

# morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of  
Sunday, March 4, 2018– Sunday, March 11, 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

## *United Methodist Women Sunday*

March 4, 2018 **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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**Prelude** Children's Chimes  
*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor Gabe Wanck

**Call to Worship** Cherub Choir  
*God Don't Make No Junk*

**\*Hymn of Praise** UMH 185  
*When Morning Guilds the Skies*

**\*Responsive Reading** United Methodist Women  
O God, the Great Designer of all life,  
**We thank you for creating us, the world and all that exists.**

O Christ, the Cornerstone of Faith,  
**We are grateful for the heritage we have in your example as you lived among us.**

O Spirit, who fills our hearts and unfuses our passions,  
**We look to those who received the Gospel before us and determined to share it with others so we have it in the present day.**

O God, who gave us the faith of our mothers and fathers and leaders,  
**We are grateful for the foundation they provided and passed along to us.**

O Christ who gave us the people you chose and the people who followed you,  
**May we be the next layer of faith and love for future generations.**

O Spirit who works within us, past, present,  
**Drive us to love and mercy, peace and justice, so the world will share in the legacy of faith we have received and so declare today.**

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Special Music**

Children's Choir

*Father, I Adore You*

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

**Recognition of Our United Methodist Women**

**Receiving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory** Choir

*Mercy*

**\*Doxology**

**\*Hymn of Prayer** UMH 526

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus (v. 1)*

**Commissioning of the Juarez Team** (9:30 a.m.)

**Ministry of Prayer** Linda Coon

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

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Communion will be served in the pews;*

*All are invited to receive Communion*

**Scripture** James 5:13-20

**Message** Pastor Gary L. Feldman

*The Basics of Prayer*

**\*Hymn of Service**

*The Servant Song (v. 1,5)*

**\*Blessing and 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 in honor of all the MUMW members.

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

**GREETERS:** 8:00 Jan Pontius & Linda Hatch  
9:30 Mary Barrick , Debbie Veltman &  
Laura Hoyland

# Cross Connections Worship Service

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

March 4, 2018

10:45 a.m.

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COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

COMMUNION

FOUNDATION  
James 5:13-20

TODAY'S MESSAGE  
*The Basics of Prayer*  
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

# Sermon Notes

## *Prayer Life!* *"The Basics of Prayer"*

1. Prayer is the proper response to every event in life...

James 5:13

- Prayer
- Praise
- Petition

2. Prayer is a group effort...

James 5:14

- Call
- Confess

3. Prayer makes a difference...

James 5:15-16

You do not have, because you do not ask. (James 4:2)

## COMING...SUNDAY, MARCH 11!

On March 11 we will be asking for your contributions to help The United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, formerly known as **One Great Hour of Sharing**.. Your generous gifts ensure UMCOR's response in times of crisis anywhere in the world.

Please consider to give on March 11 to support UMCOR!



XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

### **March 6 – Lunch for the Bunch**

We'll meet at the church at 11 a.m. and go to Grecian Gardens in Chillicothe



### **Fiddler on the Roof**

Metamora High School is performing *Fiddler on the Roof* Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Cost \$7. Please reserve your spot by contacting Lynn Zimmerman or by calling the church office no later than Thursday, March 8.



## **REMINDER**

Pastor Paul's Thursday morning Disciple Bible study will not meet on March 8.

There will be no quilting on Thursday, March 8.

Please turn in your order forms for Jumer's Cinnamon Rolls by March 21.

We will be taking Easter Lily and Mum orders through March 18. Order Mums & Lilies for \$17.00 each.

Pastor Gary's Tuesday night Bible study will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6 at Bob/Cathy Bowen's Home.

Please consider to give on March 11<sup>th</sup> to support UMCOR.

## **Prayer Life!...Lenten Sermon Series**

How is your prayer life? That's a question we sometimes want to avoid, but it's a question that needs to be asked and answered from time to time. Prayer is that vital connection with Jesus that guides, sustains and gives nourishment to our relationship with Him. Since Jesus is our model for what a prayer life is like, we would be wise to learn from Him. Just as He was in constant communication with His Heavenly Father, so we should be in constant communion with our LORD.

We are starting a new series of sermons on prayer, titled **Prayer Life!** Over the next several weeks we will be exploring how prayer not only sustains life but that it can be a lifestyle for every believer!

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| 3/4 – Gary Feldman  | 4. The Basics of Prayer: James 5:13-20 |
| 3/11 – Gabe Wanck   | 5. Prayer Priorities: Eph. 3:14-21     |
| 3/18 – Gary Feldman | 6. Praying Like Jesus – Jn. 17         |



### **Mark The Calendar**

- **March 5** VBS Team Meeting
- **March 10-16** Juarez Mission Trip
- **March 11** Daylight Savings Time Change
- **March 11** UMCOR Offering Sunday
- **March 22** Folding Footprints
- **March 23** Kids Night Jon Williams Tumbling Gym
- **March 23** XYZ Movie Day not March 16
- **March 26-30** Prayer Service - 6:30 a.m.
- **March 30** Good Friday Service at Noon
- **April 1** Easter Sunday
- **April 11** Last W.A.T.CH
- **April 14** Every Daughter Brunch

## **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.

## **NURSERY**

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

## **CHURCH STAFF and CONTACT INFORMATION**

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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:** Carol Hilpert

**SYMPATHY TO:** The family of Howard King who died February 28.



# DAY BY DAY

## **Sunday, March 4**

### **United Methodist Women Sunday**

- 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
- 2:00 pm XYZ-Fiddler on the Roof
- 4:00 pm WOW Team, G,K
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, L

## **Monday, March 5**

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 9:30 am Bible Study Pastor Gabe, Yr
- 6:30 pm VBS Meeting, GA
- 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting, YR
- 7:00 pm Boys Scout, G
- 7:00 pm Skains of Love, L

## **Tuesday, March 6**

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 8:45 am Staff Meeting, GA
- 9:30 am Skains of Love, YR
- 10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L
- 11:00 am XYZ-Lunch, OS
- 5:30 pm Gospel Bells, S
- 6:00 pm Bible Study  
Pastor Gary, OS
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G

## **Wednesday, March 7**

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 9:00 am UMW Board Mtg, YR
- 5:00 pm W.A.T.CH 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
- 5:30 pm Amplify, OS
- 7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS

## **Thursday, March 8**

- 8:30 am Daily Grind, OS
- 10:00 am Pickleball, G
- 5:30 pm Thursday Night Book Study, OS
- 6:00 pm 7 People Singing
- 6:00 pm Pickleball, G
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

## **Friday, March 9**

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 11:00 am XYZ First Friday Game Day

## **Saturday, March 10**

### **Pray for Juarez Trip**

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
- 8:00 am Youth Mission Work, OS
- 9:00 am Serving at Community Harvest, Trinity Church

## **Sunday, March 11**

### **One Great Hour of Sharing UMCOR Sunday**

- 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

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