

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

Sunday, November 25, 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

"...for the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity."

Proverbs 24:16

November 25, 2018 **27th Sunday after Pentecost** 8:00 and 9:30

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Hymn of Praise

UMH 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Affirming our Faith

Psalm 37:23-31

The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him;

Though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.

He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing.

Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever.

For the Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his saints.

They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.

The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice.

The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (9:30 a.m.)

Catherine Jane Julmis

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

Amy Smith

Receiving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

Offertory (9:30 a.m.) Choir

I'll Fly Away

***Doxology**

Hymn of Prayer UMH 176

Majesty

Ministry of Prayer

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

Anthem (8:00 a.m.) Choir

I'll Fly Away

Scripture Proverbs 24:15-22

Message Pastor Gary L. Feldman

Rise Up

***Hymn of Commitment** UMH 529

How Firm a Foundation

***Benediction**

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 Leland & Marilyn Bailey in
celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary.

BAPTISM: *Catherine Jane Julmis*, daughter of Jean and Norah
Julmis. Granddaughter of Daryl and Nan Lindemann.

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Allison Werries & Charlotte Potts
9:30 Alex McKie & Ian Bair

GREETERS: 8:00 Don & Linda Hatch
9:30 8th Grade Confirmand: Lydia Grieder
and family

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

November 25, 2018

10:45 a.m.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 24:16

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Rise Up

Pastor Gary Feldman

CLOSING PRAYER

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

GREETERS

Hilda Brenkman

CREATIVE ARTS

Jayne
Benckendorf

PRAISE TEAM

Kerry Brenkman



Our Annual Giving Tree Project

We will be sponsoring **9 agencies** this year:

1. Morton Terrace,
2. Morton Villa,
3. Crittenden Centers,
4. Common Place,
5. Bethel United Methodist Church,
6. Peoria Children's Home,
7. We Care,
8. Tazewell County Probation and Court Services,
- and 9. The Ridge.

There are **240 TAGS** this year.

Please grab a tag or two today to help make someone's Christmas special!

Advent Devotionals

God with Us

Peace on Earth – A Family Devotional

We have two Advent Devotionals available this year! Please pick one up at the entryways into the Sanctuary. The first Sunday of Advent is December 2.

UMW Annual Cookie Walk

December 1, 2018 from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Please turn in all cookie donations by noon **November 30**.
The proceeds benefit Missions.



Time to Grab a Tag!

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.

Please return your gifts by **NOON, Sunday, December 2**.



XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

Game Day December 7

Card Bingo at 11:00 a.m. in the Gym.
Lunch will be provided.

Festival of Lights December 12

We will meet for W.A.T.CH meal 5-5:45 p.m. then leave at 6:00 p.m. for the Festival of Lights in East Peoria.



Alternate Mailing Address

For those leaving Illinois for the winter but would still like to receive your MUMC mail, please stop by the office and update your alternative mailing address.



Mark Your Calendars!

- **December 2** Return gifts for the Giving Tree
- **December 2** Children's Musical 8 a.m. & 2 p.m.
- **December 9** Cantata Sunday
- **December 19** Blue Christmas Service
- **December 23** We will have regular services
- **December 24** Christmas Eve Service 5:30, 7, 9, 11 p.m.
- **December 30** One Church Worship Service at 10 a.m.

Come Share Our Joy in the Birth of Our Lord Jesus



Children's Program
Performances at 8:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.



Sunday, December 9

Cantata Sunday
8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 19

Blue Christmas Service
Meal: 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.
Service: 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Celebration Service
9:30 a.m. Celebration Service
10:45 a.m. Cross Connections

Christmas Eve Services

5:30 p.m. Family Candlelight
7:00 p.m. Candlelight & Communion
9:00 p.m. Cross Connections Candlelight & Communion
11:00 p.m. Vespers Candlelight & Communion

Sunday, December 30

10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary (One Service)

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
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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: Twila Foster, Will Pittenger

RECENTLY RELEASED: Paula Barrick

SYMPATHY TO: Tim and Carolu Kizer and Steve and Patty Munson. Richard Kizer died November 16.

DAY BY DAY

Sunday, November 25

GRAB A TAG GIVING TREE UM STUDENT OFFERING DAY

- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G
- 10:45 am Companions in Christ, L
- 1:30 pm Musical Rehearsal, S,G
- 4:00 pm Hanging of the Greens
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Monday, November 26

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G
- 5:30 pm Sarah Circle Cookie Decorating, K, G
- 6:00 pm Finance Coommittee, YR
- 7:00 pm Ad Board, YR
- 7:00 pm Boys Scout, G

Tuesday, November 27

- 7:30 am XYZ Shopping Trip, OS
- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 8:45 am Staff Meeting, G
- 9:30 am Skeins of Love, YR
- 10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L
- 6:30 pm Bible Study Pastor Gary, YR

Wednesday, November 28

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg, YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, S,G
- 5:00 pm Cherub/Children's Choir
- 5:00 pm WATCH Fellowship Meal, G
- 6:00 pm Methodist Kids, S
- 6:00 pm New Member Class
- 6:00 pm Lite Life, GA
- 6:00 pm Girls Night Out, L
- 6:00 pm MUMCYouth, YR
- 7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS

Thursday, November 29

- 8:30 am Daily Grind, L
- 9:00 am Quilters
- 9:00 am Footprints Folding Crew, G
- 9:15 am Disciple - Pastor Paul, YR
- 10:00 am Pickleball, G
- 5:45 pm 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 30

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, S

Saturday, December 1

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
- 8:00 am Musical Rehersal
- 9:00 am Cookie Walk, G
- 9:00 am Serving at Trinity Harvest Church, OS

Sunday, December 2

COMMUNION SUNDAY GIVING TREE TAGS DUE BACK

- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G
- 10:45 am Companions in Christ, L
- 2:00 pm Childrens Musical S, G
- 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study

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