

# morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of  
Sunday, January 14, 2018– Sunday, January 21, 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](http://www.mortonumc.org).

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

# Sunday Worship Celebration

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" (Mark 12:28)

January 14, 2017 **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m

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

- *What's most important in your relationship with Jesus?*
- *On a scale of 1-10 (1 is very low and 10 is very high), how would you rate yourself in how you love the LORD, worship the LORD and serve the LORD?*
- *Why is loving the LORD so important in the Bible?*

**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor Gabe Wanck

### **Prelude**

**\*Hymn of Praise** UMH 64

Holy, Holy, Holy

**\*Affirming Our Faith** UMH 885 A

Modern Affirmation of Faith

### **\*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

### **\*Doxology**

**Preparing our Hearts for Prayer** UMH 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

### **Pastoral Prayer**

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

**Anthem** (8:00 a.m.) Choir

**Scripture** Mark 12:28-34

**Message**

Pastor Gary L. Feldman

*Love...Worship...Serve!*

**\*Hymn of Commitment**

UMH 592

*Here, I Am, Lord*

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude**

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*\*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  
by Lucille Foster in honor of Bob Foster's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 Chloe Walters & Nyameye Maison  
9:30 Brecken Carter & Grant Franklin

**GREETERS:** 8:00 Rudy & Arlene Urbano  
9:30 Carol Eden & Norma Price

# Cross Connections Worship Service

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

January 14, 2018

10:45 a.m.

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COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION

Mark 12:28-34

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*Love...Worship...Serve...*

Pastor Gary Feldman

CLOSING PRAYER

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**OVERTIME CONNECTIONS**

**MINISTRY LEADERS:**

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Kerry Brenkman

Notes from 01/14/2018

# ***Love...Worship...Serve***

## **Leadership Equipping Event**

We are delighted that Christopher Coleman will be our keynote speaker this year, and we hope many people will want to be in the congregation as we worship and listen for how God is speaking through his inspiring leadership on offering Christ to people any time, any place.

**Worship begins 2 p.m. on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at Crossroads UMC. in Washington, IL**

### **UMC Reminder to Order**

Shirts will be processed in January and be at the church for pick up in February.

<https://mortonumc-2018.itemorder.com>

## 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.

## XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

**January 19 – Movie Day – “Wonder Woman”**  
in the Youth Room 1 pm with popcorn.

### **UMW Book Club**

January 29 — Yellow Crocus by Laila Ibrahim  
All meetings are held in the Gathering Area 6:30 p.m.

# 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.



## **Mark Your Calendars!**

- **January 20** Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner
- **January 28** Illinois District Leadership Event
- **February 4** Youth Chili & Sub Sale
- **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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### **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, John Westbrook

**RECENTLY RELEASED:** Joyce Mutters

**SYMPATHY TO:** Jim and Jayne Benckendorf and family. Jim's mother Jean died January 6.



# DAY BY DAY

## **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

## **Monday, January 15**

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 11:00 am Services at Restmor, OS
- 7:00 pm Boys Scout, G

## **Tuesday, January 16**

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

## **Wednesday, January 17**

- 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 18**

- 9:00 am Daily Grind, OS
- 9:00 am Quilters, CR
- 9:15 am Disciple-Pastor Paul, YR
- 10:00 am Pickleball, G
- 10:45 am Services at Hollybrook, OS
- 5:15 pm Thursday Night Book Study, OS
- 6:00 pm Pickleball, G
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

## **Friday, January 19**

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 1:00 pm XYZ Movie Day, YR
- 4:00 pm Boy Scout, Dinner Set K & G
- 6:00 pm Methodist Kids Paint Night, G

## **Saturday January 20**

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
- 8:00 am Walk and Talk, G
- 4:00 pm Boys Scout – Spaghetti Dinner

## **Sunday, January 21**

- 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

Happy Birthday  
Bob Foster



