

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of

Sunday, November 26, 2017– Sunday, December 3, 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

"...proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance" (Acts 28:31)

November 26, 2017 **Christ the King Sunday** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

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

- *How do you want to be remembered?*
- *How do you witness to people about your faith?*
- *Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to convince you of Lord's way of righteousness for your life?*

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Gabe Wanck

Prelude

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 569

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

***Responsive Reading**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

We are also thankful today because God is our strength and shield.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

Amy Smith

Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (9:30 a.m.) Choir
Give Me Jesus

***Doxology**

***Preparing for Prayer** UMH 174
His Name Is Wonderful

Pastoral Prayer

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

Anthem (8:00 a.m.) Choir
Give Me Jesus

Scripture Acts 28:17-31

Message Pastor Gary L. Feldman
Acts 29... Witnesses for Jesus
Convincing Them of Jesus

***Hymn of Commitment** UMH 172
My Jesus, I Love Thee

***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 Donna & Denny Cramer.

ACOLYTE: 8:00 Carter Jones & Allison Werries
9:30 Allayna Hart & Charlotte Potts

GREETERS: 8:00 Barb Howard & Susan Nichol
9:30 Jim & Mary Lou Pate

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

November 26, 2017

10:45 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION

Acts 28:17-30

TODAY'S MESSAGE

*Acts 29...Witnesses for Jesus
Convincing Them of Jesus!*

Pastor Gary Feldman

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Kerry Brenkman

Notes from 11/26/2017

Acts 29... Witnesses for Jesus
Convincing Them of Jesus

Acts 28:17-31

Text: *Acts 28:31 "...proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance."*

UMW Book Club

UMW Book Club will meet tomorrow **November 27** at 6:30 p.m. in the gathering area. We'll be reading

MISS BRENDA & THE LOVELADIES

By Brenda Spahn & Irene Zutell

Please read and then join us to discuss this interesting story.



The Giving Tree **Grab a Tag TODAY!**

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.



XYZ Extra Years of Zest

December 1 – Game Day

We'll play card Bingo at 11:00 a.m. Lunch is provided.

December 2 – Bells In Motion

We'll meet at 6:30 p.m. at the First Mennonite Church on 250 Baltimore in Morton to watch the Bells in Motion concert "**A Ringing Christmas**".

Tickets are \$15 at the door.

December 5 – Shopping Trip

We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and go shopping at the Champaign Mall.



ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

UMW Annual Cookie Walk

December 2, 2017 from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Please turn in all cookie donations by noon **December 1**.
The proceeds benefit Missions.
Homemade cookies, baked goods and candies are for sale.



Drop and Shop - December 9, 2:00–7:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity for parents of young ones to drop off their kids at the church for an afternoon of fun so the parents can get Christmas shopping done, have a nice date, or take a long nap. Dinner will be offered. It is for a free will offering to support the Youth. Sign-up sheets are available at the front desk and outside of Eric's office.



Mark Your Calendars!

- **November 26** Grab your Tag off the Giving Tree
- **December 1** Please have all donations for the Cookie Walk at the church by **NOON**
- **December 2** **Cookie Walk 9:00-10:00 a.m.**
- **December 3** Return gifts
- **December 3** Children's Christmas Musical
8:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
- **December 10** **Christmas Cantata!**

Sunday, December 24

10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Family Candlelight Service
7:00 p.m. Candlelight & Communion Service
9:00 p.m. Cross Connections Candlelight & Communion Service

Sunday, December 31

10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Gym

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 FOUR 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: David Crandell, Thelma Robertson



DAY BY DAY

Sunday, November 26

Giving Tree Tags Hanging of the Greens

- 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
- 1:00 pm Abigail Circle
- Cookie Decoration, K
- 1:30 pm Musical Rehearsal, S,G
- 5:30 pm Bible Study, L

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

All Day The Ridge

- 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

Wednesday, November 29

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 5:00 pm WATCH Meal, G
- 5:00 pm Cherub/Children's Choir
- 6:00 pm Methodist Kids, S
- 6:00 pm Girls Night Out, L
- 6:00 pm Lite Life, GA
- 6:15 pm Amplify, YR
- 7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS

Thursday, November 30

- 8:30 am Daily Grind, OS
- 9:00 am Quilters, CR
- 9:00 am Footprints Folding

Thursday, November 30

Cont...

- 9:15 am Disciple-Pastor Paul, YR
- 10:00 am Pickleball, G
- 5:15 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, December 1

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G,S
- 9:00 am Cookie Drop Off, G
- 11:00 am XYZ Game Day, G

Saturday, December 2

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
- 8:00 am Rehearsal, S
- 9:00 am Christmas Cookie Walk, G
- 9:00 am Serving at Community Harvest, Trinity Church
- 6:30 pm XYZ-Ringing of the Bells OS

Sunday, December 3

All Day Giving Tree Gifts Turn In

- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, Children's Christmas Musical, S
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Sunday School, YR
- 10:45 am Companions in Christ, L
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G
- 2:00 pm Childrens Christmas Musical Program
- 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

