

# morton

## united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of  
Sunday, June 25, 2017 – Sunday, July 2, 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

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"  
(Matthew 28:19)*

June 25, 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> **Sunday after Pentecost** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### Prelude

### To Think About

*What people and ideas make you comfortable? What people and ideas make you uncomfortable? How do you cope with uncomfortable situations?*

### Welcome & Announcements

Amy Smith

## SHARING PRAISE & WORSHIP

\***Hymn** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" #358

\***Responsive Reading** *Isaiah 30 CEV*

The Lord God is waiting to show how kind he is and to have pity on you.

**The Lord always does right; he blesses those who trust him.**

Now you will see the Lord, your teacher, and he will guide you.

**Whether you turn to the right or the left, you will hear a voice saying: "This is the road! Now follow it!"**

\***Hymn** "Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee" #562

### Offering Prayer

**Lord, who hast given all for us: help us to give all for thee.** (George W. Briggs) **AMEN.**

### Offertory

\***Doxology**

\***Prayer of Blessing**

## SHARING PRAYER & COMMITMENT

### \*Pass the Peace

Children's Message

Amy Smith

Prayers of the People

Unison Prayer

Give me, Lord, a stout heart to bear my own burdens, a tender heart to bear the burdens of others, and a believing heart to lay all my burdens on you, for you care for us.

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

## SHARING THE WORD

Special Music

Amy Smith

Scripture

*Matthew 28:16-20*

Message "What Jesus' Followers Must Do"

Rev. Alan Newhall

\*Hymn "Go Ye, Go Ye, Into the World"

\*Blessing

\*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 in the Welcome center.

**THE ROSE** on the altar is in celebration of the birth of ***Rilynn Ivie Cole*** born on June 14, 2017. She is the daughter of Ryan and Carissa, Granddaughter of Yvonne Cole.

**ACOLYTES:** 9:30 Wyatt & Grant Franklin

**GREETERS:** 9:30 David & Mary Anne Betteridge

# Cross Connections Worship Service

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

June 25, 2017

10:45 a.m.

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OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION

Matthew 28:16-20

TODAY'S MESSAGE

**"What Jesus' Followers Must Do"**

Rev. Alan Newhall

CLOSING PRAYER & WORSHIP

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**OVERTIME CONNECTIONS**

**MINISTRY LEADERS:**

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Jenn Gordon

**Mark Your Calendar**

- **July 5,19,26** Holy Spirit Study Series presented by Ben Hoerr from The Vineyard Church 6 p.m., YR
- **July 11-15** Pictures for Directory
- **July 16** Meet and Greet Pastor Gary and Pastor Gabe 12:30-2:00 p.m. Gym

# Vacation Bible School Begins TODAY !!!!!



Join us each night at 5:00 p.m. for a home cooked meal by different members of our church family, with donations of \$4 Adults/\$3 Children/\$15 Family Max.

Then at 5:45, join us in the sanctuary for Maker Fun Factory, where we will be introduced to our theme for the day and the festivities begin!

Don't forget – we still need help for the Kitchen clean-up crews, COOKS, snack providers and servers. Please let us know if you are available to help!

Kids, remember to save up your hard-earned pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and green stuff for our VERY important mission offering because KIDS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! This year, we will be giving kids in Peru the gift of FRESH WATER!

**Above all please pray for a blessed  
Vacation Bible School**

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

**June 29**

**Lunch for the Bunch**

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

**July 7**

**Game Day**

We'll play Dominoes and have lunch at 11 a.m.



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### **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**

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00 – 4:00 CHURCH PHONE: 309-266-7174  
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**For more information, please visit our website at  
[www.mortonumc.org](http://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:**

**RECENTLY RELEASED:** Charlotte Gilmore, Lois Frank,  
Margaret Weygand, Ron Little, Louise Wanner

**SYMPATHY TO:** The family of Ernie Lang who died on June 10.



# DAY BY DAY

## **Sunday, June 25**

### **VBS BEGINS!!**

- 8:00 am Sunday Celebration Service, Northwoods Park
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G
- 5:00 pm Vacation Bible School Meal, G
- 5:45 pm Vacation Bible School
- 8:30 pm VBS Afterhours, Jr. /Sr. High, Gym

## **Monday, June 26**

### **VBS WEEK**

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise
- 5:00 pm Vacation Bible School Meal, G
- 5:45 pm Vacation Bible School
- 8:30 pm VBS Afterhours, Jr. /Sr. High, Gym

## **Tuesday, June 27**

### **VBS WEEK**

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 9:30 am Skeins of Love, YR
- 5:00 pm Vacation Bible School Meal, G
- 5:45 pm Vacation Bible School
- 8:30 pm VBS Afterhours, Jr. /Sr. High, Gym

## **Wednesday, June 28**

### **VBS WEEK**

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise
- 5:00 pm Vacation Bible School Meal, G
- 5:45 pm Vacation Bible School
- 7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS
- 8:30 pm VBS Afterhours, Jr. /Sr. High, Gym

## **Thursday, June 29**

### **LAST Night VBS**

- 9:00 am Quilters, CR
- 9:00 am Footprints Folding Crew, GA
- 5:00 pm Vacation Bible School Meal, G
- 5:45 pm Vacation Bible School
- 8:00 pm Fun Shop Finally Parents Encouraged to Join Us
- 8:30 pm VBS Afterhours, Jr. /Sr. High, Gym

## **Friday, June 30**

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise

## **Saturday, July 1**

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
- 9:00 am Serving at Community Harvest, Trinity Church

## **Sunday, July 2**

### **VBS WEEK!!**

- 8:00 am Sunday Celebration Service, Northwoods Park
- 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