

morton

united methodist church

For the Week of
Sunday, March 25, 2018 – Sunday, April 1, 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

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

March 25, 2018 **PALM SUNDAY** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gabe Wanck

Introit Choir/Children

Palm Sunday Processional

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 118:19-29

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter
through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter
through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my
salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and
be glad in it.**

Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of
the altar!**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God;
I will extol you.

**Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his
steadfast love endures forever!**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

Amy Smith

Receiving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

Offertory (9:30 a.m.) Choir
Let the King Come In

***Doxology**

Ministry of Prayer

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

Special Music (8:00 a.m.) Choir
Let the King Come In

Scripture Matthew 21:1-17

Message Pastor Gary L. Feldman
All Stirred Up

***Hymn of Service** UMH 280
All Glory, Laud and Honor

***Blessing and Postlude**

****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

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Carter Jones & Allison Werries
9:30 Allayna Hart & Charlotte Potts

GREETERS: 8:00 Pat Zimmerman
Don & Jane Sullivan
Linda Htach
Deanna & Matt Chism

9:30 Dave & Mary Ann Betteridge

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

March 25, 2018

10:45 a.m.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION

Matthew 21:1-17

TODAY'S MESSAGE

All Stirred Up

Pastor Gary Feldman

CLOSING PRAYER

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Kerry Brenkman

Sermon Notes
Palm Sunday
All Stirred Up

1. Entry into Jerusalem

2. Jesus Saves

3. Jesus Purifies

4. Jesus Hears

5. Jesus Heals

6. Are You Stirred Up?

Hosanna To The King!

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

XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

March 27 at 11:30 a.m. – Fill Easter Eggs at Church-lunch
will be provided

April 6 - Game Day - We will play Five Crowns @ 11:00
a.m. — lunch is provided.

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.

Easter Offering

Our Conference, Our Kids

'Because the nearest thing to heaven is a child'

The 2017 Annual Conference officially launched a \$2.5 million 'Our Conference, Our Kids' campaign for the spiritual care programs of the five child welfare agencies in the conference – The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and Spero Family Services (formerly the United Methodist Children's Home).

This will be our initial offering in support of this worthy endeavor! Please prayerfully consider this 'extra-mile' contribution to help make this happen. Each of these agencies provide loving ministry and care to children. This campaign will endow spiritual life programs at each agency to further nurture them in their faith.

There will be envelopes available in the bulletins for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Please note your check memo line as 'Easter Offering.' Thank you for your faithful giving!



Adults Night Out

Don't forget to make your reservation for Saturday, April 21. Reservation forms are available on the welcome desk and on the tables on Wednesday nights. Reservations will be taken from 5:00 to 7:15 p.m. Please let Eric know if you're up for helping. Brian Wraight is our chef. We will have live music, child care, a pretty room, warm service, and great food.



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!



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

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: Doris Birchenough, James Destafano

RECENTLY RELEASED: Velma Stout

SYMPATHY TO: The Barrick family. Paula's mother, Mable Miller, died March 6.

DAY BY DAY

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
- 12:00 pm Gym in use
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, L

Monday, March 26

- 6:30 am Holy Week Service, S
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 6:00 pm Finance, YR
- 7:00 pm Ad Board, YR
- 7:00 pm Boys Scout, G

Tuesday, March 27

- 6:30 am Holy Week Service, S
- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 8:45 am Staff Meeting, GA
- 9:30 am Skeins of Love
- 10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L
- 11:00 am XYZ – Stuff Easter Eggs
- 5:30 pm Gospel Bells, S
- 6:00 pm Pastor's Study, OS
- 6:30 pm UMW Book, GA
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G

Wednesday, March 28

- 6:30 am Holy Week Service, S
- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 9:15 am Abigail 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 29

Maundy Thursday

- 6:30 am Holy Week Service, S
- 8:30 am Daily Grind, OS
- 9:00 am Quilters, CR
- 9:15 am Disciple-Pastor Paul, YR
- 10:00 am Pickleball, G
- 5:30 pm Thursday Night Book Study, OS
- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 30

Good Friday

- 6:30 am Holy Week Service, S
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 12:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 31

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L

Sunday, April 1

EASTER 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