

# morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, August 20, 2017– Sunday, August 27, 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

*And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."  
(Acts 2:38)*

August 20, 2017 **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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

- *How is your life a witness/'withness' for Jesus?*
- *Have you discovered your place of witness? Is it in Jerusalem/Morton, Judea/Tazewell Co, Samaria/outside your comfort zone, or Ends of the earth/somewhere in the world?*
- *Is the Holy Spirit giving you power to witness?*
- *Have you been 'cut to the heart'? (Acts 2:37)*
- *How important is repentance in your life?*

**Welcome and Announcements**      Pastor Gabe Wanck

### **Prelude**

**\*Hymn of Praise**      UMH 139  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (v. 1-3, 5)*

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

### **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism** (9:30 a.m.)  
*Livia Mae Kimmerle; Savannah Sue Weaver*

**Pastor:** Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and include these children 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 these children with a community of love and forgiveness, so that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

**Children's Message**      Amy Smith

**Offertory** (9:30 a.m.) 7 People Singing  
*I Surrender All*

**Doxology**

**Preparing our Hearts for Prayer** UMH 420  
*Breath on Me, Breath of God*

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Gabe Wanck

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

**Special Music** (8:00 a.m.) 7 People Singing  
*I Surrender All*

**Scripture** Acts 2:1-13, 36-41

**Message** Pastor Gary L. Feldman  
*The Church is Born*

**Renewal of Baptism**

**Special Music** Amy Smith  
*Baptized in Water*

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude**

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

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

**BAPTISM:** *Livia Mae Kimmerle*, daughter of Scott & Nicole  
Kimmerle. *Savannah Sue Weaver*, daughter of Josh & Jennifer  
Weaver

**FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
in celebration of the 69<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of  
Burdell & Doris Hall.

**ACOLYTE:** 8:00 Nyamedze Maison & Noah Losey  
9:30 Ella Smallenberger & Allison Werries

**GREETERS:** 8:00  
9:30 Greg & Shelly VanEtten

# *Cross Connections Worship Service*

We welcome you to our Cross Connections  
service as we gather for this time of worship.  
August 20, 2017 10:45 a.m.

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OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION  
Acts 2:1-13, 36-41

TODAY'S MESSAGE  
**The Church is Born**  
Pastor Gary

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

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**OVERTIME CONNECTIONS**

**MINISTRY LEADERS:**

WOW Welcome	Creative Arts Jayne Benckendorf
Greeters Hilda Brenkman	Praise Team Kerry Brenkman

## **Acts 29... Witnesses for Jesus**

### **3. The Church is Born**

*Acts 2:1-13, 36-41*

**Text:** Acts 2:37-38 Now when they heard this they were **cut to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "**Repent** and **be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and **you will receive** the **gift of the Holy Spirit**."

- The Backstory – Pentecost
  
- The Holy Spirit
  - A Gift Given
  - A Gift Received
  - Power
  
- 'Birthed'
  - The Church – Ekklesia
  - 'Cut to the Heart'
  - Repent
  - Baptism
  
- God Added

## *X4Z...Extra Years of Zest*

**August 27**

### **Lunch for the Bunch**

We'll meet at Firehouse Pizza following  
Cross Connections.



### **Acolyte Training**

There will be Acolyte training for student's 4th -6th grade  
on Wednesday, August 23 from 5-6 pm.

We will talk about the meaning of the ritual, have time to  
practice and eat pizza. Meet in the Gathering Area.

Please RSVP so Ms. Amy knows how much pizza to order!



### **Kitchen Closed**

Russ will be stripping and resealing the kitchen floor August  
21-26. The kitchen will not be accessible during this time.


Sorry for any inconvenience.



### **Gospel Bells Rehearsals Start Soon**

Rehearsals start September 5 at 5:45 in the Sanctuary

We have spots available! Please contact Kerry Brenkman  
for more information. [kerryb@mortonumc.org](mailto:kerryb@mortonumc.org)



### **Rally Day - One Worship Service September 10 at 10:00 AM**

Come fellowship and eat.

We will be having a 10 a.m. worship service in the Gym  
followed by a potluck. Signup sheets are in the Gathering  
area and the Gym. Let us know if you can come and will be  
bringing friends and family so we can plan ahead with the  
main dish.

**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.



**WATCH**

**(Wednesday at the Church)**

**Begins September 20!**

Join us at 5 p.m. for a meal, followed by adult, youth  
and children's programs! You will be blessed!



**Mark Your Calendar**

- **August 21** Ministry Council Mtg., L
- **August 24** Adult Choir Begins
- **September 4** Office Closed- Labor day
- **September 7** Daily Grind, OS-8:30
- **September 10** Rally Day- One Service  
Potluck 11:30
- **September 17** First Sunday School
- **September 17** Charge Conference

### **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.**

**RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED:** Hank Vanderhayden,

**RECENTLY RELEASED:** Dorothy Funk, Brian Birchenough

**SYMPATHY TO:** The family of Donald Arends who died August 13.



# **DAY BY DAY**

## **Sunday, August 20**

8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S  
9:00 am Blood Pressure Sunday, G  
9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S  
10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G

## **Monday, August 21**

All Day Kitchen Closed  
8:00 am Walking for Exercise  
11:00 am Services at Restmor  
6:00 pm S/PPRC Mtg., L  
6:30 pm Building Cmttee. Mtg., YR  
7:00 pm Ministry Council Mtg., L

## **Tuesday, August 22**

All Day Kitchen Closed  
8:00 am Communion, S  
8:00 am Volunteer Work Group  
9:00 am Staff Meeting  
9:30 am Skeins of Love, YR  
7:00 pm Praise Team, G

## **Wednesday, August 23**

All Day Kitchen Closed  
6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR  
8:00 am Walking for Exercise  
5:00 pm Acolyte Training, G  
6:00 pm Nominating Comm Mtg., L

## **Thursday, August 24**

All Day Kitchen Closed  
9:00 am Quilters, CR  
6:00 pm 7 People Singing, S  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

## **Friday, August 25**

All Day Kitchen Closed  
8:00 am Walking for Exercise

## **Saturday, August 26**

All Day Kitchen Closed  
7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L

## **Sunday, August 27**

8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S  
9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S  
10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G  
12:00 pm XYZ Lunch for the Bunch