local out reach facilities. Many hands make light work. Please join us. More information to follow.

EASTER SUNDAY — APRIL 21

- 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Ackerman Farms; (Just east of the church on Route 150.)
- 8:00 a.m. Celebration Easter Service
- 9:30 a.m. Celebration Easter Service; Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt! **BEGINS IN THE GYM!**
- 10:45 a.m. Cross Connections Easter Celebration



Sermon Series

Listen to Him

On the Road to Resurrection

Jesus gathered on a high mountain where He was transfigured right before the eyes of Peter, James and John. The voice of God spoke three thunderously piercing words into the minds and hearts of these disciples. The words? LISTEN TO HIM.

Those words are for us today! The forty days of Lent take us from the top of the Mountain of Transfiguration to the bottom of the Valley of the Cross and ultimately to the Resurrection. During this season, we will lean in and listen deeply to Jesus. Listening to Jesus...it's our highest calling to the lowest place where we discover lives transformed and our worst days breaking forth into our best life.

This Lenten series of messages takes us through the Gospel of Luke. Join us on this necessary journey as we listen to Jesus!

Date	Speaker	Title	Scripture
April 7	Pastor Gabe Wanck	What Must I Do?	Luke 18:18-30
April 14	Pastor Gabe Wanck	Will You Go with Him?	Luke 19:28-44
April 18	Pastor Gary Feldman	Don't Give In	Luke 22:39-65
April 21	Pastor Gary Feldman	The Empty Tomb Speaks	Luke 24:1-8



ELIGIBILITY:

Illinois resident
 At least 65 or disabled
 Max. Income (**including Social Security**):
 1 person \$27,610
 2 persons \$36,635

License Plate Discount
Application Preparation/Submission
 Morton Public Library
 Wednesdays, March 6 to April 24
 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Eligible households will qualify for a \$75 discount on one vehicle. Mel Clauser, SHIP Counselor, will assist you.

You may Contact Mel (244-7818) with any questions and call the Morton Library (263-2200) to schedule an appointment for this free consultation.

Bring your **Social Security Card, Drivers License, 2018 1040 Form and 1099's** (including Social Security 1099), to your appt.

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Worship Services

~Sunday~

Celebration

8:00 am

9:30 am

(Sanctuary)

Cross Connections

10:45 am

(Gymnasium)

~Tuesday~

Communion

8:00-8:30 am

Sunday

Christian Education

September-May

9:30 or 10:45 am

Sunday School

Age 2-High School

Adult Classes



During the week, our Office Volunteers lend a helping hand in the Gathering Area office—answering the phone, greeting visitors, taking messages....

Contact Kim Gregurich 253-0908 to volunteer for a morning or afternoon shift—or as a substitute. Thanks!

Medical Ministry

April is Parkinson Disease awareness month.

Connect
with God!

Volunteer!

Join a Class!

Connect
with People!

Use God's Gift!

Leaders are
Needed!

Here's YOUR Invitation:

For more information, or to sign up for any of our Connect Groups— contact Pastor Gabe gabew@mortonumc.org.

JOIN A CONNECT GROUP TO GROW IN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE!

Where to start?

- Talk with Pastor Gabe or JoAnn Kraft.

Want to start a class?

- We can make a place for you.
- We need some new leaders!

Parkinson's is a progressive nervous system disorder that affects movement. It is typically characterized by tremors, perhaps barely noticeable in one hand. Stiffness and slowing of movement are also common. Certain nerve cells (neurons) in the brain break down and then die. These neurons produce a chemical messenger in the brain called dopamine. The decrease presence of this messenger is what causes the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease.

The cause of Parkinson's disease is largely unknown, but genetics (family history of Parkinson's) and environmental triggers such as exposure to toxins and trauma (think traumatic brain injury) appear to play a role in the development of the disease.

Parkinson's disease typically occurs after the age of 60 but can have an early onset, possibly even in people younger than 21. Men are 1.5-2 times more likely to develop Parkinson's than women and people with a history of head trauma and/or exposure to herbicides and pesticides are at a higher risk of developing Parkinson's.

