

# morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, March 18, 2018 – Sunday, March 25, 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

*Morton UMC Mission Statement: Making Disciples of Jesus  
Christ for the Transformation of the World!*

March 18, 2018 **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor Gabe Wanck

**Prelude** Bell Choir

*Morning Has Broken*

**\*Hymn of Praise** UMH 472

*Near to the Heart of God*

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Message** (8:00 a.m.) Pastor Gary Wanck

**Reception of New Members** (9:30 a.m.)

**Congregational Response: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to Jesus Christ and to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.**

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

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

**Offertory** Choir

*Our Father*

**\*Doxology**

**Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer** UMH 526

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus (v. 3)*

## Ministry of Prayer

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

### Special Music

7 People Singing

*Kyrie Eleison*  
*'Lord, Have Mercy'*

### Scripture

John 17

### Message

Pastor Gary L. Feldman

*Praying Like Jesus*

### \*Hymn of Service

UMH 397

*I Need Thee Every Hour (v. 1,2,3,5)*

### \*Blessing and Postlude

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*\*Please stand as you are able*

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

**FLOWERS:** If you'd like to donate altar flowers to celebrate a special event in your life or in memory of (or in honor of) someone, please sign the flower book for 2018 that is in the Welcome Center

### **NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED:**

Ceil Steiner – by Transfer from Lincoln UMC, Lincoln, IL

Jennifer Weaver – by Transfer from Community United Church of Christ, Morton, IL

Josh Weaver – by Profession of Faith

Lindsay McMullen – by Profession of Faith

Maggie and Brett Klokkenga – by Transfer from The Gathering UMC, St. Louis, MO

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 Nyamedze Maison & Noah Losey  
9:30 Ella Smallenbeger & Ava Alt

**GREETERS:** 8:00 Pat Zimmerman & Jan Pontius  
9:30 Gene & Jim Davis

# Cross Connections Worship Service

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

March 18, 2018

10:45 a.m.

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COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION

John 17

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*Praying Like Jesus*

Pastor Gary Feldman

CLOSING PRAYER

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**OVERTIME CONNECTIONS**

**MINISTRY LEADERS:**

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Hilda Brenkman

Praise Team

Kerry Brenkman

Sermon Notes  
*Prayer Life!*  
*"Praying Like Jesus"*

Jesus' Prayer for Protection

Jesus' Prayer for Sanctification

Jesus' Prayer for Unity

"So I have sent them into the world"

Never Forget...Jesus is Praying for Us

## XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

### ***Fiddler on the Roof***

**Today, Sunday, March 18**

Leave church at 1 p.m.

### **Movie "*All Saints*"**

**March 23 at 1 p.m.** in the Youth Room, popcorn will be provided.

**March 27 at 11:30 a.m.** – Fill Easter Eggs at Church



**Children's Ministry Annual Easter Egg Hunt** needs individually wrapped candy to stuff the Easter eggs! If you are able to donate, please drop it off in the office by March 26! Thanks!



## **Methodist Kids FUN NIGHT!**

Children's Ministry presents the March Fun activity—FUN NIGHT at John Williams Tumbling Gym!! On March 23 from 6:00-8:00, we will be meeting OVER at Jon Williams Tumbling Gym, 258 Springfield Road, East Peoria, IL for Pizza and FUN TIME! This Gym has SO MANY fun things to do! Cost per child will be \$5 to help us defray the cost of rental and pizza! Parents are responsible for transportation! Please RSVP to AMY by Wednesday, March 22!

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – MARCH 26-30**

**March 26-30** Morning Prayer Service 6:30 a.m.

**March 30** **Good Friday Service** 12:00 noon

**April 1** **Sunrise Service** *Ackerman Family Farms*  
6:30 a.m.

**April 1** **Easter Sunday**

8:00 a.m. Celebration Easter Service

9:30 a.m. Celebration Easter Service *and*  
Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

10:45 a.m. Cross Connections Easter  
Celebration



## **United Methodist Women - Book Club**

UMW Book Club meets **Monday, March 27,**  
in the Gathering Area at 6:30 p.m.

Our book: **These is My Words: The Diary of Sarah**  
**Agnes Prine 1881-1901 Arizona Territories**  
by Nancy E. Turner

Please read and then join us to discuss this inspiring story



## **W.A.T.CH. – March 28**

Daily Grind is cooking a barbeque meal for W.A.T.CH with smoked, brisket, bbq beans, coleslaw, potato salad, corn muffins, and fruit cobbler for dessert. Brisket will be available for purchase to take home. All proceeds will benefit the Liberia Midwife fund.

## **Mark The Calendar**

- **March 22** Folding Footprints
- **March 23** Kids Night Jon Williams Tumbling Gym
- **March 26-30** Holy Week Prayer Service - 6:30 a.m.

- **March 30** Good Friday Service at Noon
- **April 1** Easter Sunday Service
- **April 11** Last W.A.T.CH
- **April 14** Every Daughter Brunch

## **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  
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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: Velma Stout**

**RECENTLY RELEASED:**



**SYMPATHY TO:**

# DAY BY DAY

## **Sunday, March 18**

### **Blood Pressure Sunday**

- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:00 am Blood Pressure Sunday, G
- 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
- 1:00 pm XYZ- Fiddler on the Roof
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, GA

## **Monday, March 19**

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 9:30 am Bible Study  
Pastor Gabe, Yr
- 11:00 am Services at Restmor
- 6:30 pm Building Committee, YR
- 7:00 pm Boys Scout, G
- 7:00 pm Sarah Circle, GA

## **Tuesday, March 20**

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

## **Wednesday, March 21**

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 11:00 am Ruth Circle, O
- 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 22**

- 8:30 am Daily Grind, OS
- 9:00 am Quilters, CR
- 9:00 am Footprints Folding Crew, G
- 9:15 am Disciple-Pastor Paul, YR
- 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 23**

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 1:00 pm XYZ- Movie Day
- 6:00 pm Methodist Kids  
Fun Night, OS

## **Saturday, March 24**

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
- 8:00 am Walk & Talk, G, S

## **Sunday, March 25**

### **PALM 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
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, GA

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



