

### **Pray for Our Church Family:**

Please pray for the Icenhogle family as they mourn the loss of Judy Icenhogle, wife of Phillip Icenhogle, Associate Pastor at MUMC from 1973-1978. Service will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at Grace United Methodist Church in Pekin.

### **Church-Wide Reorganization - TODAY**

You may have noticed the dumpster in the parking lot – today is cleaning day at the church! If you are able to stay and help, we will be cleaning out the attic and the garage today after the Cross Connections Service. Pizza and drinks will be provided for those who help!

### **Bible Study with Pastor Paul**

Pastor Paul will be having a weekly Bible Study on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00am starting THIS WEEK. If you are interested, please visit the Welcome Desk for more information.

### **Call for Volunteers**

We are in need of volunteers to help with Family Ministry activities on Wednesday nights. Please see either of our pastors to get involved!

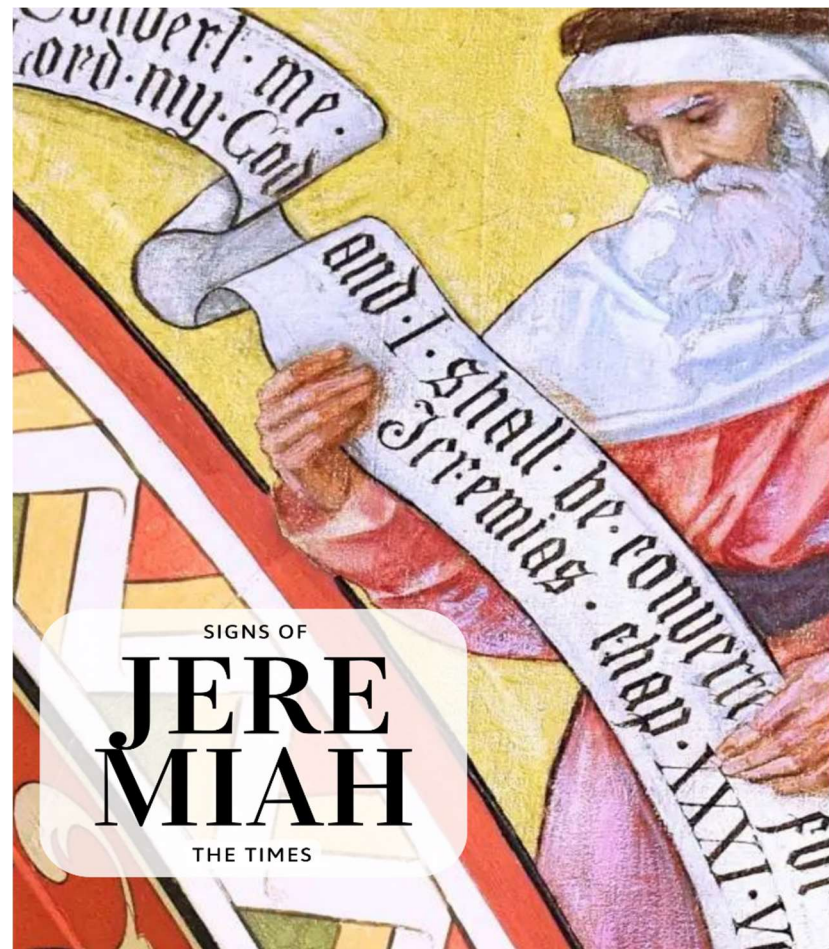
### **XYZ Activities**

XYZ will be having a Game Day on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM. We will play Mexican Trains and have lunch. Meet in the gym!

### **Be the Church:**

8:30AM-Traditional Worship Service  
9:45AM-Sunday School for all ages  
10:45AM-Cross Connections Worship Service  
Mon, Wed, Friday- 8:00-9:00AM Walking for Exercise  
Monday-7PM Boy Scouts  
Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting  
Tuesday-9:30AM Skeins of Love  
Tuesday-10:30AM Caring Ministries Team Meeting  
Tuesday-10:30AM XYZ Game Day  
Tuesday-6PM Budget Committee Meeting  
Tuesday-7PM Praise Band  
Wednesday-6:30AM Men's Prayer Group  
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters  
Thursday-9:30AM Bible Study with Pastor Paul  
Thursday-5:30PM Afterschool at Eli's (sr. high)  
Thursday-7PM MUMC Music Team  
Friday-OFFICE CLOSED – Pastoral Staff available  
Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study  
Sunday-8:30AM Traditional Worship Service  
Sunday-9:45AM Sunday School for all ages  
Sunday-10:45AM Cross Connections Worship

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# Morton United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 11th, 2022

## Sunday Worship

September 11th, 2022

8:30 a.m.

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## Unison Prayer

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

*His Eye Is On the Sparrow*

Call to Worship\*

Reverend: Seek after God

All: ***We call upon the Lord!***

Reverend: God is our refuge;

All: ***The Lord restores the fortunes of His people!***

Passing the Peace\*

Opening Hymn\*

*Abide With Me*  
UMH 700 (v.1-3)

Unison Prayer\*

Offertory

Excerpt from *Four Seasons, Autumn*

Doxology\*

UMH 94

Children's Time

Centering Hymn\*

*Christ For the World We Sing*  
UMH 568

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Choral Anthem

*Jeremiah 4:1*  
Composed by Christian Wilkey

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-12

Gospel Reading\*

Luke 15:1-10

Reverend: The Word of God for the people of God;

All: ***Thanks be to God.***

Gloria Patri\*

UMH 70

Sermon

*"Molded for Repentance"*  
Pastor Bill Novak

Closing Hymn\*

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*  
UMH 384

Benediction

Refrain\*

Chorus of *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

Postlude

### **Unison Prayer:**

Our Lord God,

We have no idea where we are going.

We do not see the road ahead of us.

We cannot know for certain where it will end.

nor do we really know ourselves,

and the fact that we think we are following your will

does not mean that we are actually doing so.

But we believe that the desire to please you

does in fact please you.

And we hope we have that desire in all that we are doing.

We hope that we will never do anything apart from that

desire.

And we know that if we do this you will lead us by the right road,

though we may know nothing about it.

Therefore will we trust you always though

we may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

We will not fear, for you are ever with us,

and you will never leave us to face our perils alone.

*Written by Thomas Merton*

*The flowers at the altar are in loving memory of Bob Barrick, from the Barrick Family*

\*Please stand if you are able