

# morton

## united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, November 12, 2017– Sunday, November 19, 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](http://www.mortonumc.org).

We are “Making disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.”

# Sunday Worship Celebration

"Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." (Acts 16:30-31)

November 12, 2017 **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost** 8:00 & 9:30 am

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

- *How would you answer the question, "What must I do to be saved?"*
- *Give thanks to the Lord for the people who were instrumental in your conversion to Jesus!*

### **Prelude**

*Andante*

Chimes

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

*Rain or Pour*

Cherub Choir

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

*O Spirit of the Living God*

UMH 539

### **\*Responsive Reading**

*Ephesians 2:4-10*

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses,

Made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

So that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing;

It is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

### **\*Hymn of Praise**

*Thy Holy Wings, O Savior*

UMH 502

### **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Special Music** Children's Choir  
The Potter's Hand

**Children's Message** (8:00 am) Pastor Alan Newhall

**Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** Choir  
*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**\*Doxology**

**Recognition of Our Veterans**

**Pastoral Prayer**

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

**Scripture** Acts 16:16-40

**Message** Pastor Alan Newhall

*Acts 29...Witnesses for Jesus*

*Conversion: The Jailer's Story*

*Amazing Grace – Jacqueline Pfeifer*

**\*Hymn of Commitment** TFWS 222

*The Servant Song*

**\*Blessing**

**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  
Jim & Barb Howard in appreciation for all the amazing volunteers our  
church has to spread His Love.

**ACOLYTE:** 8:00 Chloe Walters & Nyameye Maison  
9:30 Brecken Carter & Grant Franklin

**GREETERS:** 8:00 Barb Howard & Susan Nichol  
9:30 Brandon & Kim Sarff

# Cross Connections Worship Service

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

November 12, 2017

10:45 a.m.

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OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION

Acts 16:16-40

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*Acts 29...Witnesses for Jesus  
Conversion: The Jailer's Story*

Pastor Alan Newhall

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

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**OVERTIME CONNECTIONS**

**MINISTRY LEADERS:**

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Kerry Brenkman

Notes from 11/12/2017

## ***Acts 29... Witnesses for Jesus Conversion: The Jailer's Story***

***Text:*** Acts 16:30-31 "Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." (Acts 16:30-31)

## **XYZ Extra Years of Zest**

### **November 12 – Morton High School Play**

We'll meet at Bertha Frank at 2:30 p.m. to watch the MHS play "The Crucible" - \$5 Show starts at 3 p.m.  
We'll get a quick dinner afterwards.


### **November 17 – Movie Day**

We'll watch "Something Borrowed" at 1 p.m. in the Youth Room with popcorn.



### **Gift Cards for Christmas**

Gift cards are available at the **Scrip Table** or please grab an order form to drop off to Ray or the church office. Order forms are available on the counter at the Welcome Center or online at [glscrip.com](http://glscrip.com).  
Contact Ray Schmidt at 266-5657 for more information.



### **Time To Grab a Tag! November 19 & 26**

Please take time to grab an ornament from the tree. Sign your name, phone#, and ornament# in the book according to the agency. Return the wrapped gifts with the tags taped or tied onto the package securely.  
Thank you for sharing your love of Jesus through these gifts to others at this Christmas season.

Please return your gifts by Sunday, December 3.



### **Juarez Mission Trip** **Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser**

Order your Thanksgiving Pies to help support the mission team. Order deadline is TODAY November 12. See the order form on the welcome counter for more details, or call Amy Smith, 266-7174.



### **Sisters in Faith**

**No class on Tuesday, November 15.**

## **Methodist Kids Dinner and A Movie**

**What:** Dinner and a Movie featuring ...

***A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving (Preschool)***  
***Storks (Elementary)***

**Who/When:** Friday, November 17

4:00-5:30 p.m. – Preschoolers (ages 3-4, and 5's not in K)

5:30-8:00 p.m. – Methodist Kids (grades K-6th)

**Where:** Morton United Methodist Church Youth Rm

You are welcome to wear PJ's and bring a pillow to snuggle with during the movie.

**RSVP:** Amy 266-7174, or email amys@mortonumc.org, so that we have enough supplies and food!



## **RAKE AND RUN - Saturday, November 18**

Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby.

If you want/need your yard raked, let the youth group do it for you! There is no charge, but any free will offering would be welcomed to benefit the youth program.

Please contact Eric at 696-6566,

if you're willing to help on that day. **(Trucks Needed)**

## **Handel's Messiah**

Experience George Friedrich Handel's Messiah, performed by the Morton Community Chorus and Orchestra, Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 2:30 pm, Grace Church, corner of E. Jefferson & Tennessee Ave. in Morton. Brian Birchenough, Mary Jane Davis, Myra Walker and Linda Young from our congregation at MUMC will be in the choir.

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

- **November 19+26** Grab your Tag off the Giving Tree
- **December 1** **Cookie Turn in by NOON**
- **December 2** **Cookie Walk 9-10 a.m.**
- **December 3** Return gifts
- **December 3** Children's Musical 8 a.m. & 2 p.m.





# DAY BY DAY

## **Sunday, November 12**

7:00 am Men's Retreat, OS  
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 Mission Fundraiser, K  
1:30 pm Musical Rehearsal, S,G  
2:30 pm XYZ- Bertha Frank "The Crucible", OS  
5:30 pm Bible Study, L

## **Monday, November 13**

8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S  
9:30 am Bible Study, Pastor Gabe YR  
10:00 am Mission Fundraiser, K  
7:00 am Boy Scouts, G

## **Tuesday, November 14**

8:00 am Communion, S  
8:00 am Volunteer Work Group  
9:00 am Staff Meeting, GA  
9:30 am Skeins of Love, YR  
5:30 pm Gospel Bells, S  
6:30 pm Bible Study, Pastor Gary YR  
7:00 pm Praise Team, G

## **Wednesday, November 15**

6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR  
8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S  
9:15 am Abigail Circle, OS  
11:00 am Ruth Circle, Offsite  
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

Office will be closing  
November 22 at Noon.  
November 23 and 24  
Office will be closed all day.

## **Thursday, November 16**

8:30 am Daily Grind, OS  
9:00 am Quilters, CR  
9:15 am Disciple-Pastor Paul, YR  
10:00 am Pickleball, G  
5:15 am Thursday Night Book Study, OS  
6:00 pm Pickleball, G  
6:00 pm 7 People Singing, S  
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

## **Friday, November 17**

8:00 am Walking for Exercise  
1:00 pm XYZ Movie Day, YR  
3:30 pm Children's Dinner and a Movie, G

## **Saturday, November 18**

7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L  
8:00 am Walk and Talk, G  
8:00 am Youth Rake and Run  
9:00 am Mission Fundraiser, K

## **Sunday, November 19**

### **All Day Giving Tree Tags**

8:00 am Pie Pick Up, K  
8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S  
9:00 am Blood Pressure Sunday, G  
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 Juarez Pie Fundraiser, K  
1:00 pm Abigail Circle  
Cookie Cut-Out, Kitchen  
1:30 pm Musical Rehearsal, S,G  
5:30 pm Bible Study, L

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



