



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

Halloween Candy Donations: Winchester UMC and Christ UMC are collecting donations of individually wrapped candy for trick or treating this Halloween! If you would like to help, please bring your candy donations to either church. Thank you for helping us share a little sweetness with our neighbors this Halloween!

Tasha Layton Concert: Western Illinois Fellowship of Christian Athletes is sponsoring a free concert featuring Christian singer and songwriter Tasha Layton on Sunday, October 4, at 5:00 p.m. at Twisted Tree in Jacksonville. Tasha is known for songs such as “Look What You’ve Done” and “Meet Me in the Valley” and brings a powerful testimony and message of faith. Local band The Howard Brothers will open the evening. Come enjoy a night of music, worship, and encouragement!

Boundless Peace Women’s Conference: Ladies, Pastor Becky is helping organize a Women’s Conference and you are invited. It will feature Tasha Layton on Saturday, October 3, from 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church in Jacksonville. The cost is \$20 and includes the conference and lunch. Register at labcjacksonville.org/events.

Confirmation Retreat: Three Streams Parish and State Street Ministry is offering a confirmation retreat from November 6-8 for students in seventh grade and above. It will be held at the Koinonia Retreat Center near Murrayville. During our time together we will be looking at what it means to live our lives as a Christian, as we also spend time having great fun and fellowship. Please contact Pastor Becky or Chris if your student would like to attend. Students who attend will be invited to join the church later in the year. All are welcome to attend, even if they have been confirmed in the past. There is no cost to the student.

Calendar

Sunday, September 27

- 8:30 Worship: Winchester UMC
- 9:30 Sunday School: Winchester UMC
- 9:30 Worship: Wesley Chapel
- 9:30 Sunday School: Christ UMC
- 10:45 Sunday School (All Ages): Wesley Chapel
- 10:45 Worship: Christ UMC

Monday, September 28

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC

Tuesday, September 29

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC
- 10:00 The Walk Bible Study @ Wesley Chapel
- 2:00 Hope Bible Study: Christ UMC
- 7:00 The Walk Bible Study @ WUMC

Wednesday, September 30

- 9:00 The Walk Bible Study @ Christ UMC
- 7:00 Choir Practice @ Wesley Chapel

Thursday, October 1

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC
- 1:00 NA Meeting: Christ UMC
- 7:00 Leadership Team Meeting @ WUMC

Friday, October 2

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC
- 7:00 Narcotics Meeting: Christ UMC

Saturday, October 3

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC
- 10:00 Boundless Peace Ladies Conference @ Lincoln Ave. Baptist
- 12:00 Open House for Margaret Grafford @ Christ UMC
- 5:15 DDart Meeting: Christ UMC

Scripture

Matthew 4:18-22

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

1 Peter 3:13-16

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right,^[a] you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear,^[b] and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned,^[c] those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.