

# morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, October 8, 2017– Sunday, October 15, 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

"...but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us..." (Acts 10:40-41)

October 8, 2017 **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost** 8:00 & 9:30 am

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

- *Can you think of a time when God blessed your life unexpectedly?*
- *Is the Holy Spirit alive in your life?*
- *Do you realize that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available for your life now?*
- *Is your life evidencing the fruit of the Spirit...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control?*

### **Prelude**

Children's Chimes Ringers  
*Largo*

**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor Gabe Wanck

**Call to Worship** Cherub Choir  
*This Little Light of Mine*

**\*Hymn of Praise** CH 597  
*Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated (v. 1,5,6)*

**\*Responsive Reading** Proverbs 3:3-8  
Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.

**So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man.**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

**In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.**

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.

**It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.**

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Special Music** Children's Choir  
Give Me Oil in My Lamp

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

**Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** Choir  
*I Want to Be Ready*

**\*Doxology**

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Gabe Wanck

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

**Scripture** Acts 10:34-48

**Message** Eric Gordon  
*Sharing a Stunning God*

**\*Hymn of Commitment** CH 428  
*In Christ There Is No East or West*

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude**

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***\*Please stand as you are able***

**HEAD USHERS:** Chuck Birchenough, Dave Gilbert,  
Connie & Steve Klein

**FLOWERS:** Given in memory of Lisa Hurchison's Dad, Bill Shenaut  
and as a thank you for your prayers and support of him and the  
family during this time.

In honor of Gene and Judy Morse 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**ACOLYTE:** 8:00 Chloe Walters & Nyameye Maison  
9:30 Brecken Carter

**GREETERS:** 8:00 Bob and Lois Lichti  
9:30 David and Mary Anne Betteridge

# Cross Connections Worship Service

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

October 8, 2017

10:45 a.m.

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OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION

Acts 10:34-48

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*Sharing a Stunning God*

Eric Gordon

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

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**OVERTIME CONNECTIONS**

**MINISTRY LEADERS:**

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Kerry Brenkman

## **Acts 10:34-48**

### ***Sharing a Stunning God***

**Text:** Acts 10:40 "...but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear..."

1. God has an amazing plan and you're part of it.  
(v. 34-35)
2. What do you know about God?  
(v. 36-38)
3. Let me tell you what I know and what I've witnessed. (v. 39-40)
  - a. Not everyone has witnessed God like this but I have and I'm not alone. (v. 41)
4. God is calling you to be part of His mission.  
(v. 42-43)
5. [Then, watch the Holy Spirit work.]  
(v. 44-46)
6. [Then, seal it with baptism, instruction, and exhortation.] (v. 47-48)

**Illinois River District Hosts  
Seminars with Bishop Robert Farr**

The Missouri Area Episcopal Leader of the UMC

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 to 9:00 pm  
Peoria First UMC, 116 NE Perry Avenue

***"10 Prescriptions For a Healthy Church."***

The Illinois River District Leadership Team is bringing Bishop Robert Farr, author of **10 Prescriptions for A Healthy Church** to the IGRC.

No registration is required  
All laity are invited to this special session.

# XYZ - Extra Years of Zest

## **October 13 Tanners Orchard - Day Trip**

Leave from the church at 10:00 a.m.

## **October 26 - Pickleball**

We'll play Pickleball in the gym at 10 a.m.  
and at 6 p.m. on Thursday.



## 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 – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 p.m., and all Sundays following.

Performance will take place on **Sunday, December 3.**



## Pumpkin Patch Party

Join us on **Saturday, October 21**, at 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the gym for our pumpkin patch party. It's open to all children, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under.

### **PARENT ATTENDANCE REQUIRED!**

Friendly Costumes, Please!

We also 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!

## **Men's Retreat-November 11-12, Camp Menno Haven**

For more information, pick up a flier at the Script table in the back of the Gym. You can also sign-up there.

**The cost is \$105** and covers room and meals. Scholarships are available.



### **All Church Conference**

We would like to invite the congregation to attend an **All Church Conference** on **Thursday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room. Our DS Mary Kathryn Pearce will lead us as we receive reports, establish leaders and the budget for 2018.



### **Mark Your Calendars!**

- **October 26** All Church Conference 6 p.m.
- **October 31** Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.
- **November 3** Craft & Market Day Sale
- **November 11-12** MEN'S RETREAT at Menno Haven!

## **Tuesday Night Bible Study**

**Begins: Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 pm**

Led by: Pastor Gary Feldman

### **1 PETER**

#### ***Life Lessons from a Fisherman***

Peter's letter to the dispersed church powerfully helps us to live life with Jesus in a world filled with evil, hopelessness and suffering. If you have experienced the struggles of the Christian life, the letter of *First Peter*, will bring you hope, encouragement and words of good counsel! Join us on **Tuesday at 6:30 pm Youth Room.**

### **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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[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.**



# **DAY BY DAY**

## **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
- 6:00 pm Bible Study, L

## **Monday, October 9**

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts, G

## **Tuesday, October 10**

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting, GA
- 9:30 am Skeins of Love, YR
- 10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L
- 5:45 pm Gospel Bells, S
- 6:30 pm Ten Prescriptions for a Healthy Church,  
Bishop Farr, Peoria First UMC
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G

## **Wednesday, October 11**

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise
- 8:30 am Ten Prescriptions for a Healthy Church for Clergy,  
Pekin UMC
- 4:00 pm Musical Auditions, S
- 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
- 7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS

## **Thursday, October 12**

- 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 13**

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise
- 10:00 am Tanners Orchard XYZ
- 6:30 pm Restmor Hymn Sing, OS

## **Saturday, October 14**

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
- 8:00 am Circle Cooking, K, G

## **Sunday, October 15**

- 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
- 1:00 pm Brandon Wood Hymn Sing -- OS
- 2:00 pm Building Committee Update Mtg., S
- 2:30 pm Holly Brook Hymn Sing, OS

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



