

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, October 29, 2017– Sunday, November 5, 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

"But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will." (Acts 15:11)

October 29, 2017 **21st Sunday of Pentecost** 8:00 & 9:30 am

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

- *GRACE = God's Righteousness As Christ Enables*
- *Grace is the unmerited favor of God freely given to all*
- *GRACE = God's Riches At Christ's Expense*
- *John Wesley described God's grace in three ways: prevenient grace, justifying grace, sanctifying grace*
- *Recall a time when you experienced God's grace and be grateful*
- *Do you believe God's grace is for you?*

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gabe Wanck

Prelude 7 People Singing
We Are Surrounded

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 110
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

***Affirmation of Faith** UMH 882
The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (9:30 am)
Anna Lee Freidinger

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and include this child now before you in your care?

People: With God's help, we will proclaim the 'Good News' and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, so that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

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

Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (9:30 am) Choir

Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Grace

***Doxology**

Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer 7 People Singing

Psalm 23

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Gabe Wanck

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

Anthem (8:00 am) Choir

Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Grace

Scripture Acts 15:1-11

Message Pastor Gary L. Feldman

Acts 29...Witnesses for Jesus

Grace – Staying on Track

***Hymn of Commitment** UMH 529

How Firm a Foundation

***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 David and Debbie Veltman in celebration of their 40th
wedding anniversary.

Baptism: Anna Lee Freidinger-daughter of Kurt & Kristin Freidinger

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

GREETERS: 8:00 Mel & Linda Clauser
9:30 David & Mary Anne Betteridge

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

October 29, 2017

10:45 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION

Acts 15:1-11

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*Acts 29...Witnesses for Jesus
Grace – Staying on Track*

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 10/29/2017

Acts 29... Witnesses for Jesus Grace – Staying on Track

Acts 15:1-11

Text: Acts 15:11 “But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

Happy 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

The 5 Sola's of the Reformation

1. Sola scriptura: “Scripture alone”
2. Sola fide: “faith alone”
3. Sola gratia: “grace alone”
4. Solo Christo: “Christ alone”
5. Soli Deo gloria: “to the glory of God alone”

XYZ - Extra Years of Zest

November 3 – Game Day

We'll play Farkle at 11 a.m. in Gathering Area.
Lunch is provided.

November 12 – MHS Play

We'll meet at Bertha Frank at 2:30 p.m. to watch the
MHS play "The Crucible" - \$5. Show starts at 3 p.m.
We'll get a quick dinner afterwards.



United Methodist Women's Annual CRAFT and MARKET DAY SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please start working on your crafts to support this year's
UMW Craft and Market sale. We welcome crafts, unique
handcrafted products, holiday crafts, home décor, knitted or
sewn items, baked goods such as pies, cookies, trail mixes,
etc. from all church members. All profits from this sale
support missions. Monetary donations to offset craft and
market item expenses are always appreciated.
Craft Item drop off to church Oct. 31, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Market Item drop off Nov. 3, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



UMW Teams Up With Bergner's

The UMW will be selling Bergner's Community Days coupon
booklets at our Annual Craft & Market Sale on Nov. 4. They
will also be available for sale TODAY between services.
The cost is \$5 and that entire amount goes to our
UMW for missions.



Gift Cards for Christmas

Gift cards are available at the scrip table.
Its not too early to start Christmas shopping.
Contact Ray Schmidt at (309)266-5657 for more
information.

Hospitality

The first Sunday in November we will begin utilizing the Youth Room for a place to fellowship and enjoy hospitalities once Cross Connections worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

We are also looking to for people to help us make healthier choices Sunday mornings and donate fruit to go along with donuts and coffee. Please see Joann if you have any questions or want to sign up to donate.



COAT DRIVE

We are collecting coats for the kids and adults of the Ridge, x-small to XX-large. The kids are in need of coats and gloves, no hats please. You can drop off your gently used or new coats at the Welcome Desk until Monday, November 6.



Men's Retreat – OPEN SEATS – LAST DAY!

