

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

Sunday, September 8, 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

"When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven."

Nehemiah 1:4 (NIV)

September 8, 2019 **13th Sunday after Pentecost** 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 64

Holy, Holy, Holy (v. 1-2)

***Affirming Our Faith** Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 1, 3,4,5)

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Message

Gabe Wanck

Receiving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

A Song of Prayer UMH 397

I Need Thee Every Hour (v. 1)

Ministry of Prayer

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

Anthem

Choir

To Touch the Heart of God

Scripture

Nehemiah 1

Message

Pastor Gary L. Feldman

1. A New Beginning

*Hymn of Commitment

UMH 64

Holy, Holy, Holy (v. 3-4)

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand as you are able*

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

FLOWERS: FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Bob & Pat Strube in celebration of their 53rd Wedding Anniversary.

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Nyameye Maison & Chloe Walters
9:30 Ben Barrick & Luke Wiegardt

GREETERS: 8:00 Janet Wells & Karen Julien
9:30 Jim & Mary Lou Pate

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

September 8, 2019

10:45 a.m.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION

Nehemiah 1

TODAY'S MESSAGE

A New Beginning

Pastor Gary L. Feldman

CLOSING PRAYER

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

PRAISE TEAM

Kerry
Brenkman

CREATIVE ARTS

Jayne
Benckendorf

Sermon Notes

REbuild, REstore, REvive

1. A New Beginning

Nehemiah 1

Nehemiah was the one called to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. We will discover the trials and travail of that process. But more importantly, we will learn how to rebuild the spiritual walls in our lives. The great city of Jerusalem is a symbol of the city of God, God's dwelling place and the



center of life for the world. For us, then, the rebuilding of the walls is a picture of restoring and reviving the Lord at the center of our lives! This gem of a book helps us discover what steps we need to take to recover from any ruin or damage spiritually in our lives.

And so, using the wall as a catalyst, God called Nehemiah to Rebuild, Restore, and Revive the people of Israel. The Lord is calling us to Rebuild, to be Restored and to be Revived so we can be His faithful people today!

UMW Fall Kick-Off

Come join us for the UMW Fall Kick-Off on Monday, **September 9th at 6:00 p.m.** We will have a light supper in the Gym before moving to the Sanctuary for our speakers from Family Core. They will speak about their Single Parent Program. We will be collecting these suggested items:

Wal Mart Gift Cards (\$20+), Shell Gas Cards, Feminine Products, Reversible Car Seats (2-3), Size 5 & 6 Diapers, Laundry Detergent, Toilet Paper, Toiletries, School Supplies.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Begins: Monday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Book: The Epic of Eden

Understanding The Old Testament

Led by: Pastor Gabe Wanck

XYZ-Xtra Years of Zest

Tuesday, September 10 Lunch Bunch meet @ 11:15 a.m. at Lin Buffet. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk **Today.**

September 12—Pumpkin Fest Senior Appreciation Day @ 2:00 p.m. They will play Bingo and serve pie and coffee.

Friday, September 13

The church will be closed. There will be no power.

Pumpkin Fest Parade Float

September 14, Morton UMC will walk in the Parade celebrating our Faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Sign up at the Welcome Center. We are #60 in the lineup.

W.A.T.CH.

(Wednesday at the Church)

Begins September 18!

Join us at 5:00 p.m. for a meal, followed by adult, youth and children's programs! You will be blessed!

ALL CHURCH BIKE RIDE

Sunday, September 15th, 2:00 p.m.

We will meet at Rosa Parks Commons
on Raab road, East of Route 51.

Everyone is welcome.

For more information please contact:


Myra Walker 264.6661



Disciple Bible Study

Pastor Paul Walles will be leading us this fall through the purple Disciple III bible study book. The class starts on **Thursday, September 19** from 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.


Please let Shelli know if you will need a book by September 5. The cost of the book is \$40.



Reach, Equip, Discover hosted by MortonUMC


Red Arrow Archery together with Morton United Methodist Church will be hosting a 6-week Archery and Bible Study session for kids ages 8-17. The meeting will be on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm-8:30 pm starting from September 30 through November 4 in the gym. Cost is \$30/student and includes a bible study lesson as well as instruction and safety lessons on archery. Parents are allowed to stay.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact pastor Gabe.



Saclapea Scholarship Update

We have raised \$13,191.00 towards the need of \$17,900.



Hospitality Help Needed

We are needing volunteers to make the coffee and set out the donuts. You can pick and choose what Sunday you would like. There are 52 Sunday's in a year.

We need 52 volunteers. Please talk to JoAnn to sign up.

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
CHURCH PHONE: (309) 266-7174

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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.**

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED: Velma Stout, Tom Siron, Bev Shull

RECENTLY RELEASED: Larry Menold, Susan Nichol,
Hazel Morsch

DAY BY DAY

Sunday, September 8

8:00 am Celebration Worship
Service, S
9:30 am Celebration Worship
Service, S
10:45 am Cross Connections, G
6:30 pm Scouts, YR

Sunday, September 15

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

Monday, September 9

8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G
9:30 am Bible Study – Pastor Gabe
6:00 pm UMW Fall Gathering, G, S

Tuesday, September 10

8:00 am Communion, S
9:00 am Volunteer Work Group
9:00 am Staff Meeting, GA
9:30 am Skeins of Love, YR
11:15 am XYZ Lunch, OS
5:30 pm Gospel Bells, S
7:00 pm Praise Team, G

Wednesday, September 11

6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G
4:00 pm Pumpkin Tent Volunteers

Thursday, September 12

9:00 am Quilters
2:00 pm Pumpkin Fest Senior
Appreciation
6:00 pm 7 People Singing
7:00 pm Choir, S

Friday, September 13

FOOTPRINTS DUE TODAY

OFFICE CLOSED
NO POWER
NO WATER

Saturday, September 14

7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
9:00 am Line Up Pumpkin Parade

Location Key:

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

