

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, September 3, 2017– Sunday, September 10, 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.

We are “Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.”

Sunday Worship Celebration

"Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus...And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 3:19-20; 4:12)

September 3, 2017 **13th Sunday of Pentecost** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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

- *How has your devotion to Jesus been in your life this past week?*
- *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?*
- *When was the last time you felt the Holy Spirit lead you to do ministry for someone?*
- *Consider praying each day: Lord, show me how you will use me today for your glory!*

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gabe Wanck

Prelude

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 617

I Come with Joy (v. 1-2)

***Affirming Our Faith** UMH 885

A Modern Affirmation

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Message Amy Smith

Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Kate and Morgan Wiegardt
Breathe

***Doxology**

Preparing our Hearts for Communion UMH 617

I Come with Joy (v. 3-4)

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Gabe Wanck

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

Service of Holy Communion

*Communion will be served by intinction;
Please procede to a station in your area*

Scripture Acts 2:42-3:10

Message Pastor Gary L. Feldman
Church Life! – Part 2

***Hymn of Commitment** UMH 617
I Come with Joy (v. 5)

***Blessing**

Postlude

****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.

ACOLYTE: 8:00
9:30

GREETERS: 8:00
9:30 Tom & Kaydene Stachelski

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

September 3, 2017

10:45 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

COMMUNION

FOUNDATION

Acts 2:42-3:10; 19-20; 4:12

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Church Life! - Part 2

Pastor Gary L. Feldman

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Kerry Brenkman

Notes from 9/3/2017

Acts 29... Witnesses for Jesus
5. Church Life! - Part 2

Acts 2:42-3:10; 3:19-20; 4:10

Text: *Acts 3:19-20; 4:12 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus...And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*

- Review: Devotion – Expressed Four Ways
 - Apostles Teaching – the Word
 - Fellowship - koinonia
 - Breaking of Bread – shared meals
 - Prayers

- First Story of the Church
 - Peter and John
 - Daily Routine

- A Man...

- A Word...

- A Miracle...

- A Message...

- Church Life!

Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts-How to Help

Pray – Donate – Begin Collecting – Get Trained

Pray for survivors and volunteer relief workers. **Donate** to UMCOR-United Methodist Committee on Relief, which uses 100% of your funds directly meet response needs.

Begin Collecting items for the UMCOR Flood Buckets. Supply list found at UMCOR.org

Get trained in early disaster response:

September 23 Early Response Training at Fairview First UMC

September 29-30 Disaster Response Mini-Academy at East Bay Camp, in Hudson, IL

Check out IGRC.org for disaster response

We are collecting donations to support those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Mark in the memo on your checks or envelopes: UMCOR



Gospel Bells Rehearsals Start Soon

Rehearsals start **September 5** at 5:45 pm in the Sanctuary. We have spots available! Please contact Kerry Brenkman for more information: kerryb@mortonumc.org



W.A.T.CH

(Wednesday at the Church)

Begins September 20!

Join us at **5:00 pm** for a meal, followed by adult, youth and children's programs! You will be blessed!



**Rally Day and Pot Luck
One Worship Service
September 10 at 10:00 am**

Come to worship, fellowship and eat. Worship service 10:00 am 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.

X4Z...Extra Years of Zest

September 14

Senior Pumpkin Bingo

We'll meet at 2:00 pm at the festival grounds.

Senior appreciation Day

Come eat free pumpkin pie at 3:30 pm



Cross Connections

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 Sunday, **September 24**, Rev. Bob Sabo, the pastor who helped start Cross Connections, will be preaching at all three services. Mark this date to attend!

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 17** Sunday School – resumes!
- **September 17** Annual Church Conference - 4:00 pm
- **September 20** W.A.T.CH begins
- **October 1** Saclapea Scholarship Offering
- **October 3** UMW Board Meets

CIRCLE MEETINGS

ABIGAIL September 27 — Fall Brunch
HANNAH September 7 — Gathering Area — 9:30 am
JOANNA September 16 — Youth Room — 7:30 pm
RUTH September 20 — Seasons Restaurant — 11:30 am
SARAH September 25 — Gathering Area — 7:00 pm
(Note this is the 4th Monday evening!)

Lets Get Fired Up!

Do you have a **BURNING** feeling
to get involved?

What will get *YOU* **Fired
Up?**

Hospitality~Committee Groups~Bible
Studies~Book Studies~Women's Groups~
Men's Groups~Special Events
~Worship~Yard Maintenance~
Working Crews~
Children~Youth~Knitting~Quilting~Walking

**Let us Fuel That
Fire?!?!**

Information is set up in the Gathering
Area

**RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER
10TH**
ONE SERVICE 10 A.M. POTLUCK
11:30 (MEAT PROVIDED)

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

Debbie Granger

RECENTLY RELEASED:

SYMPATHY TO: The family of Jack Taylor who died August 23

DAY BY DAY

Sunday, September 3

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

Sunday, September 10

All Day Rally Day
10:00 am Celebration Worship
Service, S
11:30 am POT LUCK

Monday, September 4

All Day OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5

8:00 am Communion, S
8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
9:00 am Staff Meeting
5:45 pm Gospel Bells, S
6:30 pm UMM Leaders Meeting, L
7:00 pm Praise Team, G
7:30 pm Joanna Circle, GA

Wednesday, September 6

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

Thursday, September 7

8:30 am Daily Grind, OS
9:00 am Quilters, CR
9:30 am Hannah Circle, GA
6:00 pm 7 People Singing, S
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

Friday, September 8

8:00 am Walking for Exercise

Saturday, September 9

7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
8:00 am Walk and Talk, Gym

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