

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, February 25, 2018 – Sunday, March 4, 2018



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

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-19)

February 25, 2018 **2nd Sunday in Lent** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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

- *How do you pray 'without ceasing' in your daily life?*
- *Why does Paul say to 'give thanks in all circumstances' in our lives?*
- *How is the Wesley Fast working in your life this past week?*
- *What do you find difficult about fasting?*

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gary Feldman

Prelude

Lord, Be Glorified

Bell Choir

***Hymn of Prayer**

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

UMH 352

***Responsive Reading**

Psalm 63

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I
will lift up my hands.**

My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

**For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your
wings I will sing for joy.**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Special Music

How Great Thou Art

Bell Choir

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

Receiving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

Offertory (9:30 a.m.) Choir

And Can It Be?

***Doxology**

***Hymn of Prayer** UMH 286

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Pastoral Prayer

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

Anthem (8:00 a.m.) Choir

And Can It Be?

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

Message Youth Minister Eric Gordon

A Lifestyle of Prayer

***Hymn of Prayer** UMH 347

Spirit Song

***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 Bob & Pat Townsend in celebration of their 53rd Wedding
Anniversary.

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Amanda Shook
9:30 Allayna Hart & Charlotte Potts

GREETERS: 8:00 Karen Julien & Jan Wells
9:30 Ray & Ellen Heiman

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

February 25, 2018

10:45 a.m.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION

1 Thess. 5:16-19

TODAY'S MESSAGE

A Lifestyle of Prayer

Eric Gordon

CLOSING PRAYER

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Kerry Brenkman

Sermon Notes

"A Lifestyle of Prayer"

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

***Be joyful, pray, give thanks...always,
continually, and in all circumstances***

How?

***Prayer, Practice, and the Practice of
Prayer***

*"God, I want to be _____, help me in my
_____."*

To do this better, trust Him more

How?

***Remember and revisit all that He's done
and all that He is as often as you can***

XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

TODAY – Lunch for the Bunch

We'll meet at Linn's Buffet in Morton at 12:15 p.m.

March 2 – Game Day

We'll meet in the Gym at 11 a.m. and play Five Crowns. Lunch is provided



Fiddler on the Roof

Metamora High School is performing

Fiddler on the Roof Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Cost \$7. Please reserve your spot by contacting Lynn Zimmerman or by calling the church office no later than Thursday, March 8.



STOCK UPDATE for the Juarez Mission Trip

Great News! We have reached our minimum goal of \$4,300!

Mark your calendars – Annual Stockholder's Dinner Sunday, April 15, at 5:00 p.m.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING IS COMING....SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH!

On March 11th we will be asking for your contributions to help The United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, formerly known as **One Great Hour of Sharing**.. Your generous gifts ensure UMCOR's response in times of crisis anywhere in the world.

Please consider to give on March 11th to support UMCOR.

Prayer Life!...Lenten Sermon Series

How is your prayer life? That's a question we sometimes want to avoid, but it's a question that needs to be asked and answered from time to time. Prayer is that vital connection with Jesus that guides, sustains and gives nourishment to our relationship with Him. Since Jesus is our model for what a prayer life is like, we would be wise to learn from Him. Just as He was in constant communication with His Heavenly Father, so we should be in constant communion with our LORD.

We are starting a new series of sermons on prayer, titled *Prayer Life!* Over the next several weeks we will be exploring how prayer not only sustains life but that it can be a lifestyle for every believer!

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| 2/25 – Eric Gordon | 3. A Lifestyle of Prayer –
1 Thess. 5:16-19 |
| 3/4 | 4. The Basics of Prayer –
James 5:13-20 |
| 3/11 – Gabe Wanck | 5. Prayer Priorities –
Eph. 3:14-21 |
| 3/18 | 6. Praying Like Jesus – Jn. 17 |



Mark The calendar

- **March 4** Morton UMW Sunday
- **March 4** XYZ-ICC Play 2:30 Matinee
- **March 5** VBS Team Meeting
- **March 10-16** Juarez Mission Trip
- **March 22** Folding Footprints
- **March 23** Kids Night Jon Williams Tumbling Gym
- **March 26 -30** Prayer Service - 6:30 am
- **March 30** Good Friday Service at Noon

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

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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: Ashley Diemer

SYMPATHY TO: The family of William "Bill" Hall who died on Friday, February 2, 2018. William Hall is the father of Dale Hall and father-in-law of Ellen Hall.

DAY BY DAY

Sunday, February 25

- 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
- 12:00 pm XYZ Lunch for the Bunch
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study, L

Monday, February 26

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting, YR
- 7:00 pm Boys Scout, G
- 7:00 pm Ad Board, YR

Tuesday, February 27

- 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
- 5:30 pm Gospel Bells, S
- 6:30 pm Bible Study
Pastor Gary, YR
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G

Wednesday, February 28

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 9:15 am Abigail Circle, 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
- 5:30 pm Amplify, OS
- 7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS

Thursday, March 1

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

Friday, March 2

Jr. High Retreat

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

Saturday, March 3

Jr. High Retreat

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
- 9:00 am Serving at Community Harvest, Trinity Church

Sunday, March 4

UMW Sunday

- 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
- 4:00 pm WOW Team, GA
- 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

