

# morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, August 27, 2017– Sunday, September 3, 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

"And they **devoted** themselves **to the postles' teaching** and **the fellowship**, **to the breaking of bread** and the **prayers.**" (Acts 2:42)

August 27, 2017 **12<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**

- *In an honest moment, how devoted to the things of Jesus do you consider your life to be?*
- *On a scale of 1-10 (1 is very low and 10 is very high), how do you rate your devotion to the following: to learning the Bible? To fellowshiping with other Christians? To sharing meals with other Christians? To regular daily praying?*
- *How is the Holy Spirit helping you be devoted?*
- *Is it easier for you to be glad or grumpy? Generous or stingy? Praising God or complaining to God?*
- *How gracious are you with others?*

**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor Gabe Wanck

### **Prelude**

**\*Hymn of Praise** UMH 133  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

**\*Affirming Our Faith** UMH 885  
*A Modern Affirmation of Faith*

### **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Children's Message** Amy Smith

**Offertory** (9:30 a.m.) Ensemble  
*Dona Nobis Pacem*  
*'Grant Us Peace'*

### **\*Doxology**

**Preparing our Hearts for Prayer** UMH 496  
*Sweet Hour of Prayer (v. 2)*

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Gabe Wanck

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

**Special Music** (8:00 a.m.) Ensemble

*Dona Nobis Pacem*  
*'Grant Us Peace'*

**Scripture** Acts 2:42-47

**Message** Pastor Gary L. Feldman  
*Church Life! – part 1*

**\*Hymn of Commitment** UMH 566  
*Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love (v. 1-3,5)*

**\*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  
in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of  
Lynn & Sarah Losey.

**ACOLYTE:** 8:00 Allison Werries & Carter Jones  
9:30 Wyatt & Grant Franklin

**GREETERS:** 8:00  
9:30 Mike & Diana Kovach

# Cross Connections Worship Service

We welcome you to our Cross Connections  
service as we gather for this time of worship.  
August 27, 2017 10:45 a.m.

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OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION  
Acts 2:42-47

TODAY'S MESSAGE  
**Church Life**

Pastor Gary Feldman

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

Notes from 8/27/2017

**Acts 29... Witnesses for Jesus**

**4. Church Life!**

**Part 1**

*Acts 2:42-47*

**Text:** *Acts 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

- Life in the Early Church – a Summary
  
- Devotion – Expressed Four Ways
  - Apostles Teaching – the Word
  
  - Fellowship - koinonia
  
  - Breaking of Bread – shared meals
  
  - Prayers
  
- Results
  - Awe
  - Signs and Wonders
  - Shared with Others According to Need
  
- God Added
  - People were Saved – sozo
  - People Need the Lord...Need to be Saved!

**Rally Day and Pot Luck**

**One Worship Service  
September 10 at 10:00 AM**

Come worship, fellowship and eat.  
We will be having a 10 a.m. worship service in the Gym followed by a potluck. Signup sheets are in the Gathering area and the Gym. Let us know if you can come and will be bringing friends and family so we can plan ahead with the main dish.

**Gospel Bells Rehearsals Start Soon**

Rehearsals start September 5 at 5:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
We have spots available! Please contact Kerry Brenkman for more information. [kerryb@mortonumc.org](mailto:kerryb@mortonumc.org)

**WATCH**

**(Wednesday at the Church)**

**Begins September 20!**

Join us at 5 p.m. for a meal, followed by adult, youth and children's programs! You will be blessed!

**United Methodist Women's Annual  
CRAFT and MARKET DAY SALE**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please start working on your crafts to support this year's UMW Craft and Market sale.

We welcome crafts, unique handcrafted products, holiday crafts, home décor, knitted or sewn items, baked goods such as pies, cookies, trail mixes, etc. from all church members. All profits from this sale support missions.

Monetary donations to offset craft and market item expenses are always appreciated.

Craft Item drop off to church Oct. 31, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Market Item drop off Nov. 3, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

# *X4Z...Extra Years of Zest*

**August 27**

## **Lunch for the Bunch**

We'll meet at Firehouse Pizza following  
Cross Connections.

**September 1**

## **First Friday Game Day**

We'll meet at 11 a.m. You pick the games  
Lunch will be provided.



## ***Cross Connection***

### ***Celebrating 15 Years***

We have much to celebrate and be thankful for! The ministry of Cross Connections is celebrating 15 Years of worshipful outreach. To help us celebrate, on September 24, Rev. Bob Sabo, the pastor who helped start Cross Connections, will be preaching at all three services.

In recognizing this milestone, we are inviting you to donate \$15 or more as we celebrate 15 years. These funds will be used to enhance the audio/visual ministry of MUMC. We are looking to upgrade our church sound boards and visual aids. Please specify in your memo or envelope 15 Years!

### **Mark Your Calendar**

- **September 7** Daily Grind, OS-8:30
- **September 10** Rally Day
- **One Service 10 a.m.** Potluck @ 11:30
- **September 17** First Sunday School
- **September 17** Charge Conference
- **September 20** WATCH begins
- **October 1** Saclapea Scholarship Offering

### **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:** William "Bill" H. Jones Sr.

**RECENTLY RELEASED:** Hank Vanderhayden



# DAY BY DAY

## **Sunday, August 27**

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

## **Sunday, September 3**

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

## **Monday, August 28**

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

## **Tuesday, August 29**

8:00 am Communion, S  
8:00 am Volunteer Work Group  
9:00 am Staff Meeting  
6:30 pm Worship Comt. Mtg, YR  
7:00 pm Praise Team, G

## **Wednesday, August 30**

6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR  
8:00 am Walking for Exercise  
9:00 am UMW Board, YR

## **Thursday, August 31**

9:00 am Quilters, CR  
9:00 am Footprints Folding Crew, GA  
6:00 pm 7 People Singing, S  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

## **Friday, September 1**

8:00 am Walking for Exercise  
11:00 am XYZ First Friday Game Day, G

## **Saturday, September 2**

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

**Office Closed  
Monday,  
September 4**

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



