

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, November 5, 2017– Sunday, November 12, 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

"One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.." (Acts 16:14)

November 5, 2017 **22nd Sunday of Pentecost** 8:00 & 9:30 am

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

- *What was your life like before you met Jesus?*
- *What changed in your life after you met Jesus?*
- *Was your conversion to Jesus the result of a crisis or a gradual process or something else?*
- *Who was influential in leading you to Jesus?*

The work of salvation means that in your real life things are dramatically changed. You no longer look at things in the same way. Your desires are new and the old things have lost their power to attract you. One of the tests for determining if the work of salvation in your life is genuine is – has God changed the things that really matter to you? If you still yearn for the old things, it is absurd to talk about being born from above – you are deceiving yourself. If you are born again, the Spirit of God makes the change very evident in your real life and thought. And when a crisis comes, you are the most amazed person on earth at the wonderful difference there is in you. There is no possibility of imagining that you did it. It is this complete and amazing change that is the very evidence that you are saved.
Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest, November 12

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gabe Wanck

Prelude

***Hymn of Praise** CH 602

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Message (8:00 a.m.) Pastor Gabe Wanck

Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (8:00 and 9:30 a.m.) Choir

Gentle Voice

***Doxology**

Remembering Our Saints

You are invited to stand in remembrance of your loved ones
and friends as a bell is rung in their memory

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Gabe Wanck

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion will be served in the pews;

All are invited to receive Communion

Instrumental music provided by Judy Earleson

Scripture

Acts 16:1-15

Message

Pastor Gary L. Feldman

Acts 29...Witnesses for Jesus

Conversion: Lydia's Story

***Hymn of Commitment**

UMH 593

Here I Am, Lord

***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 Merlin and LaRelda Birky in celebration of their 17th
wedding anniversary.

ACOLYTE: 8:00 Amanda Shook & Allison Werries
9:30 Julia Granger & Amanda Shook

GREETERS: 8:00 Barb Howard & Susan Nichols
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.

November 5, 2017

10:45 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

COMMUNION

FOUNDATION
Acts 16:1-15

TODAY'S MESSAGE
*Acts 29...Witnesses for Jesus
Conversion: Lydia's Story*

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

Acts 29... Witnesses for Jesus

Conversion: Lydia's Story

Acts 16:1-15

Text: *Acts 16:14 "One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul."*

It may be said without qualification that every man is as holy and as full of the Spirit as he wants to be. He may not be as full as he wishes he were, but he is most certainly as full as he wants to be.

A.W. Tozer, *Born After Midnight*

Preparing for Conversion

Lydia Prior to Conversion

Lydia in Conversion

Lydia in Christ

XYZ Extra Years of Zest

November 12 – Morton High School 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.

November 17 – Movie Day

We'll watch "Something Borrowed" at 1 p.m. in the Youth Room with popcorn.




Gift Cards for Christmas

Gift cards are available at the scrip table or please grab an order form to drop off to Ray or the church office. Order forms are available on the counter at the Welcome Center or online at glscrip.com.
Contact Ray Schmidt at 266-5657 for more information.



COAT DRIVE

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



Time To Grab a Tag! November 19 & 26

Please take time to grab an ornament from the tree. Sign your name, phone#, and ornament# in the book according to the agency. Return the wrapped gifts with the tags taped or tied onto the package securely.
Thank you for sharing your love of Jesus through these gifts to others at this Christmas season.

Please return your gifts by Sunday, December 3.



Mark Your Calendars!

- **November 19+26** Grab your Tag off the Giving Tree
- **December 3** Return gifts
- **December 3** Children's Musical 8 a.m. & 2 p.m.

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.

Juarez Mission Trip **Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser**

Order your Thanksgiving Pies to help support the mission team. Order deadline, November 12. See the insert/order form for more details, or call Amy Smith, 266-7174.

Methodist Kids Dinner and A Movie

What: Dinner and a Movie featuring ...

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving (Preschool)
Storks (Elementary)

Who/When: Friday, November 17

4:00-5:30 p.m. – Preschoolers (ages 3-4, and 5's not in K)

5:30-8:00 p.m. – Methodist Kids (grades K-6th)

Where: Morton United Methodist Church Youth Rm

You are welcome to wear PJ's and bring a pillow to snuggle with during the movie.

RSVP: Amy 266-7174, or email amys@mortonumc.org, so that we have enough supplies and food!

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 at 696-6566,
if you're willing to help on that day. **(Trucks Needed)**

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.

NURSERY

Child Care is available during worship services for INFANTS AND CHILDREN THROUGH AGE FOUR in our staffed nursery.

CHURCH STAFF and CONTACT INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Friday: 8:00 a.m. – Noon

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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: Gaylen Kromminga, Margo Tish, John Westbrook

RECENTLY RELEASED: Joe Crowe, Frances Lynn, Debra Granger Dorothy Funk

Sympathy To: Norma Price and family, Norma's daughter, Wendy Allen, who died October 29.

DAY BY DAY

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

Monday, November 6

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 9:30 am Bible Study, Pastor Gabe YR
- 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor, G
- 6:30 pm Skeins of Love, L
- 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting, YR

Tuesday, November 7

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting, GA
- 10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L
- 5:30 pm Gospel Bells, S
- 6:30 pm Bible Study, Pastor Gary YR
- 6:30 pm UMM Leaders Meeting, L
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G
- 7:00 pm Joanna Circle, K

Wednesday, November 8

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

Thursday, November 9

- 8:30 am Daily Grind, OS
- 9:00 am Quilters, CR
- 9:15 am Disciple-Pastor Paul, YR
- 10:00 am Pickleball, G
- 5:15 am Thursday Night Book Study, OS
- 6:00 pm Pickleball, G
- 6:00 pm 7 People Singing, S
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

Friday, November 10

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise

Saturday, November 11

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

Sunday, November 12

- 7:00 am Men's Retreat, OS
- 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 Mission Fundraiser, K
- 1:30 pm Musical Rehearsal, S,G
- 2:30 pm XYZ- Bertha Frank "The Crucible", OS
- 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

