

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

Sunday, September 23, 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

ACTS = Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication
It helps to pray with these 'acts' in mind

September 23, 2018 **18th Sunday after Pentecost** 8:00 and 9:30

ADORATION

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Choir

To Touch the Heart of God

*Hymn of Praise

UMH 715

Rejoice, the Lord is King

*Affirming our Faith

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

CONFESSION

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

Amy Smith

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore

to me the joy of your salvation
a willing spirit, to sustain me.

and grant me

THANKSGIVING

Giving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

A Witness to Our Faith

Preparing our Hearts for Prayer UMH 496
Sweet Hour of Prayer

Ministry of Prayer

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

SUPPLICATION

Scripture Luke 6:12-19

Message Pastor Gabe Wanck
Praying Like Jesus

*Hymn of Commitment UMH 395
Take Time to Be Holy

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand as you are able*

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

Roses on the altar are in celebration of the birth of Cooper Gene Craig born on 7/27/18 daughter to Baylie and Austin Craig. Grandparents Brad & Kim Gregurich and Great grandparents Gene and Judy Morse.

Ryder Glenn Scheffler born on 8/31/18 to Hope and Brian Scheffler. Grandparents Tim and Carolu Kizer. Great grandma Mary Alice Evans.

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Ella Smallenberger & Carter Jones
9:30 Louie Nowlan & Ben Barrick

GREETERS: 8:00 Don & Jane Sullivan

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

September 23, 2018

10:45 a.m.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

A WITNESS TO OUR FAITH

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:12-19

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Praying Like Jesus

Pastor Gabe Wanck

CLOSING PRAYER

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

GREETERS

CREATIVE ARTS

Hilda Brenkman

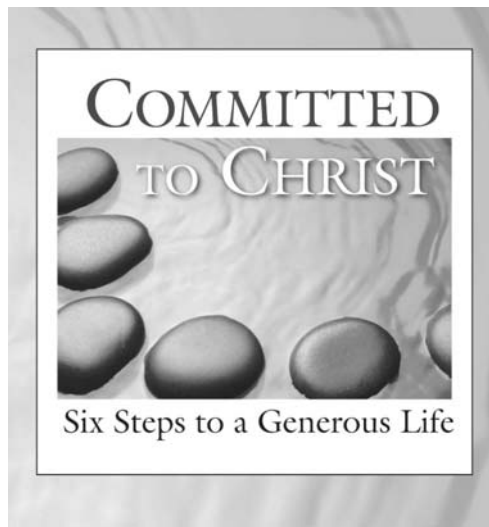
Jayne
Benckendorf

PRAISE TEAM
Heather Berger

Sermon Notes

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

Praying Like Jesus



XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

September 25 - Tower Park in Peoria Heights

We'll meet at church at 11a.m. and we'll go to Tower Park in Peoria Heights. We'll have lunch afterwards.



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 also remain unified in Jesus.



Monday Morning Bible Study

Begins: Monday, October 1 at 9:30

The Book of John

Led by: Pastor Gabe Wanck



Donations for North/South Carolina & Typhoon Mangkhut in Phillipines

UMCOR is responding to Hurricane Florence and Typhoon Mangkhut. Please join us in prayer for the areas affected and consider a gift to UMCOR Disaster Response. Please write on your envelope or in the memo of your check UMCOR Relief.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

**Committed to Christ...Six Steps to a Generous Life
September 27—October 25**

Thursday 9:30 a.m

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Gary and Pastor Gabe will be leading these Bible studies as they seek to lead you on a journey toward holy living and mature Christian discipleship.

Contact the Church office to sign up.




Juarez Informational Meeting

Juarez Mission Trip informational meeting.

Sunday, September 23

4:00 p.m.

Those interested in the trip March 9-15, 2019
Please see Amy if you are interested but can't come today.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 23 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org

Code "MORTONUMC"

UMW Craft/Market

We need your handcrafted items for craft sale: home décor, holiday items, children's items, teacher gifts, knitted items, yard art, etc. We also would like donations of Market items such as candy, cookies, bars, pies, cakes, snack mixes or other baked goods that are not refrigerated.

Mark Your Calendar

- November 3 UMW Craft & Market Sale
- November 10-11 Men's Retreat Mennohaven
- November 11 All Church Conference – 7:00 p.m.

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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**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: Earl Brown, Paula Barrick, David Formhals

RELEASED: Kenzie Wenzel

SYMPATHY TO: The family of Michael Guidotti. Mike passed away on September 13, 2018.

DAY BY DAY

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
4:00 pm Alpha Set up
5:00 pm Youth Alpha Program
5:30 pm Women's Bible Study, L

Monday, September 24

8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G
6:00 pm Finance Meeting, YR
7:00 pm Ad Board, YR
7:00 pm Boys Scout, G
7:00 pm Sarah Circle, GA

Tuesday, September 25

8:00 am Communion, S
8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
8:45 am Staff Meeting, GA
9:30 am Skeins of Love, YR
10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L
11:00 pm XYZ Tower Park, OS
6:30 pm Worship Committee Mtg. S
7:00 pm Praise Team, G

Wednesday, September 26

6:30 am Men's Prayer Group, YR
8:00 am Walking for Exercise, S
9:15 am Abigail 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, OS

Thursday, September 27

8:30 am Daily Grind, OS
9:00 am Footprints Folding Crew GA
9:00 am Quilters
9:15 am Disciple - Pastor Paul, YR
9:30 am Committed to Christ, L
5:45 pm Thursday Night Book Study, OS
6:00 pm 7 People Singing, S
6:30 pm Committed to Christ, L
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

Friday, September 28

8:00 am Walking for Exercise, S

Saturday, September 29

7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
8:00 am Lay Speaker Class

Sunday, September 30

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4:00 pm Alpha Set-Up
4:30 pm Information mtg on Future of our Denomination, S
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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

