

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, December 10, 2017– Sunday, December 17, 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

*"Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"*

December 10, 2017 **2nd Sunday of Advent** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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

- *What is your favorite part of Chirstmas?*
- *What is your favorite Christmas carol?*
- *What are you rediscovering about Jesus this Christmas?*

Prelude

Chimes

Trepak from The Nutcracker

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gabe Wanck

Prelude

Cherub Choir

I Saw Three Ships

***Lighting the Candle of Adoration**

Leaders: When the Angel of the Lord told a company of shepherds that the Savior was born, he gave them a way to verify the announcement.

Congregation: We remember his words: "This will be a sign to you. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Leaders: The shepherds decided to go and find for themselves the truth of the Angel's claim.

Congregation: "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about," they said.

Leaders: We will light the Candle of Adoration. Let us sing, "Angels from the Realms of Glory," remembering the amazement of the shepherds when they found the Christ-Child just as the Angel had said.

***Hymn of Praise**

UMH 220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Message (8:00 am) Pastor Gary L. Feldman

Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Children's Choir

A Bleak Midwinter's Silent Night

***Doxology**

Pastoral Prayer

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

The Choir Cantata:

Who But the Lord!

Narrated By John Ackerman

Jane Chapman, Organ

Judy Hesselberth, Piano

Jen Gordon, Megan Bomer, Violins

Judy Earlson, Cello & Bassoon

Abi Smith, Trumpet

People Look East

When Will He Come?

See Amid the Winter Snow

We Shall Light a Thousand Candles

Sweetest Music, Softly Stealing

Who But the Lord?

Angels Sing Glory!

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

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

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

Flowers: Poinsettias-See insert

ADVENT CANDLE: 8:00 Charles and Erin Miller & family
9:30 Josh and Jen Weaver & family
10:45 Bill and Char Troyer & family

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

GREETERS: 8:00 Don & Jane Sullivan
9:30 Jim & Mary Lou Pate

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

December 10, 2017

10:45 a.m.

COUNTDOWN

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Bill, Char, Jon, Joe Troyer

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION

Luke 2:25-35

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Simeon's Story

Pastor Gary L Feldman

CLOSING PRAYER

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Kerry Brenkman



The Choir

SOPRANO

Eve Ackerman
Mary Jane Davis
Sharon Gilbert
Lynn Goers
Lisa Hutchison
Pat Jones
Diane Kovach
Caroline Potts
Nicole Potts
Jan Sampson
Linda Young

ALTO

Vicki Bennett
Linda Coon
Judy Earleson
Julie Fields
Marla Graff
Ellen Hall
Cheri Monroe
Kathy Newhall
Luanne Stonewall
Pat Strube
Donna Uhlman
Norma Westbrook

TENOR

Dale Hall
Jerry Hesselberth
Judy Hesselberth
Norma Linder
Alex Smith
Myra Walker
Gabe Wanck

BASS

Brian Birchenough
Don Chapman
John Coon
Dave Goers
Alan Newhall
Tim Owen
Don Poole
Rick Walker

ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE - TODAY

The Building Committee requests your attendance at:

**Morton United Methodist Church Conference
December 10, 2017 2:00 p.m. Sanctuary**

This Church Conference is required to move ahead with our building project. After a review of what was presented to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference committee, only members of MUMC will vote to approve moving to the Construction Documents phase.

It is important that all members of the church be present to vote on our congregation's next steps into the future!



XYZ Extra Years of Zeal

December 13 – Festival of Lights

We'll leave at 6 p.m. after WATCH meal.

December 15 – Movie Day

We'll show "The Nativity Story"
in the Youth Room with popcorn.

December 17 – Phone Caroling

At 2 p.m. in the Library.



Pledge Cards Reminder

Please try to get your pledge cards in before we start the New Year. Also, please try to remember to update your online giving for 2017.

Please go to www.mortonumc.org/giving, look for the information sheet on the welcome desk or contact Shelli Koener in the church office for more information on electronic giving.

Please specify on your check or envelope which account you want your funds to be designated to.

Alternate Mailing Address

For those leaving Illinois for the winter but would still like to receive your MUMC mail, please stop by the office and update your alternative mailing address.

Help us fill our Birthday Boxes

During the month of December, the UMW's Joanna Circle will be collecting items to make birthday boxes for underprivileged youth in our area. We want every kid to be able to have a special celebration, just for them! We will have a collection bin in the gym and will be collecting items needed for a complete birthday party: cake mix, frosting, birthday candles, party decorations, fun disposable plates/cups/napkins, and small party favors and treat bags.

Thank you in advance for helping us share the love of Christ.



Christmas Eve Offering

CONNIE WIECK IS OUR COVENANT MISSIONARY IN CHINA and shares our Lord's love with all. Each year we pledge to support her not only financially with \$2,500 per year, but also with prayers and communication.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE SPECIAL OFFERING FROM OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES WILL BE GIVEN IN SUPPORT OF CONNIE UNLESS YOU SPECIFY OTHERWISE.



Christmas Season Services

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary (One Service)

5:30 p.m. Family Candlelight Service

7:00 p.m. Candlelight & Communion Service

9:00 p.m. Cross Connections Candlelight & Communion Service

Sunday, December 31

10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Gym (One Service)

Mark Your Calendars!

- **December 25-26** Office Closed
- **December 27-29** Office hours 8 a.m. to noon
- **December 31** One Worship Service at 10 a.m.
- **January 1** Office Closed

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:

RECENTLY RELEASED: Francis Lynn

SYMPATHY TO: Gene and Linda Dahl whose son, Denny, died on December 4.

DAY BY DAY

Sunday, December 3

Giving Tree Gifts Turn In

- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, Children's Christmas Musical, S
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Sunday School, YR
- 10:45 am Companions in Christ, L
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G
- 2:00 pm Childrens Christmas Musical Program

Monday, December 4

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

Tuesday, December 5

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 9:00 am XYZ SHOPPING TRIP, OS
- 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, GA

Wednesday, December 6

- 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 Girls Night Out, L
- 6:00 pm Lite Life, GA
- 6:15 pm Amplify, YR
- 7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS

Thursday, December 14

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

Friday, December 15

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 1:00 pm XYZ - Movie Day

Saturday, December 16

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

Sunday, December 17

- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:00 am Blood Pressure Sunday
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Sunday School, YR
- 10:45 am Companions in Christ, L
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G
- 2:00 pm Boys Scout
- 2:00 pm XYZ Phone Caroling
- 5:00 pm Women's 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

