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united methodist church

For the Week of
Sunday, April 15, 2018 – Sunday, April 22, 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

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4:17

April 15, 2018 **Third Sunday of Easter** 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Children's Chimes

William Tell Overture

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gabe Wanck

Call to Worship

Cherub Choir

God's Not Dead

***Hymn of Celebration**

UMH 580

Lead On, O King Eternal

***Responsive Reading – The Kingdom of Heaven**

Jesus went through all the towns and villages,

Teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up.

Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls,

Who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind.

When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Special Music

Children's Choir

Your Still Small Voice

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

Receiving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

Offertory (9:30 a.m.) Choir

God of the Deep

***Doxology**

Hymn of Prayer UMH 405

Seek Ye First

Ministry of Prayer

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

Anthem (8:00 a.m.) Choir

God of the Deep

Scripture Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Message Pastor Gary L. Feldman

What is this Kingdom?

Weeds, Seeds, Soils, Pearls and Nets

***Hymn of Service** UMH 540

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

***Benediction**

Postlude

****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 by Rev. Alan & Kathy Newhall in
celebration of their 49th Wedding Anniversary.

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

GREETERS: 8:00 Tim & Roberta Beutel
9:30 Ray & Ellen Heiman

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

April 15, 2018

10:45 a.m.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION

Matthew 13

TODAY'S MESSAGE

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CLOSING PRAYER

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Kerry Brenkman

Sermon Notes

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Matthew 13



When Jesus announced that the Kingdom of God had come near, it meant that the very nature of God would be manifest through the life and ministry of Jesus. Jesus would demonstrate the love of God in simple yet powerful ways, always revealing that He has His best in mind for us! It was by His Words and Works, that Jesus would explain this wonderful Kingdom and also give evidence of it through acts of kindness with signs and wonders.

XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

April 20 – Movie Day @ 1 p.m. – we'll show "Joshua" in the Youth Room. We will serve popcorn.

April 24 – Luthy Botanical Gardens/Lunch – we will meet at the church @ 11 a.m.



Adults Night Out

Don't forget to make your reservation for

Saturday, April 21.

Reservation forms are available on the Welcome Desk.

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!!

Please turn in your reservations by Monday, April 16.



ILLINOIS RIVER DISTRICT

Spring Celebration

Monday, April 23 UMW Spring Celebration 8:30 a.m.

"Our First 150 Years"

History of United Methodist Women

Registration deadline Friday, April 20

Items will be collected for Cunningham Home/
Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House.

(Bath towels, wash cloths, Walmart & Dollar Tree gift cards, mops, brooms, buckets, all-purpose cleaners, plastic gloves, and dishwashing liquid)



Gospel of John Bible Study

April 23 - June 4

Monday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 am in the Youth Room
Join Pastor Gabe and others seeking to learn and grow in their faith and knowledge of God's Word.

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 United Methodist church. They are:

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

Our appreciation to Mike & Beth Shook and Mike & Maria Wefer 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.



Lost and Found

We have collected several items in the lost and found tote. If you would please take a few minutes to check the table in gym and claim any items that you or your child/children have left behind.

All items that have not been claimed will be taken to Mission Mart on May 1.



Dishes

We have collected several unclaimed dishes in the kitchen. Please check the table in the gym to claim your dish.

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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**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, Imo Reich

RECENTLY RELEASED: Marcella Rouland, Tom Siron,

Joyce Mutters

DAY BY DAY

Sunday, April 15

- 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
5:00 pm Juarez Stock Dinner

Monday, April 16

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
11:00 am Services at Restmor, OS
6:30 pm Building Committee, YR
7:00 pm Boy Scout, G
7:00 pm Sarah Circle, YR

Tuesday, April 17

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

Wednesday, April 18

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
8:45 am Staff Meeting, G
5:00 pm Ruth Circle, OS
6:15 pm Amplify, YR

Thursday, April 19

- 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 7 People Singing
6:00 pm Pickleball, G
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

Friday, April 20

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
1:00 pm XYZ Movie Day, YR
3:00 pm Adults Night Out- Prep,G,K

Saturday, April 21

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
8:00 am Walk & Talk, G
4:00 pm Adults Night Out, G

Sunday, April 22

- 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
3:00 pm UMW Set- Up, K,G

Dates to Remember

- **April 16** Unstuck Workshop Peoria First UMC 6:30 p.m.
- **April 18** Correction-Mission Survivor meeting for parents
- **April 25** VBS Team meeting
- **May 5** East Bay Camp
Work Day

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