

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, February 19, 2017 – Sunday, February 26, 2017



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

"And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

(Philippians 4:7)

February 19, 2017 7th Sunday of Epiphany 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

To think about: *Peace with God, peace with others, and peace with yourself... Where do you need some "peace work?" Take a moment to admit your need to God.*

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Gary

SHARING PRAISE & WORSHIP

***Hymn** "Be Still My Soul" #534

***Psalter** Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear,

Though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;

He lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us;

The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

He burns the shields with fire.

He says: Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140

Offering Prayer

Lord Jesus, Prince of peace, use these gifts to help bring your peace to this troubled world. AMEN.

Offertory 9:30 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" Choir

*Doxology

*Prayer of Blessing

*Passing the Peace

SHARING PRAYER & COMMITMENT

Children's Message 8:00 a.m. Amy Smith

Prayers of the People

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

SHARING THE WORD

Anthem 8:00 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" Choir

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:2-9

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Message "Peace Work" Pastor Gary

*Hymn "Leave It There" #522

*Blessing

*Hymn "Leave It There" (*refrain*) #522

*Postlude

***Please stand as you are able.**

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

FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Sarah Losey for all she does for us and The Ridge.

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Nyamedze Maison & Noah Losey
9:30 Ella Smallenberger & Allison Werries

GREETERS: 8:00 Don and Rena Huber
9:30 Ray and Ellen Heiman

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

February 19, 2017

10:45 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Special Music-*Chain Breaker*-Bob Camp

FOUNDATION
Philippians 4:2-9

TODAY'S MESSAGE
"Peace Work"
Pastor Gary

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Kerry Brenkman

Philippians Sermon Series

"Peace Work"

Philippians 4:2-9

What holds these counsels and encouragements together?

ANSWER: The concept of **"peace,"**

- Peace with one another
- Peace with God
- Peace with ourselves

How many sermons could one find in these verses?

ANSWER: At least **three:**

- A Sarcastic (tongue-in-cheek) Sermon
- A "Don't" Sermon
- A "Do" Sermon

What might the points be?

ANSWER: (For the "Do" Sermon, only)

What to do if you want to promote peace:

- Agree in the Lord. (*v. 2*)
- Be Peacemakers. (*v. 3*)
- Focus on Jesus—*Rejoice in the Lord!* (*v. 4*)
- Let Your Wisdom Show. (*v. 5*)
- Pray. (*vv. 6-7*)
- Think the Best Possible Thoughts. (*v. 8*)
- Imitate Godly People. (*v. 9*)

Why do these things:

- *"The Lord is at hand"* (*v. 5b*)
- *The two incredible promises* (*vv. 7, 9*)

XJZ...Xtra Years of Zest

February 26
Lunch for the Bunch

We'll have lunch at Culver's following Cross Connections.

March 3
Game Day

@ 11:00 in the gym

We'll have lunch (provided) followed by Farkle



Monday Morning Bible Study

*Breaking the Code, Understanding the Book of Revelation by
Bruce M. Metzger*

Leader: Pastor Lori

Place: Youth room, beginning March 6 at 9:30 am



Thursday Night Book Study

We are currently studying *All the Places to Go, How Will You Know?* by John Ortberg. This group meets on Thursday night at 6:00 at Russ and Linda Young's house. Please call Chuck Birchenough for more information.



Crayola Marker Drive

We will be collecting used markers to help support a recycling, fueling mission. There is a drop off box located in the Welcome Center.

Zach Losey Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Losey would like to invite the congregation on Sunday, February 26 at 2 p.m. to attend the Eagle Court of Honor for Zach Losey.

Cake and punch will follow.

Run for God/Christ Walk

Use this Lenten time to be physically active and at the same time grow in your faith.

Resources are available from Pastor Lori. If you need a group to help you be accountable, meet at noon on Sunday, March 5th in the gathering area.

Daniel Fast

Using material publish by Susan Gregory
This is an opportunity to fast, pray and study scripture. Although this is self-directed, the group will meet weekly for accountability.

Leaders: Pastor Lori and Pastor Gary

Place: conference room near pastor's office

Time: Wednesdays, 5 pm, beginning March 8th

Organizational meeting on
March 1st at 6:30 pm.



Mark Your Calendars!

- **February 20** Ministry Council Meeting: Come brainstorm with us!
- **February 23** Footprints Folding, Gathering Area
- **March 1** Ash Wednesday, No WATCH
- **March 6** VBS Team Mtg.
- **March 19** United Methodist Women Sunday
- **March 25** UMM Spring Concert-performance by Cathy Reynolds
- **March 26** One Great Hour of Sharing

ATTENDANCE 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.

WORSHIP REMINDERS

Please do not take any food or beverage into our traditional worship sanctuary. Please remember to turn off or silence your cell phones during the services. Thank you!

NURSERY

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

CHURCH STAFF and CONTACT INFO

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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: David Crandell

RELEASED: Jean Siron, Doris Hall

Sympathy To: The family of Whitney Pfeifer who's dad, Philip Johnson, died January 27.

DAY BY DAY

Sunday, February 19

- 8:00 am Sunday Celebration Service, Sanctuary
- 9:00 am Blood Pressure Sunday, Gym
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Companions in Christ, Lib.
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Service, Gym
- 5:00 pm Boy Scouts Annual Meeting, Gym
- 5:00 pm In Faith, Sanct
- 6:00 pm Sunday Evening Women's Study, Lib

Monday, February , 20

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise
- 9:30 am Monday Bible Study, YR
- 11:00 am Services at Restmor
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts, Gym
- 7:00 pm Sarah Circle, GA

Tuesday, February, 21

- 8:00 am Communion, Sanctuary
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 10:00 am Sisters In Faith, Lib
- 10:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Off Site
- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting, Lib.
- 5:45 pm Gospel Bells, Sanct.
- 6:30 pm Disciple, YR
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, Gym.

Wednesday, February , 22

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., Gym
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise
- 9:15 am Abigail Circle, YR
- 12:00 pm A Heart like David, YR
- 5:00 pm WATCH Fellowship Meal
- 5:00 pm Cherub/Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Methodist Kids, Sanct.
- 6:00 pm Christianity, GA
- 6:15 pm Amplify, YR
- 7:00 pm Strength Finders, Off Site

Thursday, February , 23

- 8:30 am Daily Grind, Eli's
- 9:00 am Quilters, Copy Room
- 9:00 am Footprints Folding Crew, GA
- 9:15 am Disciple, YR
- 10:00 am Pickleball, Gym
- 6:00 pm 7 People Singing
- 6:00 pm Thursday Night Book Study, Offsite
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanct.

Friday, February 24

- All Day SR HIGH ICE CAMP
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise,
- 9:30 am Simply Women, Lib.
- 6:00 pm Restmor Hymn Sing

Saturday, February , 25

- All Day SR HIGH ICE CAMP
- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, Lib

Sunday, February 26

- All Day SR HIGH ICE CAMP
- 8:00 am Sunday Celebration Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Companions in Christ, Lib.
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Service, Gym
- 12:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor- Zach Losey, Gym, Kitchen
- 12:00 pm XYZ Lunch for the Bunch
- 1:00 pm Brandon Wood Hymn Sing
- 2:00 pm Holly Brook Hymn Sing
- 5:00 pm In Faith, Sanct
- 6:00 pm Sunday Evening Women's Study, Lib