

# morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of  
For the Week of July 23, 2017 – July 30, 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

*That I may know him and the power of his resurrection,  
and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,  
that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from  
the dead.*

*(Philippians 3:10-11)*

July 23, 2017 **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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## ***Something to Think About...Something to Pray about....Something to Share...Something to Do***

- Whom do you look up to or model your life after?
- Are you so heavenly minded that you are of no earthly good?
- Are you so earthly minded that you are of no heavenly good?
- J.O.Y. = Jesus, Others, Yourself

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prelude**

#### **\*Hymn of Praise**

UMH 368

*My Hope Is Built*

#### **\*Responsive Reading**

*Philippians 3:13-21*

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

### **I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.

### **Only let us hold true to what we have attained.**

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

**For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.**

Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

**But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.**

**\*Pass the Peace**

**Mission Report from our Youth**

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Gabe

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

**Offertory** Sarah Wefer  
*Speak, O Lord*

**\*Doxology**

**Scripture** Philippians 3:1-14

**Message** Pastor Gary  
*Knowing Christ*

**\*Hymn of Commitment** UMH 349  
*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (2x)*

**\*Blessing**

**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 by Velva June Martinie and family in loving memory of Bill.

**GREETERS:** 9:30 Ray and Ellen Heiman

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

# Cross Connections Worship Service

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

July 23, 2017

10:45 a.m.

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OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

Mission Report from our Youth

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION  
Philippians 3:1-10

TODAY'S MESSAGE  
**"Knowing Christ"**  
Pastor Gary

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

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**OVERTIME CONNECTIONS**

**MINISTRY LEADERS:**

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts  
Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters  
Hilda Brenkman

Praise Team  
Kerry Brenkman

## ***"Knowing Christ"***

### ***The Joy of Jesus***

#### ***4. Knowing Christ!***

*Philippians 3:1-14, 19-21*

**Text:** *Philippians 3:8, 10* "I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." "That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead."

- A Spiritual Mind
  - 'You're so heavenly minded, you're no earthly good'
- Spiritual Equations
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\_\_\_\_\_!
  - I T \_\_\_\_\_ = H \_\_\_\_\_  
Succeeds!
- Are things robbing you of your joy?
  - <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, *with minds set on earthly things.* <sup>20</sup> **But our citizenship is in heaven,** and from it *we await* a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.
  - Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face;  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

# *XYZ...Xtra Years of Zest*

**July 23**

## **Lunch for the Bunch**

We'll meet at La Fiesta for lunch following Cross Connection's Service.



## **Holy Spirit Study Series**

This study will be presented by Ben Hoerr from the Vineyard Church on Wednesday, July 26 at 6 p.m. in the Youth Room.



## **Basement Sale**

**August 8-9.**

Please start cleaning out those closets, basements, crawl spaces, and garages.

Drop off all sale items from **July 30-August 6.**

All proceeds go to the Youth Ministry in support of their summer mission programs.

**We are in need of volunteers** to sort and price items on Sunday and Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday we are looking for people to help during the sale and clean up.


Contact the church office 266-7174 if you are available to lend a helping hand.

## **MUMM SUMMER GAMES**

The Morton United Methodist Men invites all MEN, to the  
2017 Summer Games at Ackerman Farms.  
Please reserve **Monday, August 14** starting at **6:00 PM**.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

- **August 6** Last Worship in the Park 2017
- **August 6-7** Basement Sale Work Days
- **August 9** Children's Water Fun Day
- **August 14** Illinois River District Day Apart  
See Kathy Dallinger for details
- **August 21-26** Kitchen will be closed



### **Texting Service**

Would you like to know if church is cancelled due to weather?  
Would you like to know if summer park service has been moved  
to the church?

Would you like to be reminded when we are only having one  
service on an upcoming Sunday?

Would you like to receive texts about upcoming events?

If you would be interested, please pick up and fill out a green  
flyer at the Welcome Center. Turn it in to the office.



### **...Meet & Greet...**

*Pastor Gary and Pastor Gabe Need Your Help!*

If you would like to host a gathering, small or large,  
to meet our new pastors, please contact the church office,  
266-7174. We have found this to be a helpful way,  
not only to meet the pastors, but to enjoy fellowship with  
others and share hopes and joys!

Thank you in advance for your help with this!

### **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 Friday 8:00 – Noon

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[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:** Doris Birchenough, Ron Little,  
Larry White



# **DAY BY DAY**

## **Sunday, July 23**

8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, Northwood Park  
9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S  
10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G  
12:00 pm XYZ Lunch for the Bunch

## **Sunday, July 30**

8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, Northwood Park  
9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S  
10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G

## **Monday, July 24**

8:00 am Walking for Exercise  
6:00 pm Finance Committee, YR  
7:00 pm Ad Board, YR

## **Tuesday, July 25**

8:00 am Communion, S  
8:00 am Volunteer Work Group  
9:30 am Skeins of Love, YR  
7:00 pm Praise Team, G

## **Wednesday, July 26**

6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR  
8:00 am Walking for Exercise  
6:00 pm Holy Spirit Study Series, YR  
6:15 pm Amplify, YR

## **Thursday, July 27**

9:00 am Quilters, CR  
9:00 am Footprints Folding Crew, GA

## **Friday, July 28**

8:00 am Walking for Exercise

## **Saturday, July 29**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L

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