



Wesley Chapel
Jacksonville, Illinois



Winchester UMC



**CHRIST
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

WHITE HALL, ILLINOIS

Happy Easter

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

Wesley Chapel Job Announcement: Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church is seeking an Office Manager. This person will work an average of 15 hours per week on a schedule determined by the pastors, typically Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Computer skills are required. This position also requires welcoming and communicating with those who come to the church office. Experience with social media is preferred. Starting pay is \$16/hour. Please send resume and cover letter to pastor@wesleychapeljax.com

Winchester UMC Men's Cookout: The men's group will be serving lunch as a fundraiser on Saturday, April 11th beginning at 9:00 A.M. on the northeast corner of Cherry and Main Street in Winchester. They will be serving pork chops and hot dogs. Come on out.

Winchester UMC Spring Salad Luncheon: is on April 22 from 11:00 to 1:00. We will be serving a variety of fresh salads, sandwiches, desserts, and drinks. A \$10 donation per meal is recommended. Carry-outs are available.

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
- Thursdays 9:00 A.M. at White Hall

Confirmation Retreat: Pastors Becky and Chris are planning on leading a confirmation retreat for students in 7th grade and above the weekend of May 1st to the 3rd at Green Pastures Retreat Center. If your student is interested in learning more about their faith, and/or joining the church, please let Pastor Becky or Chris know ASAP. We will have more details once we have a final headcount.

Pastors' Mini Vacation: Pastors Becky and Chris will be taking a short mini vacation to Kansas City this week, April 6-8. If you have a pastoral emergency, please feel free to call us. We will have our cell phones.

Winchester UMC: Monday, April 6, Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday

Calendar

Sunday, April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

- 6:30 Community Sunrise Worship Service – Whiteside Park
- 7:30 Men's Breakfast @ Winchester UMC
- 8:00 Methodist Women @ Winchester UMC
- 8:30 Worship: Winchester UMC
- 9:30 Easter Egg Hunt – Winchester UMC
- 9:30 Fellowship Breakfast – Christ UMC
- 9:30 Worship: Wesley Chapel
- 9:30 Sunday School: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 Worship @ Wesley Chapel
- 10:30 Children's Egg Hunt @ Christ UMC
- 10:45 Sunday School (All Ages) Wesley Chapel
- 10:45 Worship Christ UMC

Monday, April 6

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 7

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 Hope Bible Study: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 Girl Scouts Meet: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 8

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 9

- 1:00 NA Meets: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 Via De Christo – Christ UMC

Friday, April 10

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 NA Meets: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 11

- 9:00 Men's Cookout – Winchester UMC
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

Scripture

The Resurrection of Jesus

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look^[a] into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir,^[b] if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew,^[c] “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.