

# morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

Sunday, September 16, 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](http://www.mortonumc.org)

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

# Sunday Worship Celebration

*"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."  
Acts 2:42*

September 16, 2018 **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** 8:00 and 9:30

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

**\*Hymn of Praise** UMH 368  
*My Hope is Built*

**\*Affirming our Faith** Galatians 5

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.

**But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.**

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command:  
"Love your neighbor as yourself."

**If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.**

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh...

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.**

Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

**Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

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

### Receiving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

**Offertory** (9:30 a.m.) Choir  
*Awake, Awake!*

### \*Doxology

**A Witness to Our Faith**

**Preparing our Hearts for Prayer** UMH 369  
*Blessed Assurance*

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

**Anthem** (8:00 a.m.) Choir  
*Awake, Awake!*

**Scripture** Acts 2:42-47

**Message** Pastor Gary L. Feldman  
*Devoted and Generous*

**\*Hymn of Commitment** UMH 382  
*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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*\*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 Joe & Jean Bridge in celebration of their 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding  
anniversary.

**GREETERS:** 8:00 a.m. Don & Jane Sullivan  
9:30 a.m. Ellie Kuykendall & Marilyn Formhals

# Cross Connections Worship Service

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

September 16, 2018

10:45 a.m.

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COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

A WITNESS TO OUR FAITH

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-47

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*Devoted and Generous*

*Pastor Gary L. Feldman*

CLOSING PRAYER

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**OVERTIME CONNECTIONS**

**MINISTRY LEADERS:**

GREETERS  
Hilda Brenkman

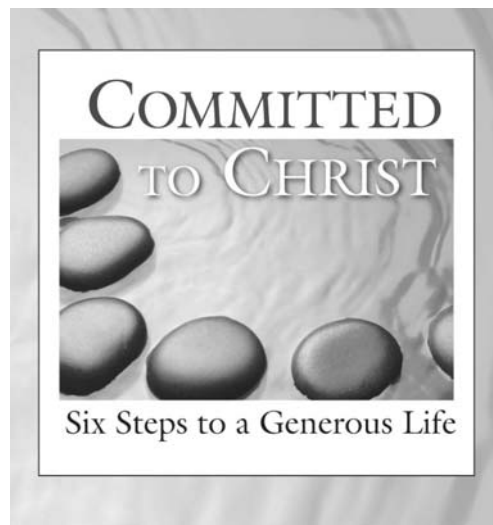
PRAISE TEAM  
Heather Berger

CREATIVE ARTS  
Jayne  
Benckendorf

# Sermon Notes

Committed to Christ...Six Steps to a Generous Life

*Devoted and Generous*



## UMW FALL KICK-OFF

Come join us for the UMW Fall Kick-Off on  
**Monday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m.**

We will have a light supper in the gym before moving to the sanctuary for our speaker, Rev. Lori Bultemeier, the Christian Life Coordinator from The Baby Fold. She will talk about the programs at The Baby Fold for children from infants through high school. She wants to tell us about their newest addition, a vocational wing for Hammitt Junior-Senior High School.

We will be collecting items for the vocational center. They **especially need gift certificates** from Walmart, Meijer's, Kroger's and Lowes.

**Other Items:** Laundry Detergent, Copy Paper, Clorox Wipes, Swiffer Dusters.



### UMW Book Club

**UMW Book Club** meets Tuesday, September 18, in the Gathering Area at 6:30 p.m.

Our book: ***Hiding in the Light*** by Rifqa Bary  
Please read and then join us to discuss this inspiring story!



### **W.A.T.CH**

(**Wednesday at the Church**)

**Begins September 19!**

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



XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

**Movie Day – September 21**

We'll watch "Same Kind of Different as Me"  
in the youth room with popcorn.

**An Informational Meeting**  
**Regarding the Future of Our Denomination,**  
**The United Methodist Church**

**When:** Sunday, September 30 at 4:30 p.m.

**Guest Leader:** Rev. Dr. Chris Ritter, Lead Pastor at  
Geneseo First UMC and delegate to General Conference.

Rev. Ritter will be with us to share with our church about the upcoming special called General Conference to be held in February 2019 in St. Louis. Rev. Ritter will explain the various options that are currently before us and to share of possible implications each may bring. I want our church to be informed about what is happening within our denomination and for us to have information, ask questions, and prayerfully consider all that is before us. This will help us stay focused on the church's mission and remain unified in Jesus.



**Landscaping Needs**

The church landscaping needs some attention. With all the rain that we have had there is an abundance of weeds around the building and in the entrance flower bed. If you or your small group or club would be willing to lend a hand with this project now and/or throughout the year, please get in touch with Gabe or Sam Churchill. They will let you know where to put the foliage that has been debriused from our foundation.



**Prayer Walk**

The foundation of the Sermon on September 23 will be on prayer. We thought that following the message that Sunday, at 2:00 p.m. on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pastor Gary and Pastor Gabe will lead a prayer walk around town and also a prayer gathering at the church for those that aren't able to walk as easily.

## **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**

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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:** Earl Brown

**RECENTLY RELEASED:** Joe Oyer, George Ashworth, Bill Troyer

**SYMPATHY TO:** Pat Strube and family. Pat's mother, Muriel VanCleave died September 8.



# **DAY BY DAY**

## **Sunday, September 16**

8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S  
9:00 am Blood Pressure Sunday  
9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Cross Connections Worship Service, G  
4:00 pm Alpha Set up  
5:00 pm Youth Alpha Program  
5:30 pm Women's Bible Study, L

## **Monday, September 17**

8:00 am Walking for Exercise,  
11:00 am Services at Restmor  
6:00 pm Staff Parish, YR  
6:00 pm UMW Fall Kick-Off  
6:30 pm Building Committee, GAd

## **Tuesday, September 18**

8:00 am Communion, S  
8:00 am Volunteer Work Group  
8:45 am Staff Meeting, GA  
5:30 pm Gospel Bells, S  
6:30 pm UMW Book Club, GA  
7:00 pm Praise Team, G

## **Wednesday, September 19**

6:30 am Men's Prayer Group, YR  
8:00 am Walking for Exercise, S  
11:00 am Ruth Circle, OS  
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  
6:15 pm Amplify, YR  
7:00 pm Strength Finders,

## **Thursday, September 20**

8:30 am Daily Grind, OS  
9:00 am Quilters, CR  
9:30 am 7 People Singing, S  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

## **Friday, September 21**

8:00 am Walking for Exercise, S  
11:00 am XYZ Movie Day, G

## **Saturday, September 22**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L  
8:00 am Walk & Talk, G  
8:00 am Lay Speaker Class

## **Sunday, September 23**

8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S  
9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S  
9:30 am Sunday School, YR  
10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G  
10:45 am Companions in Christ, L  
12:00 pm XYZ Lunch for the Bunch  
1:00 pm Lay Speaker, G  
2:00 pm Prayer Walk/Gathering  
4:00 pm Alpha Set up  
5:00 pm Youth Alpha Program  
5:30 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 Office  
K-Kitchen  
CR-Copy Room