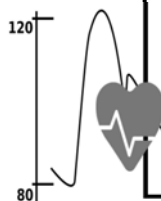
Diagnosis, especially in the early stages of the disease, can be difficult because there is no test to specifically diagnose Parkinson's with certainty until after death. Diagnosis is usually based on neurological assessment, presence of symptoms and thorough health history. A neurologist that specializes in movement disorders will be able to offer the most reliable diagnosis.

Exercise, especially the aerobic type, is important for improving mobility, stamina, mood and quality of life. Adequate sleep and optimal nutrition are also important.

For more information about the symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of Parkinson's Disease please visit the following websites.

www.mayoclinic.org/disease-conditions/parkinsons
<https://parkinsons.org>
www.medicinenet.com/parkinsons_disease

**Blood Pressure
Sunday, April 21**



*Stop by the Gym to get a
free blood pressure reading.
It's a great way to care for the gift
of life God has given you.*

9:00-9:30 & 10:30-10:45

Children's Education and Music

April Important Dates

7 Cherubs, Children's Choir/Chimes Ring and Sing
10 Final WATCH until FALL
21 Easter Egg hunt during SS
24 VBS PLANNING TEAM meeting, 6:30pm
28 Rotation 6 Begins

WATCH

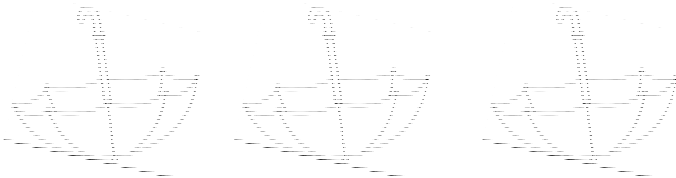
- April 3** Cooks: Kristen Schick
Clean-Up: 7th/8th Grade
Confirmation Classes
- April 10** Cooks: Amy Smith and Friends
Clean-Up: Choir



WATCH Finale: Slide Into Spring

Join us on April 10 at 5:00 for the FINAL WATCH of 2019! We are so tired of this super long winter, we are pining for SPRING! Our theme this year is **Slide Into Spring!** Menu will include 3 kinds of SLIDERS and lots of fresh fruits and veggies!

Following dinner, we will have our annual TALENT SHOW! So get your ACTS ready and join us for a FUN TIME!



Cherub and Children's Choirs

The Children's and Cherub Choirs will sing their final Sunday of the year on April 7. Final rehearsal will be on Wednesday, April 3!

April 21

Easter Egg Hunt

9:30

Sunday School Hour

easter is on the way! On Sunday, April 21 during the Sunday School Hour, we will again be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for our children – 2 yrs- 6th grade. If you are able, please donate bags of individually wrapped candy so that we might "stuff" the eggs. Bring the candy to the office by Wednesday, April 17. Thanks!



Vacation Bible School Planning Has Begun!

VBS June 23-27

We are currently staffing and planning! Please prayerfully consider serving in this incredible ministry! Youth volunteers need to fill out an application, found outside the youth room. Apps Due May 1!

VBS TEAM Meeting
Wednesday April 24 6:30



Order Your Easter Lilies or Mums Now!

Easter Lilies and Mums have been ordered to decorate our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday.

If you would like to purchase a lily or a mum, please fill out the order form below and return it to the church office or place in the offering plate.

Make checks payable to Morton United Methodist Church with "Easter Flowers" in the memo.

Please return orders by April 14.

Lily \$18.00 _____ Mum \$20.00 _____ Total Cost _____

Your Name _____

In Honor of/In Memory of

Jumer's Style Cinnamon Rolls!

The UMW's Joanna Circle is currently taking orders!

Order now, pick up in time for Easter

Enjoy delicious homemade Jumer's Style cinnamon rolls and support the Birthday Bags mission outreach for the children at B.A.C.E.!

\$5.00/9" pan # of pans _____ Please pay at time of pick up.

NAME: _____

Drop off order forms in the Gathering Area

Last day for orders: Sunday, April 7.

Pick up: Sunday, April 14 after each service,

Orders will be frozen for freshness. Just thaw, warm and enjoy!



Many thanks to my MUMC family for the love and concern following my surgery. From Eric Gordon's hospital visit, to meals, cards, UMW flowers, phone calls and prayers.

I so appreciated all of you and felt the love of Christ in action.

