

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

Sunday, December 16, 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

*"I baptize you with water,
but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
Mark 1:8*

December 16, 2018 **3rd Sunday of Advent** 8:00 and 9:30

Prelude Gospel Bells
O Come, All Ye Faithful/Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella

Announcements

Call to Worship Gospel Bells
Carol of the Bells

***Lighting the Third Advent Candle** JOY

Leaders: Remain in me, and I will remain in you.

Congregation: These things I have spoken to you that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full.

Leaders: I am the vine; you are the branches; if you remain in me, and I remain in you, you will bear much fruit.

Congregation: These things I have spoken to you that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full.

Leaders: If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love.

Congregation: These things I have spoken to you that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full.

Leaders: You did not choose me, but I chose you to bear fruit – fruit that will last.

Congregation: These things I have spoken to you that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full.

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

Congregation: Lord Jesus, help us to know and to live according to the truths that You have spoken, so that Your joy may be in us, and our joy might be full!

Leaders: Let us sing, "Angels We Have Heard on High."

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 238
Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 1,2,4)

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Message (8:00 am) Amy Smith

Reception of New Members (9:30 a.m.)

Receiving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

Offertory 7 People Singing
Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

***Doxology**

Anthem Gospel Bells
Ding Dong Merrily on High

Ministry of Prayer

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

***Songs of the Season**

Sing We Now of Christmas (v. 1) – UMH 237

O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1) – UMH 230

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (v. 1) – UMH 224

Scripture Mark 1:1-8

Message Pastor Gabe Wanck
The Gift of Spirit-Filled Living

***Hymn of Praise** UMH 238
Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 3)

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

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

ADVENT CANDLE: 8:00 Nathan & Liz Alt and family
9:30 Mark & Whitney Pfiefer and family

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Ella Smallenberger & Carter Jones
9:30 Cooper Middleton & Ben Barrick

GREETERS: 8:00 Dave & Marilyn Formhals
9:30 8th Grade Confirmand: Zachary Alt and family

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

December 16, 2018

10:45 a.m.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Eyster Family

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1-8

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Gift of Spirit-Filled Living

Pastor Gabe Wanck

CLOSING PRAYER

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

GREETERS
Hilda Brenkman

CREATIVE ARTS
Jayne
Benckendorf

PRAISE TEAM
Kerry Brenkman

Sermon Notes

12/16/2018

The Gift of Spirit-Filled Living

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)



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.



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.

New Member Recognition

Please welcome our new members of MUMC
Elizabeth Gashaw, Albert King, Fred & Patricia Middleton,
Jamin & Kristina Weaver.

XYZ...Extra Years of Zest

December 18 – Lunch for the Bunch

We'll meet at Basta's in Morton at 11:00 a.m.

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 Third Sunday of Advent.

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: Winifred Stocks, Joyce Kovalcik

DAY BY DAY

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

Monday, December 17

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, G
- 11:00 am Services at Restmor, OS
- 6:30 pm Building Committee, YR
- 7:00 pm Sarah Circle, GA
- 7:00 pm Boys Scout, G

Tuesday, December 18

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting, G
- 10:00 am Sisters in Faith, L
- 11:00 am XYZ Lunch Bunch, OS
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G

Wednesday, December 19

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg, YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, S,G
- 11:30 am Ruth Circle, OS
- 5:30 pm Blue Christmas Meal, G
- 6:30 pm Blue Christmas Service, S

Thursday, December 20

- 8:30 am Daily Grind, OS
- 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
- 7:00 pm Choir, S

Friday, December 21

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise, S

Saturday, December 22

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

Sunday, December 23

- 8:00 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G

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