

# morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, December 31, 2017– Sunday, January 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](http://www.mortonumc.org).

**We are “Making disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.”**

# Cross Connections Worship Service

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

December 31, 2017

10:00 a.m.

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COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Moment

*Kerry Brenkman*

GIVING OUR GIFTS

*Good Good Father-Bob Camp*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION

Galatians 4:4-7

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Sweet Music, Softly Stealing-Choir*

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*Children of God*

Pastor Gabe Wanck

CLOSING MUSIC

*Children of God*

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**OVERTIME CONNECTIONS**

**MINISTRY LEADERS:**

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Kerry Brenkman

Notes from 12/24/2017

## Finance Stewardship Reminders

**All 2017 contributions must be postmarked no later than December 31.** All **electronic giving** will need to be processed **by December 27** to be recorded in 2017.

To ensure that your contributions are applied to the correct fund, **please specify on the memo line** of your check how you would like your contributions distributed.

If you are or have donated stock to the church, please let Shelli know. The check is received from the broker and the donors name is not included on the check. This information is needed to give you credit for the donation.

**If you would still like to turn in an "estimate of giving card" please feel free to do so for 2018.**

If you make your contributions online via Vanco Services and made changes to your "estimate of giving" for 2018, you will need to log on to Vanco Services or complete a new form for these changes to take effect. The church is not permitted to make changes to your online contribution amounts without your consent.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms and additional information are available on the church Welcome Desk and from the church financial secretary.

If you have any questions about your contributions, please contact Shelli Koener, at 309-266-7174 or [shellik@mortonumc.org](mailto:shellik@mortonumc.org).



### **January 5 - Game Day**

We will meet at 11:00 a.m. and play Yahtzee – lunch will be provided.

### **January 9 - Lunch for the Bunch**

We will leave the church at 10:45 a.m. and meet Kerry for lunch at *The Flame* in Metamora.

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

- **January 7** Sunday School Resumes
- **January 10** WATCH Resume
- **January 7** Sunday School Resumes
- **January 24** New Member Class

## **ATENDANCE 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  
CHURCH PHONE: (309) 266-7174

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ORGANIST: Jane Chapman	
AUDIO/VIDEO COORDINATOR: Nick Graff	
NURSERY COORDINATOR: Leslie Wenzel	<a href="mailto:lrbart79@hotmail.com">lrbart79@hotmail.com</a>
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### **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:** Thelma Robertson, Jessie Mitchell, Amanda Ramsey

**RECENTLY RELEASED:** Charlotte Gilmore, Jeanne Cron

**SYMPATHY TO:** Lisa Hutchison and family for the death of her sister-in-law, Max Shenaut who died December 21.



# DAY BY DAY

## **Sunday, December 31**

### **ONE SERVICE**

10:00 am Celebration Worship  
Service, G

## **Monday, January 1**

**All Day OFFICE CLOSED**

## **Tuesday, January 2**

8:00 am Communion, S  
8:00 am Volunteer Work Group  
9:00 am Staff Meeting  
10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L

## **Wednesday, January 3**

6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR  
8:00 am Walking for Exercise

## **Thursday, January 4**

9:00 am Quilters, CR  
9:00 am Daily Grind, Eli's  
10:00 am Pickleball, G  
6:00 pm Thursday Night Book  
Study, L

## **Friday, January 5**

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

## **Saturday, January 6**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study, Lib  
9:00 am Serving at Community  
Harvest

## **Sunday, January 7**

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  
5:30 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





