

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, October 15, 2017– Sunday, October 22, 2017



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

"So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church..." (Acts 12:5)

"When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary...where many were gathered together and praying." (Acts 12:12)

October 22, 2017 **20th Sunday of Pentecost** 8:00 & 9:30 am

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

- *When was the last time you were involved in a Prayer Meeting?*
- *Would you be willing to be part of a Sunday morning Prayer Team that meets to pray for our pastors and church during a worship service on Sunday?*
- *Will you be part of Prayer Teams that intentionally pray for others after worship services?*
- *How do you pray without earnestly?*

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gabe Wanck

Prelude

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 715
Rejoice the Lord is King!

***Responsive Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:13-22

Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers and sisters,

Admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.

See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, But always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.

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. Do not despise prophecies, But test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Message (8:00 am) Amy Smith

Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (9:30 am) Choir
To Touch the Heart of God

***Doxology**

***Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer** UMH 472
Near to the Heart of God

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Gabe Wanck

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

Anthem (8:00 am) Choir
To Touch the Heart of God

Scripture Acts 12:1-19

Message Pastor Gary L. Feldman
Acts 29...Witnesses for Jesus
What if the Church Prayed?

***Hymn of Commitment**
Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

***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 the Walker & Held families in celebration of
Jeanne Cron's 90th birthday on October 24.

ACOLYTE: 8:00 Carter Jones & Amanda Shook
9:30 Allayna Hart & Charlotte Potts

GREETERS: 8:00 Don & Jane Sullivan
9:30 Kevin & Carol McGuire

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

October 22, 2017

10:45 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION

Acts 12:1-19

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*Acts 29... Witnesses for Jesus
What if the Church Prayed?*

Pastor Gary L. Feldman

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts
Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters
Hilda Brenkman

Praise Team
Kerry Brenkman

Notes from 10/22/2017

***Acts 29... Witnesses for Jesus
What if the Church Prayed?***

Acts 12:1-19

Text: Acts 12:5,12 "So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church...When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary...where many were gathered together and praying."

United Methodist Women's Annual

CRAFT and MARKET DAY SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please start working on your crafts to support this year's UMW Craft and Market sale. We welcome crafts, unique handcrafted products, holiday crafts, home décor, knitted or sewn items, baked goods such as pies, cookies, trail mixes, etc. from all church members. All profits from this sale support missions. Monetary donations to offset craft and market item expenses are always appreciated.

Craft Item drop off to church Oct. 31, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Market Item drop off Nov. 3, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



XYZ - Extra Years of Zest

October 22 – Lunch for the Bunch

Jack's in Tremont

Reservation 12:15 p.m.

October 26 - Pickleball

We'll play Pickleball in the gym at 10 a.m.
and at 6 p.m. on Thursday.



Men's Retreat-November 11-12, Camp Menno Haven

November 11-12 Saturday morning through Sunday mid-afternoon, we and men from the Morton, Carlock and Arthur Mennonite Churches will gather to grow in our understanding of the Bible. Sign-up sheets and brochures are available at the Scrip Table. Cost is **\$105** for room and meals. **Due by 10/22**. Scholarships are available. See **Bob Barrick** for details 309.266.6273.


Blood Drive October 31

Please remember to sign up on the Red Cross website, using sponsor code: MORTONUMC. Our donations will help the Red Cross to have the needed supply of blood.

Tuesday, October 31 from 1-6 p.m.


All Church Conference

The congregation is invited to our annual **All Church Conference on Thursday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room. Our District Superintendent Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce will lead us as we receive reports, establish leadership and the budget for 2018.




UMW Teams Up With Bergner's

The UMW will be selling Bergner's Community Days coupon booklets at our Annual Craft & Market Sale on Nov. 4. They will also be available for sale between services on Oct. 22 and 29. The cost is \$5 and that entire amount goes to our UMW for missions.



Coats For the Ridge

We are collecting coats for the kids of the Ridge, small to extra- large. The kids are in need of coats and gloves, no hats please. You can drop off your gently used or new coats at the Welcome Desk until Wednesday, October 26. If you have questions or want to make a donation to the Ridge Coat Drive please contact Sarah Losey at 645-6217



UMW Book Club

UMW Book Club will meet tomorrow **October 23** at 6:30 p.m. in the gathering area. We'll be reading ***Sally Ride – America First Woman in Space*** by Lynn Sherr. Please read and then join us to discuss this interesting story.

Mark Your Calendars!

- **October 23** UMW Book Club 6:30 p.m., GA
- **November 17** Children's Dinner and a Movie
- **November 18** Youth Rake and Run

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.

WORSHIP REMINDERS

Please do not take any food or beverage into our traditional worship sanctuary. Please remember to turn off or silence your cell phones during the services. Thank you!

NURSERY

Child care is available during worship services for INFANTS AND CHILDREN THROUGH AGE FOUR in our staffed nursery.

CHURCH STAFF and CONTACT INFO

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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 RELEASED:

HOSPICE CARE: Joyce Tolson – Hopedale Commons Nursing Home

SYMPATHY TO: Don Poole and family, Don's brother Jack Poole died September 29.

Bunnie Netherton and family. Ivan Orr, Bunnie's brother died October 14.

DAY BY DAY

Sunday, October 22

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
1:30 pm Musical Rehearsal, S,G
6:00 pm Bible Study, L

Thursday, October 26

8:30 am Daily Grind, OS
9:00 am Quilters, CR
9:00 am Footprints Folding Crew, GA
9:15 am Disciple-Pastor Paul, YR
10:00 am Pickleball, G
6:00 pm Pickleball, G
6:00 pm 7 People Singing, S
6:00 pm Church Conference, YR
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

Monday, October 23

8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
9:30 am Bible Study, Pastor Gabe, YR
6:00 pm Finance Committee, YR
6:30 pm UMW Book Club, GA
7:00 pm Boy Scouts, G
7:00 pm Ad Board, YR

Friday, October 27

8:00 am Walking for Exercise. G, S

Saturday, October 28

7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L

Tuesday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 29

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
1:30 pm Musical Rehearsal, S,G
5:30 pm Bible Study, L

Wednesday, October 25

6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
9:15 am Abigail Circle, K
5:00 pm WATCH Meal, G
5:00 pm Cherub/Children's Choir
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

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