

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

John Bailey, brother of Joanne Hickey, has passed. Please pray for the Hickey and Bailey families as they mourn his loss. Services will be held at MUMC on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Visitation will be from 10-10:45, Service will be at 11AM, immediately followed by a luncheon. Live stream will be available.

### **New Sunday Schedule**

We are excited to announce a new schedule starting NEXT WEEK! We will now be offering Sunday School for all ages. To accommodate this, we are moving our service times as follows; Traditional Service 8:30-9:30, Sunday School 9:45-10:30, Cross Connections 10:45-11:45. Please see the insert for a list of Sunday School classes.

### **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!

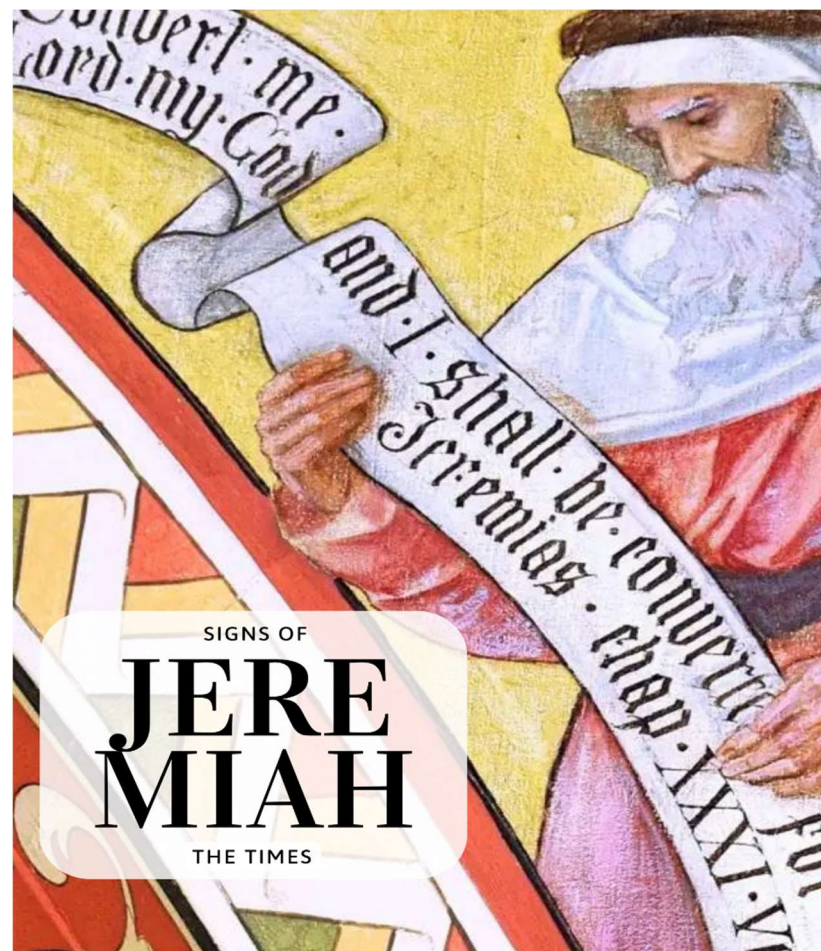
### **XYZ Activities**

XYZ will be having a movie day on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. We will be watching *Marry Me*. Popcorn will be served.

### **Be the Church:**

10AM- One Worship Service for Labor Day  
Wed, Friday- 8:00-9:00AM Walking for Exercise  
Monday- OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day  
Tuesday-8:30AM Staff Meeting  
Tuesday-1PM XYZ Movie Day  
Tuesday-6:30PM Care Givers Support Group  
Tuesday-7PM Joanna Circle  
Tuesday-7PM Praise Band  
Wednesday-6:30AM Men's Prayer Group  
Wednesday-9AM UWF Board Meeting  
Wednesday-10AM Prayer and Care Meeting  
Wednesday-6PM Mission Committee Meeting  
Wednesday-6:30 UMM Meeting  
Thursday-8:30AM Quilters  
Thursday-5:30PM Afterschool at Eli's (sr. high)  
Thursday-6PM Trustees Committee  
Thursday-7PM MUMC Music Team  
Friday-OFFICE CLOSED – Pastoral Staff available  
Saturday-7AM Men's Bible Study  
8:30AM-Traditional Worship Service  
9:45AM-Sunday School for all ages  
10:45AM-Cross Connections Worship Service

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# Morton United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Sunday Worship

September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

10:00 a.m.

## Scripture Reading

NIV

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

*To God Be the Glory*

Call to Worship\*

Reverend: Blessed are those who trust God, whose trust is the Lord

All: ***They are like trees planted by water, sending out roots by the stream***

Reverend: They have no fear of summer's heat, nor do they wither in the sun.

All: ***In the year of drought they are not anxious, for their lives bear the fruit of righteousness***

Reverend: Come to the waters of life, all you who trust in the Lord.

All: ***We have come to worship and send forth our roots in the streams of God's living water! AMEN.***

Passing the Peace\*

Opening Hymn\*

*Nearer My God To Thee*  
UMH 528

Baptism

Children's Time

Special Offering for Liberia

*The Prayer*  
Jessica Penn – Violin  
UMH 94

Doxology\*

Pastoral Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-18

Gospel Reading\*

Luke 14:25-33

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

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

Sermon

*"Don't Follow Your Heart"*  
Pastor Adam Penn

Communion

Closing Hymn\*

*Take My Life*

Benediction

Refrain

Postlude

### **Jeremiah 17:5-18**

<sup>5</sup>This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup>That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. <sup>7</sup>"But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. <sup>8</sup>They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." <sup>9</sup>The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? <sup>10</sup>"I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve." <sup>11</sup>Like a partridge that hatches eggs it did not lay are those who gain riches by unjust means. When their lives are half gone, their riches will desert them, and in the end they will prove to be fools. <sup>12</sup>A glorious throne, exalted from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary. <sup>13</sup>LORD, you are the hope of Israel; all who forsake you will be put to shame. Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust because they have forsaken the LORD, the spring of living water. <sup>14</sup>Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. <sup>15</sup>They keep saying to me, "Where is the word of the LORD? Let it now be fulfilled!" <sup>16</sup>I have not run away from being your shepherd; you know I have not desired the day of despair. What passes my lips is open before you. <sup>17</sup>Do not be a terror to me; you are my refuge in the day of disaster. <sup>18</sup>Let my persecutors be put to shame, but keep me from shame; let them be terrified, but keep me from terror. Bring on them the day of disaster; destroy them with double destruction.

### **Baptisms**

† *Amanda Jose Conner*  
† *Noah Istvan Conner*  
† *Knox Jackson Conner*

\*Please stand if you are able