

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of
Sunday, October 1, 2017– Sunday, October 8, 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 he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean." (Acts 10:28)

October 1, 2017 **17th Sunday of Pentecost** 8:00 & 9:30 am

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

- *How well do you handle change?*
- *What do you do when your world turns upside down?*
- *Have you ever had a strange encounter with someone you did not know, yet it turned out for the good?*
- *Cornelius had the following qualities: devoted, feared God, generous, a man of prayer. How well are you doing in those same qualities?*

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gabe Wanck

Prelude

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 374
Standing on the Promises (v. 1-3)

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

Saclapea Scholarship Information JoAnn Kraft

Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (8:00 and 9:30 am) Choir
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

***Doxology**

***Preparing Our Hearts for Communion** UMH 616
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast (v. 1-3)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion UMH 12
*Communion will be served in the pews;
All are welcome to share*

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

Pastoral Prayer

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

Taking the Bread and Cup

The Great Thanksgiving

Breaking the Bread and Presenting the Cup

Giving the Bread

The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Giving the Cup

The Blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen**

Scripture

Acts 10:1-23

Message

Pastor Gary L. Feldman

Acts 29...Witnesses for Jesus

A Change of Epic Proportions

***Hymn of Commitment**

UMH 374

Standing on the Promises (v. 4)

***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 Vicki Bennett in honour of her parents Bill & Eileen
Knapp's anniversary.

ACOLYTE: 8:00 Amanda Shook & Allison Werries

9:30 Julia Granger & Allison Werries

GREETERS: 8:00 Bob and Lois Lichti

9:30 Karen Hurst and Phyllis Evelsizer

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

October 1, 2017

10:45 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

COMMUNION

FOUNDATION

Acts 10:1-23

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*Acts 29...Witnesses for Jesus
A Change of Epic Proportions*

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 10/01/2017

Acts 29... Witnesses for Jesus
A Change of Epic Proportions

Acts 10:1-23, 28

Text: *Acts 10:28 "And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean."*

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 a few students in grades K-3. Joyfully we were able to have MUMC scholarship donors for each of the students and since 2010 the enrollment has more than doubled to include 75 students in grades K—12.

Praise GOD for how this school has grown!!

TODAY, we have our annual opportunity to provide scholarships for the students at the Gladys Labala United Methodist School in Saclapea.

Scholarships are \$76-\$85 depending on the grade.

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!



Mark Your Calendars!

- **October 11** Auditions for Children's Christmas Musical!
- **October 21** Pumpkin Patch Party for Kids!
- **November 3** Craft & Market Day Sale

XYZ - Extra Years of Zest

October 6 - Game Day

Games day is at 11:00 a. m.

You pick the game, lunch will be provided.

October 13 Tanners Orchard - Day Trip

Meet at 10:00 am at the church and then go to the orchard.



Children's Christmas Musical Auditions

Christmas auditions for the annual Children's Christmas Musical will be held on **Wednesday, October 11th at 4:00 p.m.** This is open to all children, Kindergarten – 6th grade. If your child wants to participate but does not want a speaking part, they may be a part of the chorus, which sings and dances. First rehearsal will be on Sunday, October 22, from 1:30-4:30 pm, and all Sundays following.

Performance will take place on Sunday, December



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We need **DONATIONS** of individually wrapped candy and cakes for the cake walk. Plus we ALWAYS need volunteers on that day to help with this ministry. Let's give our kids a safe and fun fall party. Let Amy know how you can help! BLESSINGS!

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 RELEASED: Ron Little, Louise Wanner, John Westbrook, Dave Jones

SYMPATHY TO: Shane Weyland and family. Wayne Weyland, Shane's father passed away on September 3.

Lisa Hutchison and family. Lisa's father, Bill Shenaut passed away September 26.

Jerry Hesselberth and family. Jerry's brother Jim Hesselberth passed away September 23.

DAY BY DAY

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

Monday, October 2

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 6:30 pm Skeins of Love, L
- 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting, YR
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts, G

Tuesday, October 3

- 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
- 6:30 pm UMM Leaders Meeting, L
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G
- 7:00 pm Joanna Circle, GA

Wednesday, October 4

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise
- 9:00 am UMW Board, YR
- 5:00 pm WATCH Meal, G
- 5:00 pm Cherub/Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Methodist Kids, S
- 6:00 pm Lite Life
- 6:00 pm Girls Night Out
- 6:15 pm Amplify, YR

Thursday, October 5

- 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
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

Friday, October 6

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

Saturday, October 7

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
- 8:00 am Advanced Ministry Training, YR, L
- 8:00 am Walk and Talk, G
- 9:00 am Serving at Community Harvest, Trinity Church

Sunday, October 8

- 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
- 5:00 pm Scout Meeting, YR
- 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

