



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

Dare to Dream Popcorn Night: Join us on Sunday, May 17th at 5:30 P.M. at Wesley Chapel! This is a great opportunity for members of all three congregations in our parish to come together, share ideas, and dream about the future of our church across our three locations through a fun, “popcorn-style” brainstorming time. Popcorn and beverages (water, tea, coffee, lemonade) will be provided—please bring any additional snacks to share and drinks you prefer. Childcare will be available with a movie night for the kids. Come be part of the conversation as we imagine what God is calling us to next!

Pastor’s Bible Study: We are studying the book “Dynamite Prayer” by Rosario Picardo and Sue Nilson Kibbey. They encourage 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 is leading this five-week study which meets at the following times:

- 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!

Winchester Men’s Cookout: The next cookout is this Saturday, May 9th at the three way stop in Winchester. Come on out for your pork chops and dogs and help support this ministry.

Calendar

Sunday, May 3, 2026

- 7:30 Men's Breakfast @ Winchester UMC
- 8:00 Methodist Women @ Winchester UMC
- 8:30 Worship: Winchester UMC
- 9:30 Sunday School: Winchester UMC
- 9:30 Worship: Wesley Chapel
- 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

Monday, May 4

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC - Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 Worship Planning Mtg.

Tuesday, May 5

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 Staff Mtg.
- 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study: Wesley Chapel
- 2:00 Hope Bible Study: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 Girl Scouts Meet: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 Pastor's Bible Study: Winchester UMC

Wednesday, May 6

- 9:00 Pastor's Bible Study: Christ UMC

Thursday, May 7

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC
- 1:00 NA Meets: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 9

- 9:00 Men's Cookout – Winchester UMC
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 5:15 DDart Meeting: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

Scripture

Paul in Athens

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons and also in the marketplace^[a] every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, “What does this pretentious babbler want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.” (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹ So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰ It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor^[b] he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God^[c] and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”