



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 this evening (May 17th), 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 continue to study 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

Midwest Mission Day of Service: Join us on May 28th (leaving at 7:30 A.M.) for a Day of Service at Midwest Mission, sponsored by the Wesley Chapel United Women in Faith! Everyone is invited to participate — men, women, youth, and friends, ages 11 and up. There will be meaningful activities for every ability level, giving everyone a chance to serve and make an impact. If you have not yet saved your space, contact the Wesley Chapel office at 217-245-7312 to do so. Together, we can make a difference — we hope you’ll join us!

Calendar

Sunday, May 17, 2026 – Graduate Recognition

- 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 18

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

Tuesday, May 19

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 Pastor’s Bible Study: Wesley Chapel
- 2:30 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 20

- 9:00 Pastor’s Bible Study: Christ UMC
- 7:00 Baccalaureate at Winchester UMC

Thursday, May 21

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

Friday, May 22

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

Saturday, May 23

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 Bible Reading Group: Christ UMC
- 5:15 DDart Meeting: Christ UMC

Scripture

Imitating Christ's Humility

² If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.