



Wesley Chapel
Jacksonville, Illinois



Winchester UMC



**CHRIST
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

WHITE HALL, ILLINOIS

Welcome to Worship

We are so glad you have chosen to join us today, and we are grateful for your presence among us. Whether this is your first visit or your church home, we hope you experience God's grace, peace, and love in this place.

We believe that all people are welcomed by Christ and have a place in the life of the church. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here. When we celebrate Holy Communion, all who seek to follow Christ are invited to receive, regardless of church membership or background.

If you have questions, would like to learn more about our congregation, or simply wish to talk or pray with one of us, we would love to connect with you. Please feel free to reach out or speak with us after worship.

Grace and peace,

Pastors Becky and Chris Williams



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Events & Announcements

Miracle Sunday: You are invited to be part of a special denomination-wide celebration called *Miracle Sunday* on May 17, 2026. This Spirit-led emphasis reflects our shared vision: Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

On this day, we will receive a special offering to support theological education for pastors serving outside the United States. While many clergy in the U.S. have access to formal training, far fewer pastors in other parts of the world have the same opportunity.

Your gifts will help equip emerging leaders in places like Africa, Europe, and the Philippines, strengthening the global church for faithful and effective ministry. Thank you for your prayerful support of this important mission.

Our Next Pastor's Bible Study: is going to be on the book "Dynamite Prayer" by Rosario Picardo and Sue Nilson Kibbey. She encourages readers to stop saying safe prayers, and tap into the miraculous power of God's Holy Spirit. Unleash more than you could ask, think, or imagine into your life and world. Pastor Becky will be leading this five-week study beginning the week of April 26th. Our meeting schedule will be adjusted slightly:

- **Tuesdays** 10:00 A.M. at Wesley Chapel
- Tuesdays 7:00 P.M. at Winchester
- **Wednesdays** 9:00 A.M. at White Hall

Graduating Students: We would love to celebrate the accomplishments of our students! If you or someone in your family is graduating this year—whether from elementary school, middle school, high school, or college—please let us know. Email our pastors or your church office with the names of graduating students so that we can recognize them during worship on May 17. Thank you for helping us honor this important milestone in the lives of our students!

Summer Camp: Is your child interested in attending a United Methodist summer camp this year? We have information available at each of our locations about East Bay Camp, one of our Conference camps, located in Hudson, Illinois near Bloomington. Summer camp is a wonderful opportunity for kids to grow in faith, build friendships, and enjoy time outdoors. Be sure to pick up more information and learn how to register!

Calendar

Sunday, April 26, 2026

- 8:30 Worship: Winchester UMC
- 9:30 Sunday School: Winchester UMC
- 9:30 Sunday School: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 Worship @ Wesley Chapel
- 10:45 Sunday School (All Ages) Wesley Chapel
- 10:45 Worship Christ UMC
- 11:45 Benevolence Committee
- 2:00 Via De Christo Meeting – Christ UMC

Monday, April 27

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC - Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 Worship Planning Mtg. – Wesley Chapel
- 11:30 Doorbell Dinners - Winchester

Tuesday, April 28

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study - Wesley Chapel
- 11:30 Doorbell Dinners – Winchester
- 2:00 Hope Bible Study – Christ UMC
- 5:00 Girl Scouts Meet: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 Pastor's Bible Study – Winchester UMC

Wednesday, April 29

- 9:00 Pastor's Bible Study – Christ UMC
- 11:30 Doorbell Dinners – Winchester UMC

Thursday, April 30

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship – Christ UMC
- 11:30 Doorbell Dinners – Winchester UMC
- 1:00 NA Meets: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 Fill My Cup Meeting
- 7:00 Leadership Team at Christ UMC

Friday, May 1

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 Doorbell Dinners – Winchester UMC
- 7:00 NA Meets: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 2

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 DAR Meeting
- 5:15 DDart Meeting: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

Scripture

Acts 16:16–34 (NRSV)

Paul and Silas in Prison

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.