

# morton

## united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

Sunday, January 6, 2019



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

*"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'"*

*Matthew 25:34*

January 6, 2019

**Epiphany Sunday**

8:00 and 9:30

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## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prelude**

**\*An Epiphany Prayer** (in unison) UMH 255  
O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know your presence with us, so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

**\*Hymn of Praise** UMH 254  
*We Three Kings (v. 1,2,5)*

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

**Children's Message** (8:00 a.m.) Amy Smith

### **Receiving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory** Choir

### **\*Doxology**

**Hymn of Prayer** UMH 117  
*O God, Our Help in Ages Past (v. 1,4,5)*

### **Ministry of Prayer**

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

**Preparing for Communion** 620  
*One Bread, One Body*

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Communion will be served in the pews;  
All are invited to receive Communion*

**Scripture** Ecclesiastes 9:4-10

**Message**

Pastor Gabe Wanck  
*365 Days of Possibilities, Part 2*

**\*Hymn**

UMH 698

*God of the Ages (v.1,4)***\*Closing Covenant Prayer**

John Wesley

I am no longer my own, but yours.  
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,  
Praised for you or criticized for you.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and  
service.  
And now, O wonderful and holy God,  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
you are mine, and I am yours.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

**Postlude**

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

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

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00  
9:30

**GREETERS:** 8:00 Bob and Lois Lichti  
9:30 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmand: Jared Bridge and family

# Cross Connections Worship Service

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

January 1, 2019

10:45 a.m.

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COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

COMMUNION

FOUNDATION  
Ecclesiastes 9:4-10

TODAY'S MESSAGE  
*365 Days of Possibilities, Part 2*  
Pastor Gabe Wanck

CLOSING PRAYER

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**OVERTIME CONNECTIONS**

**MINISTRY LEADERS:**

GREETERS  
Hilda Brenkman

CREATIVE ARTS  
Jayne Benckendorf

PRAISE TEAM  
Kerry Brenkman

# Sermon Notes

*365 Days of Possibilities, Part 2*

Ecclesiastes 9:4-10

XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

**Lunch for the Bunch**

We will meet at Pizza Ranch at 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, January 8.

**WATCH** will resume on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**UMW Book Club**

The next **UMW Book Club** meeting will be Monday,  
January 14, in the Gathering Area at 6:30 p.m.  
Please read On Pluto Inside the Mind of Alzheimer's  
by Greg O'Brien and then join us to discuss how one  
person's voice can make a difference.

**UMW Gathering**

**Save the Date: January 15, 2019**

All members of circles and members-at-large of UMW  
plus **any interested women of our church** are  
invited to come to the church the evening of  
January 15 for a light meal and fellowship.  
The meal will be followed by new officer  
installation for 2019, a pledge service, circle  
reports for 2018 and a memorial service.

**Please save this date!**

**Boy Scout Troop 178**

**Spaghetti Dinner  
and Silent Auction**

Saturday, January 19, 2019 4 to 8 p.m.  
Advance tickets: Adults \$7, Children and Seniors \$5,  
Family of five or more \$25.

Call 309-613-2388 to order tickets.

Troop sponsored by MUMM

### **Methodist Kids Paint Night!**

On Friday, January 25, at 6:00PM, Canvas Connections will be helping us find our inner Picassos, Monet's, and DaVincis! All kids, aged K-6, are invited to come and paint their masterpieces. There is a fee per child. **Cost is \$10 each.** Space is limited, so RSVP to Miss Amy ASAP! Snacks and drinks will be provided.



### **Bishop Frank J. Beard Will Be with Us Sunday, January 27, 2019**

Bishop Frank J. Beard, Resident Bishop of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of The United Methodist Church, will be our guest on Sunday, January 27! He will be preaching in all of our services that morning. You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear Bishop Beard preach.

You will be blessed! Please be present and bring a friend!



### **ROOTED IN PRAYER**

Illinois River District  
Annual Equipping Event

Join us for an afternoon of teaching on prayer with Bishop Frank J. Beard and the Heritage Ensemble! This event will help pastors and laypersons alike go deeper and be more focused in their prayer life.

January 27, 2019

2-4:30 p.m.

Crossroads United Methodist Church



### **Mark the Calendar**

- **January 12** Youth Service Saturday
- January 27** Bishop Frank J. Beard Preaching

### **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 4 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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[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.**

**SYMPATHY TO:** The Motta family. Pastor Gary's mother, Irene Motta died on December 27.



# DAY BY DAY

## **Sunday, January 6** **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S  
9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Companions in Christ, L  
10:45 am Cross Connections Worship Service, G  
5:00 pm Scout Meeting, YR  
5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, L

## **Monday, January 7**

8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G, S  
6:30 pm Trustees Meeting, YR  
7:00 pm Boys Scout, G

## **Tuesday, January 8**

8:00 am Communion, S  
8:00 am Volunteer Work Group  
9:00 am Staff Meeting, GA  
9:30 am Skeins of Love, YR  
10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L  
11:00 am XYZ Lunch  
5:30 pm Gospel Bells, S  
7:00 pm Praise Team, G

## **Wednesday, January 9**

6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR  
8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S  
5:00 pm Cherub/Children's Choir  
5:00 pm WATCH Fellowship Meal, G  
6:00 pm Methodist Kids, S  
6:00 pm Lite Life, GA  
6:00 pm Girls Night Out, L  
6:00 pm MUMCYouth, OS  
7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS

## **Thursday, January 10**

8:30 am Daily Grind, L  
9:00 am Quilters  
9:15 am Disciple-Pastor Paul, Y  
10:00 am Pickleball, G  
5:45 pm Thursday Night Book Study, OS  
6:00 pm Pickleball, G  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

## **Friday, January 11**

8:00 am Walking for Exercise, S

## **Saturday, January 12**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L  
9:00 am Walk & Talk, G  
9:00 am Youth Serving Sat., OS

## **Sunday, January 13**

8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, 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 Worship Service, G  
5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, L

### **Location Key:**

G-Gym  
L-Library  
S-Sanctuary  
GA-Gathering Area  
OS-Off Site  
YR-Youth Room  
PO-Pastor's Office  
K-Kitchen  
CR-Copy Room

