

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

Bishop Frank Beard's Briefing—November 18

Peoria First UMC, 116 NE Perry Ave., Peoria, IL, will be hosting Bishop Beard's Briefing prior to the February special General Conference on **November 18, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

Child care will only be offered at this location. If you would like to have child care for this event, please call the Peoria First UMC office at 309-673-3641 and let them know ages and how many children that will need child care.

Annual Church Conference

Sunday, November 11

7:00 pm

Each year our District Superintendent, Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce, convenes our Charge Conference. Our Administrative Board has designated this annual meeting as a 'Church' conference, which allows for all members of Morton UMC to attend and receive reports and vote on any matters that will come before us.

Please mark your calendars and attend this annual event!

CRAFT & MARKET SALE

*Morton UMW Annual
Craft & Market Sale*

Saturday, November 3, 2018

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

in the Gym

A Look Ahead to December...

November 4



*December 1—Cookie Sale

*December 2—Children's Musical

*December 9—Choir Cantata

*December 19—Blue Christmas Service

*December 24—Special Worship Services—5:30, 7:00, 9:00,
11:00 (P.M.)

December 30—One Worship Service 10:00 AM



GET SMART...Wisdom from Proverbs

A number of years ago, as his son was preparing to go to college, H. Jackson Brown decided to put to paper the things his son, Adam, most needed to know as he prepared for life in the "grown-up world." His notes were eventually published under the title *Life's Little Instruction Book*.

I don't know if H. Jackson got his idea from Solomon, but the book of Proverbs was basically written with the same idea in mind. The wisest man this world has ever known — King Solomon — put the wisdom he had accumulated over the years on paper (well, parchment, actually) and presented the collection to his son.

We have been reading through the book of Proverbs during the month of October. Proverbs is an instruction book for life. It's a manual for getting it together and keeping it together. It deals with every facet of experience: relationships, money, career, ambition, and much more!

In this short series, we take a look at three of these topics, and explore the wisdom God has given us in the original *Life's Little Instruction Book* on how we can Wise Up, Trust Up and Rise Up in life!

November 4 Communion Sunday	Pastor Gary L. Feldman	Wise Up	Proverbs 1:1-9 Text: Proverbs 1:7
November 11 Veterans Day	Pastor Al Newhall	Why Do We Have to Read Leviticus?	2 Timothy 3:14-17
November 18 Thanksgiving Sunday	Pastor Gabe Wanck	Trust Up	Proverbs 3:1-12 Text: Proverbs 3:5-6
November 25	Pastor Gary L. Feldman	Rise Up	Proverbs 24:15-22 Proverbs 24:16

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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!

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!

Men's Retreat 2018

Suit Up...the Armor of God for (extra) ordinary men

Menno Haven Camp & Retreat Center

November 10-11

Saturday 9:00 a.m. — Sunday 3:00 p.m.

The sign-up sheet and some very cool
brochures will be at the Scrip Table at the back of the gym.

Cost is \$105. Scholarships are available.

See **Bob Barrick** for details 266-6273.

12 mighty members of Morton UMC embarked on a journey to
East Bay Camp and then to the Ridge.



They chopped, split, cut, loaded, hauled, unloaded and stacked a
lot of wood to be used as a relational ministry tool for those in
need of that resource. Thank you to all those who came to serve.
May God bless these efforts and let His light and warmth shine in
the hearts and homes of those at The Ridge. God is Good!

*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

20
80



**Blood Pressure
Sunday, November 18**

Children's Education and Music

November Important Dates

- 4 Musical Rehearsal 1:30-4:30PM
- 11 Musical Rehearsal 1:30-4:30PM
- 16 Children's Dinner and a Movie
- 18 Juarez Pie Pick up, 8-Noon
Musical Rehearsal 1:30-4:30PM
- 19 Pie Pick Up, 9-NOON
- 20 Pie Pick Up 9-Noon, 5-7PM
- 21 Pie Pick Up, 9-Noon
NO WATCH THANKSGIVING EVE
- 25 Rotation 3 Begins
Musical Rehearsal 1:30-4:30PM

umpkin Patch Party

Thank you for your generous donations! Ministry happens because YOU make it happen! Thank you thank you thank you! Blessings!

WATCH Meals — November

- 7th **Cook:** Barb Howard
serving Spaghetti Casserole
Clean-up:
Praise Team/GET Sunday School Class
- 14th **Cook:**
Clean-up: Youth Ministry
- 21st NO WATCH! Happy Thanksgiving**
- 28th **Cook:** Peggy McFeeters
serving Stuffed Pork chops
Clean-up: Snippets

Juarez Mission Trip

Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser

Order your Thanksgiving Pies to help support the mission team. Order deadline, November 11. See the insert/order form on the next page for more details, or call Amy Smith, 266-7174.