Blessings, Cheri Monroe



CHRIST-Centered AND MISSIONS-Focused WOMEN OF FAITH

UMW Board

- Linda Coon, President
- Lynn Goers, Vice President
- Carrie Hoefling, Secretary
- Nicole Potts, Treasurer
- Traci Sullivan, Education/Interpretation
- Sarah Losey, Social Action and Kitchen Coordinator
- Mary Barrick, Membership
- Cheri Patterson, Spiritual Growth
- Linda Clauser, Program Resources
- Erin Jones, Nominations
- Kathy Churchill, Products
- Barb Howard, Funeral Dinners
- Sharon Gilbert, Funeral Dinners
- Kathy Dallinger, Communications

Circle Leaders

ABIGAIL

HANNAH

Kathy Churchill 263-7524

JOANNA

Mary Barrick 360-3689
Lauren Middleton 530-9133

RUTH

Lois Lichti 263-0562

SARAH

Kathy Dallinger 266-7811
Melissa Smallenberger 264-2891



April

UMW BOARD MEETING

April 3 in the Youth Room - 9:00 a.m.

CIRCLE MEETINGS

- ABIGAIL Meeting tbd
- HANNAH April 4 - Gathering Area - 9:30 am
Making Baby Fold Easter Baskets
- JOANNA April 2 - Youth Room - 7:30 pm
- RUTH April 17 - Seasons - 11:30 am
- SARAH April 15 - Gathering Area - 7:00 p.m.

SAVE the DATE !!

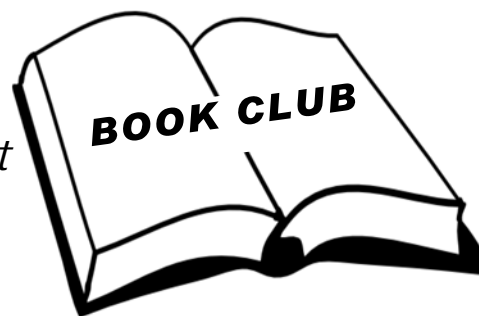
*Morton UMW Spring Gathering
"Celebrating Morton UMW History"*

*Please join us on Monday,
June 3 at 2:00 p.m.
All women of the church
are invited to attend.*

If anyone is interested in serving on the Illinois River District Board, please see Linda Coon or Kathy Dallinger for more info. Serving on the Board is a phenomenal opportunity to better understand the workings of the District and meet UMW members from around the state.

**Illinois River District
Spring Gathering
Monday, April 15
Delavan UMC
8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

*United
Methodist
Women*



The theme of this gathering will be “Passing the Baton” highlighting the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign.

If you would like to attend, please contact Linda Coon.



All meetings are held in the Gathering Area at the Church at 6:30 p.m.

May 13 — Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

Titles are being brought in prior to each of the dates at the Morton Public Library. You may ask at the desk and mention UMW Book

We are celebrating an historic year for UMW---our 150th year anniversary of this organization! Like those women who came before us, we have embraced our purpose to love and serve through missions. We have focused on service projects within individual circles and as a unit. Through monies from our Craft Sale and Cooke Walk, we are able to help organizations locally, nationally, and abroad. We are a group of loving women; ones who reach out to others in so many ways.

So, let's **BE BOLD!** Like the disciples, as they began the early church---“They spoke the word of God with boldness”--- (Acts 4:31), let us look actively for new opportunities to serve in 2019. What has God placed on your heart? What is God nudging you to do? Let us also be more attuned to others' feelings and needs. Let us be more thoughtful in what we say to each other. God through Jesus Christ shows us in scripture how to accomplish this type of LOVE. Love as Jesus loves.

Let us **BE BOLD—SERVE** in new ways and **LOVE** as Jesus teaches.

Linda Coon, UMW President



The Building Committee met on March 18, 2019.

As you can see, work is starting to “ramp up” with the draining of the water from the retention pond. This will allow removal of dirt to make the retention pond deeper. Dirt removed will be used to continue creation of a berm (hill) approximately 400 feet north of the church. Discussions continue on electronic signage near the corner of Hwy 150 and Tennessee Ave.



