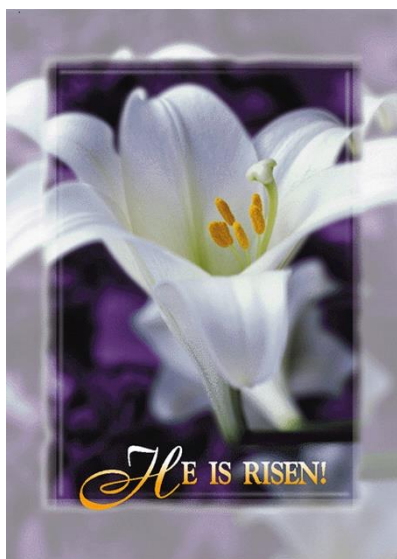


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For the Week of
Sunday, April 1, 2018 – Sunday, April 8, 2018



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!"

Easter Sunday Celebration

"He is not here, for He has risen, as He said." Matthew 28:6

April 1, 2018 **Resurrection Sunday** 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

Transformation from Darkness to Light

Trumpets, Choir, Congregation

Up From the Grave He Arose UMH 322
(Congregation joins in on v.3)

Welcome

Pastor Gabe Wanck

***Hymn of Celebration**

UMH 302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

***An Easter Reading**

They tried to stone Him in the temple when He proclaimed the greatest news of all time.

But He lives!

They mocked Him and beat Him, hoping that He would die even before He was nailed to that merciless beam.

But He lives!

He was nailed to the cross and suffered the torture and humiliation of the entire world. It was placed on His shoulders like a sacrificial lamb led to the altar to appease a Holy God.

But He lives!

They put a stone that would smother the truth. That would keep the dead in their rightful place.

But He lives!

They thought they had seen the last of this man who loved them unconditionally.

But He lives!

Praise God! Jesus, King Jesus lives.

Christ the Lord, is risen today!

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

Special Music Choir

I Will Rise

Receiving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

Ministry of Prayer

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

Anthem Choir

To the Lamb on the Throne

Scripture John 20:1-18

Message Pastor Gary L. Feldman

I Have Seen the Lord!

***Hymn of Joy** UMH 327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

***Benediction**

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Postlude

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

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

FLOWERS: Lilies and mums have been given to the glory of
God by various members of our church family.

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Carter Jones
9:30 Julia Granger & Brecken Carter

GREETERS: 8:00 Bob & Julie Bethel, Gary & Deb Baker
Greg & Carol Alster
9:30 Lucile Steiner, Carolyn Hounshel
Preston & Cathy Gale

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

April 1, 2018

10:45 a.m.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC
Resurrection Power

SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION
John 20:1-18

TODAY'S MESSAGE
I Have Seen the Lord!
Pastor Gary L. Feldman

CLOSING PRAYER

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts
Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters
Hilda Brenkman

Praise Team
Kerry Brenkman

Sermon Notes

Easter Sunday

I Have Seen The Lord!

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!



XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

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

April 10 – lunch at Pizza Ranch in Morton - we will meet there @ 11:15 a.m.



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 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, elegant atmosphere, warm and friendly service, plus great food!

W.A.T.Ch

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Join us on **April 11 at 5:00** for the FINAL WATCH of 2018!
Our theme this year is

America's favorite pastime, BASEBALL!

Come dressed with your favorite Baseball jersey! Enjoy some stadium fare of HOT DOGS, MAIDRITES, NACHOS, FRESH FRUITS AND VEGGIES, and of course, BUILD YOUR OWN SUNDAES!

Following dinner, we will have our annual TALENT SHOW! So get your ACTS ready and join us for a FUN TIME! Let Amy know what talent you would like to share.



Confirmation Sunday

Please join us on Sunday, April 29 to celebrate and give some encouragement to our eight new confirmands who have spent the last two years learning more about our faith and the Methodist church. They are:

*Rowan Carter, Chloe Losey, Connor McMullen,
Caroline Potts, Cameron Shook, Daniel Wefer,
Sarah Wefer, and Owen Weyland.*

Our appreciation to the leaders that have walked this path with them.



Calling All Golfers

The **2018 Bishop's Open** will be on **Friday, May 11**, at the Piper Glen Golf Course Club near Chatham. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. with lunch followed by a shotgun start at noon. Dinner will follow the completion of the golf outing. *COST: \$100 per person.* All proceeds of the outing will be for the ***Our Conference, Our Kids*** campaign.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **April 6** Hymn Sing Restmor
- **April 8** Hymn Sing Brandon Wood & Holly Brook
- **April 14** Every Daughter Brunch
- **April 21** Adults Night Out

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.

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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: Livia Kimmerle, Clark Boers

RECENTLY RELEASED: Doris Birchenough, James Destafano

SYMPATHY TO: Gurney St. Clair and family, Gurney's father, Gurney St. Clair Sr. died March 24.

DAY BY DAY

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
Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:45 am Companions in Christ, L
- 10:45 am Cross Connections
Worship Service, G

Monday, April 2

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 6:30 pm Skeins of Love, YR
- 7:00 pm Boys Scout, G

Tuesday, April 3

- 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
- 6:30 pm UMM Leaders Meeting, YR
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G

Wednesday, April 4

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 9:00 am UMW Board, YR
- 5:00 pm No W.A.T.Ch.

Thursday, April 5

- 8:30 am Daily Grind, OS
- 9:00 am Quilters, CR
- 9:15 am Disciple-Pastor Paul, YR
- 9:30 am Hannah Circle, S
- 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
- 7:30 pm Joanna Circle, YR

Friday, April 6

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 11:00 am XYZ First Friday
Game Day
- 6:00 pm Hymn Sing Restmor

Saturday, April 7

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
- 8:00 am Walk & Talk, G
- 9:00 am Serving at Community
Harvest Church, OS

Sunday, April 8

Communion 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
- 1:00 pm Hymn Sing Brandon Wood
- 2:30 pm Hymn Sing Holly Brook
- 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

**Christ
Is Risen
Indeed**