Methodist Kids Dinner and A Movie

What: Dinner and a Movie featuring ...

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving (Preschool)

Ferdinand (Elementary)

We will cook our dinner together, eat, make a craft, watch the movie and have a short discussion! It will be GREAT!

Who/When: Friday, November 16

4:00-5:30pm—Preschoolers (ages 3-4)

5:30-8:00pm—Methodist Kids (grades K-6th)

Where: Morton United Methodist Church
Kitchen/Youth Room

What to bring: You are welcome to wear PJs and bring a pillow to snuggle with during the movie!

RSVP: Miss Amy, 266-7174, or email amys@mortonumc.org so that I have enough supplies and food!

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Kindergarteners to Receive Bibles

On December 2, the kindergarteners will be receiving their Bibles at the beginning of the 9:30 worship service (since this is the Sunday School hour and they would be here anyway!) Come and share in this meaningful time. Parents of Kindergarteners, please email Amy (amys@mortonumc.org) to let me know how you would like your child's name printed in the Bible!

Juarez Mission Trip Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser

Please indicate the number of pies in each flavor in the blank, as well as circle if you would like it FROZEN or Fresh BAKED. Pumpkin Pies available BAKED ONLY. All pies baked fresh from scratch!

Cost - \$15/each

NAME _____ Phone _____

_____ Apple Crumb
(Frozen or Baked)
Circle one

_____ Apple Lattice
(Frozen or Baked)
Circle one

_____ Cherry Crumb
(Frozen or Baked)
Circle one

_____ Pumpkin
(Baked)

Pick Up Dates and Times (Circle One)

Sunday, 11/18
8AM-NOON

Monday, 11/19
9AM-NOON

Tuesday, 11/20
9AM-NOON

Tuesday, 11/20
5PM-7PM

Wednesday, 11/21
9AM-NOON

Taking orders through November 11

Giving Tree

Our annual Giving Tree Project is coming up. We will be sponsoring 9 agencies this year: Morton Terrace, Morton Villa, Crittenton Centers, Common Place, Bethel United Methodist Church, Peoria Children's Home, We Care, and Tazewell County Probation and Court Services, and The Ridge. The Giving Trees will be placed in the Gathering Area and Gym for 2 Sundays – Nov. 18 & 25. Please take the ornaments from the tree and sign your name and phone # and ornament # in the book. Return the wrapped gifts with the ornaments taped securely onto the packages (if you have more than 1 wrapped gift per name – please tie together, tape, or put in a large gift bag) no later than Sunday, Dec. 2. The agencies will be picking up the gifts on Dec. 7. We would encourage our church members to purchase items totaling around \$40 - \$50 including a clothing item as well as an age appropriate toy if the individual is a child. We have suggested to the agencies that they guide the adults/children in making their gift idea list and for them to be aware we may not be able to meet all their gift requests. If you wish, you may take more than 1 tag.

We are offering the service of purchasing gifts for those who find it difficult to get out but would like to participate in this worthwhile project. Please contact us by Nov. 25., and we can do the shopping for you.

We hope you will participate and encourage others by purchasing gifts for these 9 agencies. As we watch the piles of gifts grow each Sunday, we pray everyone will experience the spirit and celebration of Christ's birth. Your Outreach Team/Girl's Night Out Bible Study would like to thank you for taking part in this worthwhile cause and for sharing your faith this holiday season.

For any questions, please contact Connie Stephens 256-5113 or email cstephens4@frontier.com or JoAnn Kraft at the church 266-7174.



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UMW BOARD MEETS

November 3 @ 9:00 a.m. Youth Room

CIRCLE MEETINGS

- ABIGAIL
- HANNAH
- JOANNA
- RUTH
- SARAH

- Meeting Times TBD
- November 1 @ 9:30 a.m. Gathering Area
- November 6 @ 7:00 p.m. Kitchen
- NO MEETING THIS MONTH
- November 26 @ 6:00 p.m. Kitchen

Morton UMW Annual Craft & Market Sale

*Saturday, November 3, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Gym*

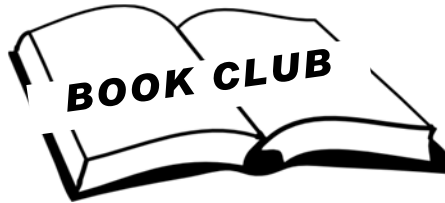
Morton UMW Annual Christmas Cookie Sale

*Saturday, December 1, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.*

Save the Date: January 15, 2019

The second portion of our Kick-Off will be held on January 15, 2019. We will have a light meal, hold an officer installation service, have a pledge service, have circle reports for 2018 and a memorial service.