Design

Discussions continue on re-purposing of the current:

- pod area (classrooms and library)
- youth/meeting room
- office of Minister of Youth
- classrooms next to the printer and copier room

The new educational addition will free up the above areas for needed rooms and more efficient use (re-purposing).

Finance

As of the middle of March, the balance in the Building fund is \$ 2,888,718.56 (this does not include bills already paid in the amount of \$198,293).

Timeline

Current goal is to have the new educational wing ready by Rally Day!

Direct any questions you may have to one of the members of the Building Committee: Steve Zimmerman (co-chair), Mike Tewksbury (co-chair), Kirk Schick, Jayne Benckendorf, Sam Churchill, Bob Lichti, Jan Sampson, Paul Uhlman, Maureen Lyons, Chuck Birchenough, Cathy Bowen, Dan Czubak, John Ackerman, Matt Milby, Tim Beutel, Joe Crowe, Jason Potts, Dave Jones

Keep the prayer support coming!

Steve Zimmerman and Mike Tewksbury

XYZ...Extra Years of Zest April Events



April 2 – Go to Busy Corner for lunch. Meet @ church @ 11 a.m.

April 7 – Go to Morton High School Musical ‘Lil Abner’. Meet @ Bertha Frank

2– 2:15 p.m., buy tickets at the door, \$10/person. Doors open @ 2:30p.m.

Musical starts @ 3 p.m. We will go to Culver’s after for dinner.

April 12 – Game Day @ 11:30* a.m. – Five Crowns, lunch provided.

April 16 – Go to Denhart’s in Washington for lunch. Meet @ church @ 11 a.m.

We will going shopping afterwards in Washington Square.

April 24 – Paint Day @ the church @ 10:30 a.m. Cost per person is \$20.

Supplies provided. Please sign up @ Reception Desk. Lunch following.

April 26 – Movie day @ 1 p.m. – we will be watching “Dreamer”, Popcorn is provided.

Walking for Exercise every Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ 8:00 a.m. in the gym.

Pickleball every Thursday @ 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. in the gym.



Confirmation

This is a busy time for these students. While I'm writing this before it happens, I know the 8th grade service project fundraiser for Southside Christian Academy has turned into a much bigger success than they even hoped for. The joint retreat will have happened by the time you read this and, I'm praying, will have been a great time for everyone. Next, **Confirmation Sunday is April 28**. Please join us in celebrating the newest members of our church and all that they've done to get to this point. They would love to have your support and encouragement.

Adults Night Out

What a great night! Jayne Benckendorf and Eve Ackerman led the charge in the kitchen. I am pretty sure the entire Benckendorf family was in there cooking (Jim, Noah, Jared, plus Noah's girlfriend Megan), along with Kerry Brenkman, Deb Morrison, Heather Berger, and Lynn Linder. Anyone there could tell you that they knocked it out of the park. The food was delicious! Sarah Losey recruited people to make desserts and bring card tables and then ran the dessert table all night long. Lori Walters, Matt Milby and Susan Milby helped keep the servers, runners, and bussers all on task all night. Marci Tewksbury came up with our seating chart and server schedule. Jenn Gordon, Taylor Van Etten, and Lynn Trovillion provided beautiful, live music. Jason Berger was our host and Darby Brenkman helped keep things from, metaphorically, exploding in the nursery (it was a very busy nursery). We had a terrific crew of students serving the food, running the food out to the tables, washing all the dishes, running the nursery, bussing the tables, refilling drinks, delivering desserts, and checking coats. All of it came together at just the right time and we were able to serve 32 separate reservations between 5 and 8 p.m., totaling about 145 people in a beautiful atmosphere put together by Kathy Dallinger, Jan Pontius, Shelli Koener, and students. A lot more adults donated desserts and card tables, to make it all possible. When it all was said and done, we came very close to grossing \$5,000, which is the highest I have ever seen for this event. A portion of that money will go towards earmarking money for any students who helped and are taking part in summer youth events. Another portion will go directly towards the costs of taking 24 people to Puerto Rico. Thank you, so much, to all those who donated. It is such a blessing to so many families in this church and, for many, it is only possible because of your incredible generosity. To everyone who, in some way or another, made this night a success—THANK YOU!

