

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

May 12, 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

We are "Making Disciples of Jesus Christ For the Transformation of the World!"

Sunday Worship Celebration

*"That man is our close relative; he is one of our guardian-redeemers."
Ruth 2:20*

May 12, 2019 **4th Sunday of Easter** 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gabe Wanck

Prelude

***Hymn of Celebration** UMH 130
God Will Take Care of You

***A Litany for Mother's Day**

Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

Thank God for mothers!

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

Thank God for my mother!

For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

Thank God for the mothers of the past.

For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

Thank God for the mothers of today.

For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

Thank God for the mothers in spirit.

We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Message (8:00 a.m.) Pastor Gabe Wanck

Receiving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

Offertory (9:30 a.m.) Choir

Footprints

***Doxology**

Hymn of Prayer UMH 496

Sweet Hour of Prayer (v. 1,3)

Ministry of Prayer

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

Anthem (8:00 a.m.) Choir

Footprints

Scripture Ruth 2:14-23

Message Pastor Gary L. Feldman

Ruth: Undaunted

Stepping Into God's Provision

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

***Benediction**

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 Dale & Ellen Hall in honor of all mothers.

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Ian Bair & Amanda Shook
9:30 Alaina Hart

GREETERS: 8:00 Jack Cusick
9:30 Bob & Pat Townsend

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

May 12, 2019

10:45 a.m.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION

Ruth 2:14-23

TODAY'S MESSAGE

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CLOSING PRAYER

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

GREETERS

Hilda Brenkman

CREATIVE ARTS

Jayne Benckendorf

PRAISE TEAM

Kerry Brenkman

Sermon Notes

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Golden Cross Mother's Day Offering

Today we are receiving a special offering in support of 10 caring ministries in our Conference. We are receiving this annual offering in honor of the caring love of mothers that represents the caring love of these nurturing ministries! Our goal is \$1,000. Your generous extra-mile giving is greatly appreciated!

Baccalaureate Service

There will be a Baccalaureate Service for High School graduates and their families **TODAY at 3:00 p.m. at Bertha Frank**. This event is organized by the local Youth Pastors in Morton.

UMW Book Club

We will meet in the Gathering Area May 13 at 6:30 p.m. and discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

May 14 – Wildlife Prairie Park sign up available in the Gathering Area. Meet at MUMC @ 9:00 a.m.

Cost is \$7 or \$9. We will have lunch while we are out.

May 17 – Movie Day—We will be showing "Green Book" at 1:00 p.m. in the Youth Room and will provide popcorn.

May 19 – Sign up in the Welcome Area to go see "Gone With the Wind" showing at Pekin Theater. Meet at MUMC at 3:00 p.m. We will do dinner following the movie.

Directory Updates

We would love to get the new directory to publication but we need your help. Please check the copy of our directory at the **Welcome Desk** to make sure all your information is correct. There is a pad of post its next to the book to write down any corrections **by June 1**.

VBS WORK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

6:30 P.M.

Please join us for painting, drawing, cutting out and ORGANIZING! We LOVE to see new faces! Can you give an hour or two to this incredible ministry????



Morton UMW Spring Gathering

"Celebrating Morton UMW History"

All women of the church are invited to join us for tea on
Monday, June 3 at 2:00 p.m.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 4
1:00-6:00 p.m.

Morton United Methodist Church



Volunteers Needed at Food Pantry

Since August 2011, the Morton United Methodist Church has been committed to serve on the first Saturday of each month at the **food bank** organized by the **Trinity Church** in Morton. This food pantry distributes about 160 – 260 grocery carts of food every week and is a blessing to many people in the area.

We are in need of more volunteers to help support this amazing ministry. If you can and are willing to help, **please sign-up in the Welcome Desk**. Doors open at 9:40 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month. For more information please contact Carolyn Hounshell 840-3668.



Morton United Methodist T-Shirts

We now have *'Love, Worship, Serve'* t-shirts on hand for you to purchase.

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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**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.**

HOSPITALIZED: Don Poole, David Crouch

RECENTLY RELEASED: Linda Millslagle

SYMPATHY TO:

DAY BY DAY

Sunday, May 12

MOTHER'S DAY

- 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, G
- 3:00 pm Baccalaureate Service, OS

Monday, May 13

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G, S
- 9:30 am Bible Study Pastor Gabe, YR
- 9:00 am Set up Teacher Luncheon G
- 6:30 pm UMW Book Club, GA
- 7:00 pm Scouts, G

Tuesday, May 14

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 9:00 am XYZ-Wildlife Prairie Park
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting, L
- 9:30 am Skeins of Love, YR
- 5:30 pm Gospel Bells, S
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G

Wednesday, May 15

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G
- 11:30 am Ruth Circle, OS
- 6:00 pm MUMC Youth
- 6:30 pm VBS Work Night
- 6:30 pm VBS Youth meeting

Thursday, May 16

- 8:30 am Daily Grind, L
- 9:00 am Quilters
- 5:45 pm Thursday Book Study, OS
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

Friday, May 17

Footprint articles due

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

Saturday, May 18

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
- 12:00 pm Scouts Court of Honor

Sunday, May 19

Last Sunday School until Sept. Graduate Recognition

- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:00 am Blood Pressure Sunday, G
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Companions in Christ, L
- 10:45 am Cross Connections
- 3:00 pm XYZ-Pekin Theater, OS

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

Happy
Mother's
Day