*United
Methodist
Women*



Both of these titles have a copy on the UMW book shelf in our church library. All meetings are held in the Gathering Area at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, **November 13**: Falling into Place A Memoir of Overcoming
by Hattie Kauffman

Monday, **January 14**: On Pluto Inside the Mind of Alzheimer's by Greg O'Brien

Hope to see a good turnout!

News from the Ridge: We're busy planning our fall activities at the Ridge. We have collected coats to distribute before the weather gets any colder. We are also planning our Food Basket delivery for November 20. We'll be putting together 30 boxes of food to give to families in need & asking each UMW Circle, & all the churches who help at the Ridge, for specific food items. If you would like to make a contribution to this project, we always enjoy having monetary donations to buy extra items. Either put your donation in the offering plate or leave with Shelli in the office, indicating what it is for. If you're doing fall house cleaning and come across unwanted paper products or plastic silverware, we will take it to the Ridge! We appreciate your support.
Thank you, Linda Clauser & Sarah Losey

Love One Another

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13: 34-35)

As a UMW, our love for one another manifests itself in our commitment to service. I'm proud to be a member of this organization because we take service seriously & continually look for ways to serve.

In March of 1869, Clementina Butler and Lois Parker told six women of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston about deplorable health care & educational needs of women in India. They raised funds in order to send a teacher & doctor to India. This small start led to the formation of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society the forerunner of our UMW.

What our world, our nation, our community, our church, our homes need now is LOVE. We can show love in so many ways: ways that are appreciated by the receivers, ways that surprise the receivers & ways that help the receivers.

I encourage each of you to find a way to show your love to one another. We are disciples as we show our love to one another. Linda Coon, UMW President

XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

Upcoming Events for November 2018



November 2 - Game Day @ 11:00 a.m. – game to be decided – lunch is provided

November 6 – Go to Jack's in Tremont for lunch meet at church at 11 a.m.

November 11 – MHS play “Miracle Worker” - \$5 – meet @ Bertha Frank @ 2:15 p.m. – doors open @ 2:30 p.m. We will go to dinner after.

November 16 - Movie Day @ 1 p.m. – we'll show “The Christmas Choir” in Youth Room with popcorn

November 27 – Shopping trip to The Galleria Mall in St Louis – meet at church at 7:20 a. m. – We have space for 12 people. Please sign up with Lynn Zimmerman @ 309-258-0991 by November 16th

The MHS Madrigal dinner is on Sunday, December 2 @ 5 p.m. @ Bertha Frank cost is \$25 per person. If interested in attending please sign up & pay Lynn Zimmerman by November 12th to order tickets.

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

Pickleball—9:00 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday & Friday @ Birchwood Park ends 10/11.

Pickleball—10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday's Starting 10-19 in the Gym



Thanks for remembering us in the passing on of our mom with your cards and prayers.
Strubes' and VanCleave's'

Dear Church family,

Please know how loved and blessed you all have made me feel with cards and prayers. I am thankful the surgery went well. I have all of you to thank because of your prayers.

I am grateful for all my brothers and sisters in Christ here at MUMC.

Blessings and Many Thanks, Shelli K.

Thank you to everyone who helped me celebrate my 90th birthday. The celebration lasted the whole 3 week of October. There were over 100 birthday cards, several serenades of the birthday song and a lot of happy birthday greetings and hugs. I will always remember that special week and the people who made it possible. May God bless each of you.

With my appreciation, Velva June Martinie



“Look after orphans...” is one of the ways that the book of James defines pure religion. We’re not in an area where children without parents are just running around the streets looking for strangers to provide for their needs. However, there are certainly those who could be described as orphans near us and there are things that we can do to help. CASA has now extended themselves into Tazewell County as of this most recent summer. CASA tries to look after those abused or neglected kids who have been placed into the foster care system and make sure those kids’ desires, opinions, and personal experiences are heard in the legal process as the court attempts to resolve these very important legal and familial matters. A CASA volunteer would meet with the child on a regular basis, and even go into the foster home occasionally, and then make sure (to the best of their ability) that the reality of the situation and the voice of the child is being conveyed to the judge. Guardian Angel is right here in Morton and houses male wards of the state. Some of their boys do not have any family that come to visit. For those boys, they like to have mentors that come in for a weekly visit to talk and hang out and just be another person who shows them love. Both Guardian Angel and CASA have people who have said they would love to come and give more information to those who would like to know. I’m looking for people who would at least like to know more as they consider taking part. I would organize a meeting between those who are interested and the organization representatives. So, please let me know as soon as you can.