Fat Tuesday Fun

Although it was a lower turnout than hoped for, and Eric learned the hard way how different it is cooking for 12 people in his own house than it is leading a group of teenagers and adults to cook for 10 times that much in a big ol' church kitchen, it was still a lot of fun! The food was yummy, the games were fun, and the trivia got 'em thinking. Early Easter candy was given out as delicious prizes and lots of smiles and laughs were shared. Along with the hard-working teens, a big thank you goes out to Lori Walters, Sarah Losey, Bob Barrick, Shelly Van Etten, and Chuck Birchenough—who helped make it possible.

Jr. High Retreat

The retreat was a good time for everyone who went. The highlight was, probably, the magician who grew up Muslim. When he was 8 years-old, he found out his father was killed in a robbery, seven years prior—even though, before that revelation, his mother had told him that his father was making money in Iran and would be returning someday soon. After finding out the truth, he searched for male mentors and found a Christian magician who listened and loved him. Years later, he began asking his Christian aunt about her faith and discovered that, prior to his death, his father had come to Christ after asking her the same questions. His talent and his story were amazing. God has such a crazy, cool plan.

Happy Birthday!

Brooke Morrison	4/01	Kacy Sager	4/13
John Pfeifer	4/01	Marilyn Formhals	4/14
Mike Tewksbury	4/01	Bailey Meiner	4/15
Finn Tewksbury	4/02	Jo Uhde	4/15
Ashley Diemer	4/03	Randall Walker	4/16
Livia Kimmerle	4/03	Russell Young	4/17
Scarlet Long	4/03	Clark Boers	4/18
Connie Stephens	4/03	Lindsay Mc Mullen	4/18
Traci Sullivan	4/03	Jayne Benckendorf	4/20
Gene Davis	4/04	Jacob Uhlman	4/20
Jan Pontius	4/05	Alex DeCouto	4/21
Gage Deppert	4/06	Judith Poole	4/21
Wyatt Franklin	4/06	Sarah Wefer	4/21
Carolu Kizer	4/06	Daniel Wefer	4/21
J. Eugene Morse	4/07	Austin Weyland	4/21
Caroline Potts	4/07	James Benckendorf	4/22
Janet Wells	4/07	Connor Loudermilk	4/23
Robert Behle	4/08	Susan McCuskey	4/23
Rylan Jones	4/08	Lily Tewksbury	4/23
Luke Wiegardt	4/08	Jacob Cole	4/24
Jennifer Williams	4/08	Grace Gilbert	4/24
Malia Kimmerle	4/09	Trice Hofstatter	4/24
Betsy Yarcho	4/09	Norah Sager	4/25
Julie Bethel	4/10	Elsie Schick	4/26
Sheila Raubach	4/10	Debra Schultz	4/26
Michelle VanEtten	4/10	Anna Freidinger	4/27
Norma Westbrook	4/11	Mark Kumpf	4/28
Benjamin Harrison	4/12	Caleb Alt	4/29
Kirk Schick	4/12		



Administrative Notes:

Flower Ministry

Please contact the church office if you would like to donate flowers - thanks!

April 7 Flowers Needed
 April 14 Flowers Needed
 April 21 Lilies and Mums
 April 28 Flowers Needed

Attendance

March 3 407
 March 10 309 Average: 358
 March 17 358
 March 24 362

Hospitalized

William Vermillion, Jim Destafano,
 Linda Hatch, Lucile Foster,
 Cheri Monroe, Don Ficht,
 Marilyn Martin, Wayne Millsagle,
 Don Poole

Sympathy

Elton Lanier and family. Elton's sister passed away in South Carolina.

The family of Caroline Schlachter who passed away March 21. Caroline was Eileen Knapp's Sister and Vicki Bennett and Sandy Burrier's Aunt.



Financial Stewardship Report

February 2019

General Fund

\$44,970.70
INCOME

\$45,946.50
EXPENSE

Year to Date

\$88,001.90
INCOME

\$123,573.68
EXPENSE

General Fund Ending Cash Balance:

\$115,498.32

Our Expenses exceeded our Income for February Budget by: \$8,975.80

Building Fund

February 2019

Ending cash and money market accounts :

\$2,240,228.38



ATTENTION: FOOTPRINTS CREW
 We are folding Footprints on Thursday, April 25 in the Gathering Area

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