

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, September 24, 2017– Sunday, October 1, 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

*"And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male
servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall
prophesy." (Acts 2:17-18)*

September 24, 2017 **16th Sunday of Pentecost** 8:00 & 9:30 am

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

- *What is your favorite part of the movie, "Back to the Future"?*
- *What is the LORD showing you to dream about?*
- *Has the Lord ever given you a prophecy to share?*

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gabe Wanck

Prelude

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 580

Lead On, O King Eternal

***Responsive Reading**

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another

And, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.

And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 117

O God Our Help in Ages Past (v. 1,4,5,6)

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Message (8:00 am) Pastor Gabe Wanck

Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (9:30 am) Choir

Spiritus Sanctus

***Doxology**

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Gary L. Feldman

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

Anthem (8:00 am) Choir

Spiritus Santus

Scripture Acts 2:1,5,6,12-18

Message Pastor Bob Sabo

Back to the Future

***Hymn of Commitment** UMH 334

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

***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 Ken & Carol Lindstrom Aupperle in celebration of their
5th wedding anniversary.

ACOLYTE: 8:00 Carter Jones & Noah Losey
9:30 Allayna Hart & Charlotte Potts

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 24, 2017

10:45 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION
Acts 2:1, 5, 6, 12-18

TODAY'S MESSAGE
Back to the Future

Pastor Bob Sabo

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts
Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters
Hilda Brenkman

Praise Team
Kerry Brenkman

Notes from 09/24/2017

Back To The Future

Pastor Bob Sabo, preaching

Acts 2:1, 5-6, 12-18

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

In recognition of this milestone, you are invited 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!

Everyone is invited to the
Taco Bar Luncheon following the Cross Connections Service,
as we continue the celebration of our 15 year milestone.



Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts-How to Help

Pray – Donate – Still Collecting

Pray for survivors and volunteer relief workers.

Donate to UMCOR the **United Methodist Committee on Relief**,
which uses **100% of your funds to meet needs.**

Collect items for the UMCOR Flood Buckets.

We are still collecting donations to support those affected by
Harvey and Irma. Supply list found at UMCOR.org

The trailer is available for you to drop items off anytime.

For monetary donations please mark in the memo on your
checks or envelopes: **UMCOR**

Disciple Bible Study

Pastor Gary Feldman will be teaching Disciples (yellow book)
class this coming Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 pm in the
Youth Room. Books are available now.

XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

Today – Lunch for the Bunch

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

August 4 - Game Day

Games day is at 11:00 a. m.

You pick the game, lunch will be provided.



Scholarship for Saclapea School

When we built our present building in 2008 we were given the opportunity to start a partnership with the people of Saclapea, Liberia, Africa. Together, with God's guidance, we not only built here in Morton, IL but also in Saclapea, Liberia. We supplied the funds and the people of Saclapea, Liberia worked long and hard to build a church and a school by forming clay bricks by hand and building both structures. In 2010 the school began operating with **75 students in grades K-3**. Joyfully we were able to have MUMC scholarship donors for each of the students. Since 2010 the enrollment has more than doubled and they have added a grade level each year. They are now providing education for students in grades K-12. Praise GOD!

On Sunday, October 1 we will have our annual opportunity to provide scholarships for the students at the **Gladys Labala United Methodist School in Saclapea**. A \$76 donation will enable a student to attend the school for a year and allow the school to hire teachers and buy school supplies. **Scholarship forms will be provided in the bulletin on Sunday October 1.** Please envision these children being educated not only to build a more stable country, but also being educated in the light and love of our Lord Jesus. May we be a blessing to God's Kingdom!

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: William Shenaut (Lisa Hutchison's Dad), Ron Little, Louise Wanner

RECENTLY RELEASED: John Westbrook, Judy Petefish,

Glen Siron

SYMPATHY TO: Celeste Hansen and family for the loss of her father, **Sandy DeSantis**, who died September 16.

James Wedekin and family, James brother, **Gerald Wedekin**, died September 19.

Bunnie Netherton and Cat Netherton Crescent and family.

Norma Choiniere, mother of Bunnie and grandmother of Cat, died September 18 in Las Vegas. They are asking for prayers.

DAY BY DAY

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

Monday, September 25

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 6:00 pm Finance Committee, YR
- 7:00 pm Sarah Circle, GA
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts, G
- 7:00 pm Administrative Board, YR

Tuesday, September 26

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 9:30 am Skeins of Love, CR
- 10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L
- 5:45 pm Gospel Bells, S
- 6:30 pm Disciple (YLR) Pastor Gary YR
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G

Wednesday, September 27

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise
- 9:15 am Abigail Circle Fall Brunch, YR
- 5:00 pm WATCH Meal, G
- 5:00 pm Cherub/Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Methodist Kids, S
- 6:00 pm Making sense of Bible, GA
- 6:00 pm Lite Life, L
- 6:00 pm Girls Night Out, Movie Rm
- 6:15 pm Amplify, YR

Thursday, September 28

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

Friday, September 29

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise
- 10:00 am Vi Weddle Memorial Service

Saturday, September 30

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L

Sunday, October 1

Saclapea Special Offering

- 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
- 4:00 pm Liberia Trip Update by Pastor Al, 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

