

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, January 7, 2018– Sunday, January 14, 2018



Thank you for joining us today!

If you seek a caring community, are seeking answers to today's problems, or an experience to connect with God,
You can find it here within our church family.

For information about ministries and weekly Connect Groups,
Visit our Welcome Center or our website at
www.mortonumc.org.

**We are “Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.”**

Sunday Worship Celebration

"We have become fellow heirs and sharers in the promise in Christ
Jesus through the gospel." (Eph 3:6)

January 7, 2017

Epiphany Sunday

8:00 & 9:30 a.m

Something to Think About...Something to Pray about...Something to Share...Something to Do

- *Is God's plan a mystery to you?*
- *How are you responding to the Good News of Jesus?*
- *Are you being bold and confident in your faith?*
- *Share the promise of God with others.*

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gabe Wanck

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Eph 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the
world,**

**Who destined us for adoption as his children
through Jesus Christ,**

**Who has forgiven our sins according to the riches
of his grace,**

**And has made known to us the mystery of his will.
This is our God! Let's worship him together.**

***Hymn of Praise**

UMH 559

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Message (8:00 a.m.)

Amy Smith

Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (9:30 a.m.)

Choir

Sweetest Music, Softly Stealing

***Doxology**

Preparing for Communion UMH 188

Christ is the World's Light

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Communion will be served in the pews;
All are invited to receive Communion*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (...forgive us our 'sins'...)

Anthem (8:00 a.m.) Choir
Sweetest Music, Softly Stealing

Scripture Ephesians 3:1-12

Message Pastor Gabe Wanck
Access Granted

***Hymn of Commitment** UMH 369
Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

***Blessing**

Postlude

**Please stand as you are able*

HEAD USHERS: Chuck Birchenough, Dave Gilbert,
Connie & Steve Klein.

Flowers: The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
in honor of Wally and Lois Beeler 63rd Wedding
Anniversary.

A Rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Bradley Ann
McCafferty born on 1/01/18 daughter to Taylor (Gregurich) and
Shane. Grandparents Brad & Kim Gregurich and great
grandparents Gene and Judy Morse.

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Amanda Shook & Allison Werries
9:30 Julia Granger & Allison Werries

GREETERS: 8:00 Rudy & Arlene Urbano
9:30 Eric & Celeste Hansen

Cross Connections Worship Service

We welcome you to our Cross Connections service as we gather for this time of worship.

January 7, 2017

10:45 a.m.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

COMMUNION

FOUNDATION

Ephesians 3:1-12

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Access Granted

Pastor Gabe Wanck

CLOSING PRAYER

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Kerry Brenkman

Notes from 01/07/2018

Access Granted

Ephesians 3:1-12

New Member Orientation Class

Wednesday evenings
from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Meal included (5:30-6:00 pm)

New Class will begin January 24!

We will meet during our Wednesday evening W.A.T.CH program so we can eat together and after dinner we will introduce prospective members to our church as well as the history, policy and beliefs of the United Methodist Church. Following the completion of the orientation class you will have the opportunity to join the church during a Sunday morning New Member service.

All people wishing to join the Church must have experienced the ritual of Christian baptism. We recognize baptisms that were performed at non-United Methodist Churches.

Please contact Pastor Gary or Pastor Gabe if you are interested in joining Morton United Methodist Church.

The Next New Member Orientation Class:

January 24 & 31

February 7

Meal from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Class 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.



Reminder

There are several things being collected this month. Club 56 is still collecting books, Joanna Circle is collecting birthday party items, and Sarah Circle is collecting toiletry items for the Dream Center.

Methodist Kids Paint Night!

On Friday, January 19, at 6:00PM, Canvas Connections will be helping us find our inner Picassos, Monets, and DaVincis! All kids, aged K-6, are invited to come and paint their masterpieces. There is a fee per child. **Cost is \$10 each.** Space is limited, so RSVP to Miss Amy ASAP! Snacks and drinks will be provided.



UMW Book Club

January 29 — Yellow Crocus by Laila Ibrahim

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



XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

January 9 – lunch at *The Flame* in Metamora

We will leave the church @ 10:45 a.m.
and meet Kerry there.

January 19 – *Movie Day* – “Wonder Woman”
in the Youth Room with popcorn.



Mark Your Calendars!

- **January 13** Youth Service Project
- **January 20** Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
- **January 28** Illinois District Leadership Event
- **February 10** Club 56 Valentine Tea

ATENDANCE PADS

Please sign & pass the attendance pads, found at the end of the row, during the greeting time and return them to the first person in the row to be picked up after the service.

Cross Connections attendance sheets are on each table.

NURSERY

Child Care is available during worship services for INFANTS AND CHILDREN THROUGH AGE FOUR in our staffed nursery.

CHURCH STAFF and CONTACT INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Friday: 8:00 a.m. – Noon
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**For more information, please visit our website at
www.mortonumc.org**

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please let the church know if you or a member of your family is hospitalized. **The hospital does not notify us.**

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED: Thelma Robertson, Leone Wayman,
Joyce Mutters

RECENTLY RELEASED: Robert Mutters, Joyce Kovalcik,
Jessie Mitchell

SYMPATHY TO: Brian and Nancy Wraight and family.
Brian's mother Ruth died on January 2.

The family of James "Jim" White who died January 1.

Susie McCuskey and family. Susie's son-n-law, Eric Flaum, has passed.
Susie will be at her daughter Stacy's for 3 months. Cards can be sent to
Stacy Flaum 3821 N. Christina Ave. Chicago, IL 60618

DAY BY DAY

Sunday, January 7

8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
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9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
9:30 am Sunday School, YR
10:45 am Companions in Christ, L
10:45 am Cross Connections Worship Service, G
5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, L

Monday, January 8

8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
6:30 pm Skeins of Love, L
6:30 pm Trustees Meeting, YR

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 am Communion, S
8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
9:00 am Staff Meeting, GA
10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L
10:45 am XYZ-Lunch, OS
5:30 pm Gospel Bells, S
7:00 pm Praise Team, G
7:00 pm Joanna Circle, GA

Wednesday, January 10

6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
5:00 pm WATCH Meal, G
5:00 pm Cherub/Children's Choir
6:00 pm Methodist Kids, S
6:00 pm Girls Night Out, L
6:00 pm Lite Life, GA
6:15 pm Amplify, YR
7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS

Thursday, January 11

9:00 am Daily Grind, OS
9:00 am Quilters, CR
9:15 am Disciple-Pastor Paul, YR
10:00 am Pickleball, G
5:15 pm Thursday Night Book Study, OS
6:00 pm Pickleball, G
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

Friday, January 12

8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S

Saturday January 13

7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
8:00 am Walk and Talk, G

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
9:30 am Sunday School, YR
10:45 am Companions in Christ, L
10:45 am Cross Connections Worship Service, G
5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, L

G-Gym,
L-Library,
S-Sanctuary
GA-Gathering Area
OS-Off Site
YR-Youth Room
PO-Pastor Office
K-Kitchen
CR-Copy Room