

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

Sunday, December 9, 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

"... Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"
2 Corinthians 9:15

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

Prelude Children's Chimes
The First Noel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Cherub Choir
Mary Had a Baby

***Lighting of the Advent Candle** FAITH

Leaders: We hope for the glorious appearance of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Leaders: Though we cannot see Him, we know that He is coming soon.

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Leaders: In the meantime, we walk by faith, not by sight.

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Leaders: As we light the Candle of Faith, always remember that Jesus grants us faith!

Congregation: Lord Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, give us more faith, with which to live for You and do Your kingdom work.

Leaders: Let us sing, "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 234
O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1-3)

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Message (8:00 am) Pastor Gabe Wanck

Receiving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

Offertory Cherub Choir
How Far Is It to Bethlehem?

***Doxology**

Ministry of Prayer

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

The Choir Cantata:

The Indescribable Gift

Narrated by Gail Owen Jane Chapman, Organ, Piano
Judy Hesselberth, Piano Jen Gordon, Kelsey Platt, Violins
Judy Earlson, Cello & Bassoon Megan Bomer, Viola

Sussex Carol arr. by Elaine Hagenberg

All on A Starry Night by J. Paul Williams, Joseph Graham

In the Bleak Midwinter arr. by Mark Hayes

Angels from the Realms of Glory arr. by Dan Forrest

O Little Town of Bethlehem arr. by Dan Forrest

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

arr. by Craig Courtney

Festival Gloria by Craig Courtney

*Benediction

Postlude

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

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

FLOWERS: Poinsettias

The Roses on the altar are in celebration of the birth of **Emalyn Mae Deppert** born on 10/30/2018. Parents are Cory & Cami.

Also for **Josie Marie Smith** born on 11/25/2018. Parents are Katie & Jamie, Grandparents are Tim & Carolu Kizer. Great Grandparents are Mary Alice Evans and John & Norma Myers.

ADVENT CANDLE: 8:00 Nick & Marla Graff
9:30 Chris & Brenda Loudermilk

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Ian Bair & Amanda Shook
9:30 Lydia Milby & Louie Nowlan

GREETERS: 8:00 Dave & Marilyn Formhals
9:30 8th Grade Confirmand: Allison Milby & family

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

December 9, 2018

10:45 a.m.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Brett, Maggie, Matthew, Nicholas, & Zachary Klokkenga

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

HOLY SCRIPTURE
2 Corinthians 9:15

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Gift That Is Indescribable
Pastor Gary L. Feldman

CLOSING PRAYER

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

GREETERS
Hilda Brenkman

CREATIVE ARTS
Jayne
Benckendorf

PRAISE TEAM
Kerry Brenkman

Advent Devotionals



ALTO

Vicki Bennett
Linda Coon
Judy Earleson
Julie Fields
Marla Graff
Cheri Monroe
Kathy Newhall
Luanne Stonewall
Pat Strube
Donna Uhlman
Norma Westbrook

SOPRANO

Eve Ackerman
Susan Barnhart
Mary Jane Davis
Sharon Gilbert
Lynn Goers
Lisa Hutchison
Pat Jones
Diane Kovach
Nicole Potts
Jan Sampson
Linda Young

BASS

Brian Birchenough
Don Chapman
John Coon
Dave Goers
Alan Newhall
Tim Owen
Rick Walker

TENOR

Dale Hall
Jerry Hesselberth
Judy Hesselberth
Norma Linder
Alex Smith
Myra Walker

Come Share Our Joy in the Birth of Our Lord Jesus

Wednesday, December 19

Blue Christmas Service

Meal: 5:30 p.m.

Service: 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 23

No Sunday School

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)




XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

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.



Donations to assist with the tornado damage that occurred over the weekend in IGRC may be made to the IGRC Disaster Response Advance #6800. Checks should be made payable to IGRC with Advance # 6800 on the memo line and mailed to Illinois Great Rivers Conference, Attn: Treasurer's Office, PO Box 19207, Springfield, IL 62794. Let us continue to pray for all who have homes damaged and for those responding.

Christmas Eve Offering

CONNIE WIECK IS OUR COVENANT MISSIONARY IN CHINA and shares our Lord's love with all. Each year we pledge to support her not only financially with \$2,500 per year, but also with prayers and communication.

As in previous years, the special offering from our Christmas Eve services will be given in support of Connie unless you specify otherwise.

**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 desk 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.

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 Second Sunday of Advent.

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.

All 2018 contributions must be postmarked no later than December 31. All electronic giving will need to be processed by December 21 to be recorded in 2018.

To ensure that your contributions are applied to the correct fund, **please specify on the memo line** of your check how you would like your contributions distributed. **If you would still like to turn in an "estimate of giving card" please feel free to do so for 2019.**

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 9

- 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
- 6:00 pm Scouts Leader Mtg, YR

Monday, December 10

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G
- 7:00 pm Boys Scout, G

Tuesday, December 11

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting, G
- 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, L
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G

Wednesday, December 12

LAST W.A.T.Ch for 2018

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg, YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, S,G
- 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
- 6:00 pm XYZ Festival of Lights, OS
- 6:30 pm Finance Meeting, PO
- 7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS

Thursday, December 13

- 8:30 am Daily Grind, L
- 9:00 am Quilters
- 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
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, S

Friday, December 14

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, S

Saturday, December 15

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

Sunday, December 16

BLOOD PRESSURE SUNDAY

- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:00 am Blood Pressure Sunday
- 9:30 am New Member Sunday
- 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

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