

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, September 17, 2017– Sunday, September 24, 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

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." (Acts 9:5b-6)

"But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel...'" (Acts 9:15)

September 17, 2017 **15th Sunday of Pentecost** 8:00 & 9:30 am

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

- *Try to imagine the encounter that Saul had with Jesus on the road to Damascus and consider what you would have done on that day*
- *If you could change your name, what would you like to be called?*
- *For you, what is the most amazing part of the story?*

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gabe Wanck

Prelude

***Hymns of Praise** UMH 365 and 382

Grace Greater than Our Sin

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Message (8:00 am) Amy Smith

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Gabe Wanck

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

Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (9:30 am) Choir

Make Me an Instrument

***Doxology**

Scripture Acts 9:1-9

Anthem (8:00 am) Choir

Make Me an Instrument

Message

Pastor Gary L. Feldman
Acts 29...Witnesses for Jesus
A Name Changer

***Hymn of Commitment**

CH 654

Change My Heart, O God

***Blessing**

Postlude

****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 Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Heritch.

ACOLYTE: 8:00 Noah Losey & Nyamedze Maison
9:30 Ella Smallenberger & Ava Alt

GREETERS: 8:00
9:30 Brandon & Kim Sarff

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

September 17, 2017

10:45 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION

Acts 9:1-9

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*Acts 29...Witnesses for Jesus
A Name Changer*

Pastor Gary L. Feldman

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts
Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters
Hilda Brenkman

Praise Team
Kerry Brenkman

Notes from 9/17/2017

Acts 29... Witnesses for Jesus

7. A Name Changer

Acts 9:1-31

Text: *Acts 9:5b-6; 15 "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."; But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.*

- The Back Story
 - Saul's Life
 - Saul's Mission
- A Voice
 - What Gets Your Attention?
 - What Has God Said to You?
- A Life Changed – From Saul to Paul

Fall Kick-Off, September 18
Pledge Service, Officer Initiation & Memorials

Theme: Back to School Gift Shower for
South Side Christian Academy

Guest Speaker: Susan Zobrist

6:00 pm — Light meal and dessert in Gymnasium

7:00 pm — Program in Sanctuary

Donations: School Supplies, Gift Cards, Kleenex, Hand
Sanitizer, Toilet Tissue



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 on your memo or envelope: 15 Years!

A luncheon will follow Cross Connections Service.

We would like to invite the congregation to celebrate 15
years of Cross Connections ministry and enjoy a Taco Bar.



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.

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 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



X4Z...Extra Years of Zest

September 24 – Lunch for the Bunch

Following Cross Connections service we will take the van to Lincoln and eat lunch at Bonanza.



Mark Your Calendar

- **September 17** Annual Church Conference - 4:00 pm
- **September 24** Pastor Bob Sabo preaches all services
- **October 1** Saclapea Scholarship Offering
- **October 3** UMW Board Meets

CIRCLE MEETINGS

ABIGAIL September 27 — Fall Brunch

RUTH September 20 — Seasons Restaurant —11:30 am

SARAH September 25 — Gathering Area — 7:00 pm

(Note this is the 4th Monday evening!)

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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**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 RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED:

William Shenaut (Lisa Hutchison's dad), John Westbrook, Ron Little, Judith Petefish

RECENTLY RELEASED:

DAY BY DAY

Sunday, September 17 **All Church Conference TODAY**

- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:00 am Blood Pressure Sunday, G
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Sunday School, YR
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G
- 10:45 am Companions in Christ, L
- 4:00 pm Church Conference, S
- 6:00 pm Bible Study, L

Monday, September 18

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 9:30 am Bible Study, YR
- 11:00 am Services at Restmor
- 6:00 pm UMW Fall Kick Off and Installation of Officers, G,S
- 6:30 pm Building Comm Mtg., YR
- 7:00 pm Boys Scout, G

Tuesday, September 19

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L
- 5:45 pm Gospel Bells, S
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G

Wednesday, September 20

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise
- 11:00 am Ruth Circle, Offsite
- 5:00 pm WATCH Fellowship Meal, G
- 5:00 pm Cherub/Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Methodist Kids, S
- 6:00 pm Making sense of Bible, GA
- 6:15 pm Amplify, YR

Thursday, September 21

- 8:30 am Daily Grind, OS
- 9:00 am Quilters, CR
- 9:15 am Disciple-Pastor Paul, YR
- 6:00 pm 7 People Singing, S
- 6:30 pm Boys Scout, YR
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

Friday, September 22

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise

Saturday, September 23

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

Sunday, September 24

- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Sunday School, YR
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G
- 10:45 am Companions in Christ, L
- 12:00 pm XYZ Lunch for the Bunch
- 5:00 pm Confirmation Class Dinner, G
- 5:00 pm InFaith, S
- 6:00 pm 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

