

# morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of  
Sunday, June 11, 2017 – Sunday, June 18, 2017



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

*"...they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." (Matthew 24:30)*

June 11, 2017 **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude** "The Jamaican Choruses"

### To Think About

*For nearly 2000 years the church has proclaimed, "He is coming soon," because Jesus said, "I am coming soon." (Rev. 22:20). So, what would you be thinking right now if "soon" were today?*

**Welcome & Announcements** Pastor Lori

## SHARING PRAISE & WORSHIP

**\*Hymn** "My Hope Is Built" #368

**\*Responsive Reading** *1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 (NLT)*

We tell you this directly from the Lord:

**We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have fallen asleep.**

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God.

**First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves.**

Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth...

**Will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.**

Then we will be with the Lord forever.

**So encourage each other with these words.**

**\*Hymn** "It Is Well with My Soul" #377

## Offering Prayer

**Savior Jesus, though we look for your return, we do not want to neglect your call to serve. We dedicate this offering to you. Help us to use it for kingdom work and for your glory, AMEN.**

**Offertory** "Your Love Endures Forever"  
Danny Motta and Jenn Gordon

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Blessing**

### **SHARING PRAYER & COMMITMENT**

**\*Pass the Peace**

**Children's Message** Pastor Gary

**Time of Prayer**

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

### **SHARING THE WORD**

**Special Music** "Changes" *Choir and friends*

**Scripture** *from Matthew 24*

**Message** "Last Days" Pastor Gary

**Call to Commitment**

**\*Hymn** "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" CH#568

**\*Blessing** "Choral Benediction" Margi Weygand

**\*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 Pastor Gary and Becky Motta.

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 Carter Jones & Max Sullivan  
9:30 Allayna Hart & Julie Granger

**GREETERS:** 8:00 Bob & Lois Lichti  
9:30

# Cross Connections Worship Service

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

June 11, 2017

10:45 a.m.

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OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS—*A Choral Benediction*—  
Margi Weygand

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC—*His Love Endures Forever*—Danny Motta

FOUNDATION  
Matthew 24

TODAY'S MESSAGE  
**"Last Days"**  
Pastor Gary

CLOSING PRAYER & WORSHIP

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**OVERTIME CONNECTIONS**

**MINISTRY LEADERS:**

WOW Welcome	Creative Arts Jayne Benckendorf
Greeters Hilda Brenkman	Praise Team Kerry Brenkman

## ***“Last Days”***

*Matthew 24*

### **What events are connected with the Mount of Olives?**

- Two moments of Messianic sorrow:
  - King David wept as he climbed, for his son, Absalom, had led a rebellion against him. (2 *Samuel 15:30*)
  - King Jesus prayed in the garden atop this mountain, preparing for his suffering. (*Matthew 26:30; Luke 22:39-44*)
- Two moments of Messianic victory:
  - Christ’s Return. (*Zechariah 14:4*)
  - Christ’s teaching about His Return here in Matthew 24!

### **When it comes to the “Last Days” and Jesus’ return...**

- Don’t be in too much of a hurry. (*Matthew 24:6*)
- Prepare for difficult times. (*Matthew 24:9-13*)
- Know there will be no doubt. (*Matthew 24:27,30*)
- Be ready for anything, but... (*Matthew 24:36*)
- Do the most important thing! (*Matthew 24:14*)

### **Pastoral Reception**

**TODAY**, please join us for a reception in honor of  
Pastor Lori and Pastor Gary.

**1-3 pm in the gym.**



### **Building Informational Meeting**

Please join us today at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



### **YVONNE CLARK MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE**

MORTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GYM  
**TOMORROW, June 12 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 7 P.M.**



Mission Survivor

Please pray for our youth during Mission Survivor week.

**Today through June 15.** This is a wonderful  
stay-at-home mission trip and we have a day at The Ridge  
planned as well as blessing and serving food pantries,  
nursing homes, day camps, neighborhood missions,  
and many people in need.



## ***XYZ...Xtra Years of Zest***

**June 29— Movie Day**

We'll travel to Kutchies on the water  
for lunch at 11 a.m.



### **Church in the Park**

The 8 a.m. service will be at the  
*Northwoods Park every Sunday from*  
June 25th through to August 6th.



### **OPERACION HOGAR JU. SURVIVOR Meeting**

An informational meeting for those interested in going on the Operacion Hogar – Operation Homes – mission trip to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, March 10-16, 2018 will be held on Tuesday, June 13 at 7:00PM in the Gathering Area.



### **Alabama Mission Trip Meeting**

An informational meeting, with a chance to answer questions and pass along all the information we can, is set for Monday, June 18th at 6:15pm. This is also a chance to pray together and decide some last minute details as a group. If you are a student going on the trip or a parent of one, please plan to be there.



## **VBS WORK NIGHT**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30 P.M.



### **Welcoming Reception**

Come and meet Pastor Gary Feldman and Pastor Gabe Wanck on Sunday, July 16 from 12:30-2 in the Gym.



## **Mark Your Calendar**

- **June 19** Sarah Circle Mtg. 7 p.m., L
- **June 25-29** VBS WEEK "Maker Fun Factory"
- **July 9** All Church Bike Ride
- **July 5,19,26** Holy Spirit Study Series presented by Ben Hoerr from The Vineyard Church 6 p.m., YR

## **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.

## **WORSHIP REMINDERS**

Please do not take any food or beverage into our traditional worship sanctuary. Please remember to turn off or silence your cell phones during the services. Thank you!

## **NURSERY**

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

## **CHURCH STAFF and CONTACT INFO**

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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:** Ron Little, Lois Frank

**RECENTLY RELEASED:** Charlotte Gilmore

# **DAY BY DAY**

## **Sunday, June 11**

### **Mission Survivor**

- 8:00 am Sunday Celebration Service, S
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G
- 1:00 pm Farewell Reception for Ps. Gary and Ps. Lori, G
- 3:00 pm Building Informational Mtg., S
- 6:00 pm Book Study, L

## **Monday, June 12**

### **Mission Survivor**

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 12:00 pm Blood Drive, G/ K
- 6:30 pm Building Committee Meeting, YR

## **Tuesday, June 13**

### **Mission Survivor**

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 9:30 am Skeins of Love, YR
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G
- 7:00 pm Juarez Mission Trip Informational Mtg., GA

## **Wednesday, June 14**

### **Mission Survivor**

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise
- 6:30 pm VBS Work Night, GA
- 7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS

## **Thursday, June 15**

### **Mission Survivor**

- 9:00 am Quilters, CR

## **Friday, June 16**

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise

## **Saturday, June 17**

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

## **Sunday, June 18**

### **Father's Day & Pastor Lori Birthday**

- 8:00 am Sunday Celebration Service, S
- 9:00 am Blood Pressure Sunday, G
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 10:45 am Cross Connections 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