

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

Sunday, December 2, 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

"...Therefore, you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed."

1 Corinthians 1:7

December 2, 2018 **1th Sunday of Advent** 8:00 and 9:30

Welcome and Announcements

An Excerpt from the Children's Musical (9:30 a.m.)

Prelude

***Lighting of the Advent Candle** Hope

Leaders: Why are you cast down, my soul? Why so troubled within me?

Congregation: Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Leaders: What has poisoned your mood, my soul? What has robbed you of joy?

Congregation: Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Leaders: What has gotten your goat, my soul? What has turned you away?

Congregation: Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Leaders: As we light the Candle of Hope, always remember that Jesus is our hope!

Congregation: Lord God, we give You our darkness and doldrums. And we wait with hope for the appearing of our glorious Savior!

Leaders: Let us sing, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1,2,6,7)

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Kindergarten Bible Presentation (9:30 a.m.)

Receiving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

Ministry of Prayer (9:30 a.m.)

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

The Children's Christmas Musical (8:00 a.m.)

Carol and the Belles

***Songs of the Season** (9:30 a.m.)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel – UMH 204

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming – UMH 216 (v.1,3)

In the Bleak Midwinter – UMH 221 (v.1,4)

Scripture (9:30 a.m.)

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Message (9:30 a.m.)

Pastor Gary L. Feldman

The Gift of No-Limit Living

***Hymn of Commitment** (9:30 a.m.)

UMH 196

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

***Benediction**

Postlude

****Please stand as you are able***

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

FLOWERS: If you'd like to donate altar flowers to celebrate a special event in your life or in memory/honor of someone, please sign the flower book that is in the Welcome Center.

ADVENT CANDLE: 8:00 Jason & Nicole Potts Family
9:30 Kirk & Kristen Schick Family

GREETERS: 8:00 Dave & Marilyn Formhals
9:30 8th Grade Confirmand:
Wyatt Franklin and family

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

December 2, 2018

10:45 a.m.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

COMMUNION

HOLY SCRIPTURE
1 Corinthians 1:1-9

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Gift of No-Limit Living
Pastor Gary L. Feldman

CLOSING PRAYER

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

GREETERS
Hilda Brenkman

CREATIVE ARTS
Jayne
Benckendorf

PRAISE TEAM
Kerry Brenkman



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. Today is the first Sunday of Advent.



ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Everyone who works with our children and youth must have a background check on file. Please pick up a form at the welcome center and return to the office or a staff member as soon as possible. Thank you for loving on our children and youth, keeping them safe and guiding them to Jesus.



TODAY - December 2

Children's Program at 2:00 p.m.

Join us at 2:00 p.m. for our program featuring our elementary aged students performing "Carol and the Belles"

*Come Share Our Joy in the Birth
of Our Lord Jesus*

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)

Giving Tree

Thank you for sharing your love of Jesus through these gifts to others during this Christmas season.

Please remember to drop off your gifts **TODAY BY NOON** if you haven't already done so.



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 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 25-26 Office Closed**
- **December 27** Folding Footprints
- **December 27-28** Office hours 8:00 a.m. to Noon
- **December 30** One Church Worship Service at 10 a.m.
- **December 31-January 1 Office Closed**

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: Will Pittenger, Josie Smith

SYMPATHY TO: The family of Doris Kirk who died November 22.

DAY BY DAY

Sunday, December 2

GIVING TREE GIFTS 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 Children's Musical S, G

Monday, December 3

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G
- 6:00 pm SPPRC, L
- 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting, YR
- 7:00 pm Boys Scout, G

Tuesday, December 4

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 8:45 am Staff Meeting, G
- 10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L
- 5:30 pm Gospel Bells, S
- 6:30 pm Bible Study Pastor Gary, L
- 6:30 pm Care Givers, YR
- 6:30 pm UMM Leaders Meeting, PO
- 7:00 pm JoAnna Circle, GA
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G

Wednesday, December 5

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg, YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, S,G
- 9:00 am UMW Board, YR
- 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
- 6:00 pm MUMCYouth, YR
- 7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS

Thursday, December 6

- 8:30 am Daily Grind, L
- 9:00 am Quilters
- 9:15 am Disciple - Pastor Paul, YR
- 9:30 am Hannah Circle
- 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, December 7

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, S
- 11:00 am XYZ Game Day, G

Saturday, December 8

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, L
- 9:00 am Cantata Rehearsal

Sunday, December 9

CANTATA SUNDAY

- 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
- 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's Office
- K-Kitchen
- CR-Copy Room