

morton

united methodist church

420 North Tennessee Avenue, Morton, IL 61550

For the Week of
Sunday, June 18, 2017 – Sunday, June 25, 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

"So keep watch. You do not know the day or the hour that the groom will come. (Matthew 25:13)

June 18, 2017 **2nd Sunday after Pentecost** 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

To Think About

What unexpected event has happened in your life in the last 6 months? Were you ready to handle it? How do you plan for the unexpected?

Welcome & Announcements

Amy Smith

SHARING PRAISE & WORSHIP

*Hymn "How Firm A Foundation" #529

*Responsive Reading *Psalms 92*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

*Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" #191

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, Let all that we do glorify you. With these gifts, we sing your praise. With our hearts, we humbly come to you. Use us, mold us, live in us. AMEN.

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Blessing

SHARING PRAYER & COMMITMENT

***Pass the Peace**

Children's Message

Amy Smith

Prayers of the People

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

SHARING THE WORD

Special Music

"O Love"

Choir

Scripture

Matthew 25:1-13

Message

"Wedding Planner"

Pastor Lori

***Hymn**

"Rain Down"

Upper Room #144

***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 in honor of Pastor Lori and David Johnston.

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Nyamedze Maison & Noah Losey
9:30 Ella Smallenberger & Allison Werries

GREETERS: 8:00 Bob & Lois Lichti

Cross Connections Worship Service

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

June 18, 2017

10:45 a.m.

OPENING WORSHIP

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

GIVING OUR GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

FOUNDATION

Matthew 25

TODAY'S MESSAGE

"Wedding Planner"

Pastor Lori

CLOSING PRAYER & WORSHIP

OVERTIME CONNECTIONS

MINISTRY LEADERS:

WOW Welcome

Creative Arts

Jayne Benckendorf

Greeters

Praise Team

Hilda Brenkman

Jenn Gordon

Notes from 6.18.17

"Wedding Planner"

Matthew 25:1-13

The Wedding

- Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this

The Women

- Five of them foolish, five of them wise

The Waiting

- Our lamps are going out

The Wake up

- And those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.


Mark Your Calendar

- **July 5,19,26** Holy Spirit Study Series presented by Ben Hoerr from The Vineyard Church 6 p.m., YR
- **July 11-15** Pictures for Directory
- **July 16** Meet and Greet Pastor Gary and Pastor Gabe 12:30-2:00 p.m. Gym

XYZ...Xtra Years of Zest


June 29--Lunch for the Bunch

We'll travel to Kutchies on the Water
for lunch at 11 a.m.



Alabama Mission Trip Meeting

An informational meeting, with a chance to answer questions and pass along all the information we can, is set for Monday, June 19th at 6:15pm. This is also a chance to pray together and decide some last minute details as a group. If you are a student going on the trip or a parent of one, please plan to be there.



VBS WORK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST
6:30 P.M.

Please join us for painting, drawing, cutting out and ORGANIZING! We LOVE to see new faces! Can you give an hour or two to this incredible ministry????



Yvonne Clark Blood Drive

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated blood during the blood drive on Monday in memory of Yvonne Clark. We collected 39 units which was 2 units over our goal.

Praise the Lord we were able to help patients in need!



Vacation Bible School BEGINS!

June 25-29

Join us each night at 5:00 for a home cooked meal by different members of our church family, with donations of \$4 Adults/\$3 Children/\$15 Family Max. See the menu in the bulletin that week!

Then at 5:45, join us in the sanctuary for Maker Fun Factory, where we will be introduced to our theme for the day and the festivities begin!

Don't forget – we still need help on VBS work nights, Wednesday at 6:30PM. And, we still have a need for Kitchen clean-up crews, COOKS, snack providers and servers. Please let us know if you are available to help!

Kids, remember to save up your hard-earned pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and green stuff for our VERY important mission offering because KIDS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! This year, we will be giving kids in Peru the gift of FRESH WATER!

To register, go to our church website at www.mortonumc.org and click on the VBS icon.



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.

WORSHIP REMINDERS

Please do not take any food or beverage into our traditional worship sanctuary. Please remember to turn off or silence your cell phones during the services. Thank you!

NURSERY

Child care is available during worship services for INFANTS AND CHILDREN THROUGH AGE FOUR in our staffed nursery.

CHURCH STAFF and CONTACT INFO

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00 – 4:00 CHURCH PHONE: 309-266-7174
Friday 8:00 – 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:

RECENTLY RELEASED: Charlotte Gilmore, Lois Frank,
Margaret Weygand, Ron Little, Louise Wanner

SYMPATHY TO: The family of Ernie Lang who died on June 10.

DAY BY DAY

Sunday, June 11

Mission Survivor

- 8:00 am Sunday Celebration Service, S
- 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service, S
- 10:45 am Cross Connections Service, G
- 1:00 pm Farewell Reception for Ps. Gary and Ps. Lori, G
- 3:00 pm Building Informational Mtg., S
- 6:00 pm Book Study, L

Monday, June 12

Mission Survivor

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise
- 9:00 am Bible Study
- 12:00 pm Blood Drive, G/ K
- 6:30 pm Building Committee Meeting, YR

Tuesday, June 13

Mission Survivor

- 8:00 am Communion, S
- 8:00 am Volunteer Work Group
- 9:30 am Skeins of Love, YR
- 7:00 pm Praise Team, G
- 7:00 pm Juarez Mission Trip Informational Mtg., GA

Wednesday, June 14

Mission Survivor

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Mtg., YR
- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise
- 6:30 pm VBS Work Night, GA
- 7:00 pm Strength Finders, OS

Thursday, June 15

Mission Survivor

- 9:00 am Quilters, CR

Friday, June 16

- 8:00 am Walking for Exercise

Saturday, June 17

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

Sunday, June 18

Father's Day & Pastor Lori Birthday

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

- G- Gym,
- L- Library
- S- Sanctuary
- GA- Gathering Area
- OS- Off Site
- YR- Youth Room
- PO- Pastor Office
- K- Kitchen
- CR- Copy Room