We still have spots open for the Men's Retreat. Its not too late to sign – up. Please visit the Scrip table on Sunday or contact Bob Barrick at 309.266.6273. Cost is **\$105** for room and meals. Scholarships are available.



RAKE AND RUN - Saturday, November 18

Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby.
If you want/need your yard raked, let the youth group do it for you! There is no charge, but any free will offering would be welcomed to benefit the youth program. Please contact Eric on 306.696.6566 if you're willing to help on that day.



Mark Your Calendars!

- **November 17** Children's Dinner and a Movie
- **November 19** Grab your Tag from the Giving Tree
- **November 26** Grab your Tag from the Giving Tree

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: Joe Crowe, Frances Lynn,
Debra Granger

RECENTLY RELEASED: Mel Clauser, Susan Nichol, Gary Pittenger

DAY BY DAY

Sunday, October 29

- 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
- 1:30 pm Musical Rehearsal, S,G
- 5:30 pm Bible Study, L

Monday, October 30

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 9:30 am Bible Study, Ps. Gabe, YR
- 6:30 pm Sarah Circle Evening Baking for Market Day, K
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts, G

Tuesday, October 31

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 9:00 am Craft Sale Drop Off/Work Day, GA or YR
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting, GA
- 10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L
- 1:00 pm Blood Drive, G, K
- 6:30 pm Bible Study, Ps. Gary, YR
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G

Wednesday, November 1

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 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, GA
- 6:00 pm Girls Night Out, L
- 6:15 pm Amplify, YR
- 7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS

The church would like to thank the Ackermans for the beautiful outside fall decorations. May God continue to use them and you in his service.

Thursday, November 2

- 8:30 am Daily Grind, OS
- 9:00 am Quilters, CR
- 9:00 am Market Work Day (packaging/setup), G
- 9:15 am Disciple-Pastor Paul, YR
- 9:30 am Hannah Circle, GA
- 5:15 am Thursday Night Book Study, OS
- 6:00 pm 7 People Singing, S
- 6:00 pm Church Conference, YR
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, S
- 7:30 pm Joanna Circle, YR

Friday, November 3

- 9:00 am Market Day Items Drop Off, G
- 11:00 am XYZ Game Day, GA

Saturday, November 4

- 9:00 am Craft/Market Day Sale, G
- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
- 8:00 am Walk and Talk, G
- 9:00 am Serving at Community Harvest, Trinity Church

Sunday, November 5

All Saints' Day

- 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
- 1:30 pm Musical Rehearsal, S,G
- 5:00 pm Scouts, YR
- 5:30 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

Thank You 2017-2018 Saclapea Scholarships:

In honor of our three grandchildren -
Ryleigh, Alika and Grace
In honor of all Grandma K's children
In honor of Ken & Carol Aupperle
In memory of Joy Sullivan
In memory of Alice Gillan
In memory of Wayne Sampson

Rod and Jacky Harrison - In honor of Alan Newhall

Mel and Linda Clauser - In honor of our grandchildren - Hannah, Sophia & Noah Clauser.

The VanEtten family - in honor of all the wonderful teachers we have been blessed with.

Debra Schultz- In honor of my grandchildren.
Donald Ficht- in honor of Carol Ficht- (a 28yr teacher).

Dr. & Mrs Heritch - In memory of Wanda Williams Chinn.

Brian & Nancy Wright - In honor of our church family.

Becky Barrow - In memory of my late father and oldest daughter and In honor of my father Pastor Brad Brault and daughter Melanie Brault.

Carol Eden - In memory of James E. Eden.

Gary & Deb Baker - In memory of our Mothers.

Pat Allen - In memory of loved ones.

Kim & Allen Hart- In honor of Justin & Allayna Hart.

The Werries family- In honor of Allison, Aubery & Anna's grandparents.

Carolyn Hounshell- In honor of Justin W. Inman.

Gail & Tim Owen - In memory of our parents.

Don & Jane Sullivan - In memory of Joy Sullivan & Richard Brusso.

Vi Lang - In memory of my husband, Rev. Ernie Lang.

Deb & Jim Rada - In memory of Helen & Bud Rada

Patricia Zimmerman - In memory of Don.