Rake and Run

In trying to make sure our marching band kids have a better chance to take part and raise personal funds, and to open up a weekend for a Youth Alpha retreat, Rake and Run is being pushed to the day before Thanksgiving—**November 21**. Please sign up soon if you would like the youth and adult volunteers to come rake your yard or someone you love. As always, this is just for a free-will offering and will help the kids who rake to pay for their summer mission experiences. Also, if you are physically able and would like to help, please let me know...or if you have a truck or trailer and could possibly lend us that help, please let me know. The **deadline to sign your yard up to be raked is November 16**. The sooner, the better so I can map out a workable schedule for our group.

Youth Alpha Retreat

The hope is for an overnight retreat for those who have been taking part in Youth Alpha for Friday night through Saturday afternoon—**November 16 and 17**. There would be plenty of bonding and fun but also 3 separate Alpha sessions where the focus would be on the presence and work of the Holy Spirit. Those who have gone through an Alpha or Youth Alpha program before have pointed to this retreat as a real turning point for their interest level in a real intimate relationship with Jesus. Please pray for this time for it to work out for a good group to go and be filled with God’s loving Holy Spirit.

Service Saturdays

For October, a few of our youth joined up with a group of adults to go split and stack wood and take it to the church at The Ridge so it could be distributed to those in the community who need it. They also got to watch Pastor Gabe cut down a tree. For November, we will go to Peoria First for their **Loaves and Fish**. We went there a number of times last year and always had a great time. So, **November 10**, if you would like to join some youth and a lot of great people from a number of other churches, please let me know and come along.

Happy Birthday!

James Barton	11/01	Jolene Crandell	11/16
Elliott Hicks	11/02	Tammy Grieder	11/16
Kathy Gallo	11/04	Kayla Wehnes	11/16
Ward Osborne	11/05	Barbara Bailey	11/18
Henry Wefer	11/06	Gary Feldman	11/18
Joshua Wright	11/06	Samuel Ackerman	11/19
Eric Bruce	11/07	Debra Lane	11/19
Stacy Hicks	11/07	Lucille Steiner	11/20
M. Louise McKittrick	11/07	William Heritch	11/22
Jonathan Troyer	11/07	Jerald Hesselberth	11/22
Clyde Alexander	11/08	Beverly Neubauer	11/23
Douglas Granger	11/08	Amy Smith	11/23
Rebecca Neeley	11/08	Charles Fort	11/24
Ryan Uhlman	11/08	Julia Granger	11/25
Rozanne Aberle	11/09	Callie Stephens	11/25
Janice Hall	11/09	Elliott Walles	11/25
Robert Hertenstein	11/09	Brooke Arnold	11/26
Cody Wirth	11/10	James Feldman	11/26
Shannon Aune	11/11	Lynn Goers	11/26
Carolyn Hounshell	11/11	Arlene Urbano	11/26
Ronald Scott	11/11	Earl Brown	11/27
Joanne Hickey	11/12	Rhonda Konieczny	11/27
Keller Sager	11/12	Darrell Vierling	11/27
Casey Stephens	11/12	Lillianne Jensen	11/28
Blake Hajny	11/13	Zachary Klokkenga	11/28
Judith Hesselberth	11/13	Betty Woerner	11/28
Lydia Miller	11/13	Sophia Bill	11/29
Bethany Wefer	11/13	Dale Hall	11/29
Nicholas Graff	11/14	Whitney Pfeifer	11/29
Haeleigh Anderson	11/15	C. Dan Hill	11/30
Helen McKelvey	11/15	Brandon Sarff	11/30
Harriet White	11/15	William J. Troyer	11/30
Sandra Burrier	11/16		



Administrative Notes:

Flower Ministry

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

- November 4
- November 11 Gabe & Sarah Wanck
- November 18 Lowery Family
- November 25

Attendance

- October 7 362
 - October 14 373
 - October 21 362
- Average: 365

Hospitalized

Earl Brown, Margi Weygand, Jim Destefano, Jim Parker

Sympathy

Pat Allen and family. Pat's brother, Louie Holliger passed on October 1.

Mary Brown and Family. Earl Brown passed away on October 23.

Thank You

Thank you so much Sarah and Chloe Losey and Barb Howard for hosting a special appreciation soup luncheon last month. The light of Christ shines brightly in each of you as you love and serve in his name. We are so thankful for you and the love you have shown to us and to all those in our church family and community. We are blessed!



Financial Stewardship Report

September- 2018

General Fund	
\$47,814.55	\$57,656.60
INCOME	EXPENSE

Year to Date

\$499,864.19	\$501,359.19
INCOME	EXPENSE

General Fund Ending Cash Balance: \$

Our Expenses exceeded Our Income for the September Budget by: \$9,842.05

Building Fund

September 2018

Ending cash and money market accounts : \$2,419,422.04

ATTENTION: FOOTPRINTS CREW
We are folding Footprints on Thursday, November 29 in the Gathering Area



DEADLINE:

Footprints Articles
November 16, 2018

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