Wesley Chapel
Jacksonville, Illinois

Winchester UMC

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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!

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.

Midwest Mission Day of Service: Wesley Chapel United Women in Faith is inviting everyone to join us for a Day of Service at Midwest Mission on October 28th! You don't have to be a member of Women in Faith—or even a woman—to participate. Everyone is welcome! Contact the church office at Wesley Chapel (217-245-7312 or office@wesleychapeljax) to reserve your place.

Operation Christmas Child: Pack a shoebox with Christmas gifts for a child in need. Shoeboxes are available for pickup at Winchester UMC. Each shoebox should be filled with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other gifts to bring joy to children around the world who may otherwise receive very little for Christmas. These gifts also provide an opportunity for children to hear about God's love through the message of Jesus Christ. You can return the shoeboxes to Winchester UMC by November 8th.

Soup and Pie Luncheon: At Winchester UMC on November 3, 2026 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. If you haven't had a chance to sign up for bringing something to help, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks so much!

Calendar

Sunday, October 18

- 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, October 19

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC

Tuesday, October 20

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC
- 2:00 Hope Bible Study: Christ UMC

Wednesday, October 21

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC
- 7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, October 22

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC
- 1:00 NA Meeting: Christ UMC

Friday, October 23

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC
- 11:00 Retired Teachers @ Christ UMC
- 7:00 Narcotics Meeting: Christ UMC

Saturday, October 24

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

Scripture

Micah 5:2-9

The Ruler from Bethlehem

2 [a]But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.
4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth,
5 and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, [b]we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight rulers.
6 They shall rule the land of Assyria with the sword and the land of Nimrod with the drawn sword; [c]they[d] shall rescue us from the Assyrians if they come into our land or tread within our border.

The Future Role of the Remnant

7 Then the remnant of Jacob, surrounded by many peoples, shall be like dew from the LORD, like showers on the grass, which do not depend upon people or wait for any mortal.
8 And among the nations the remnant of Jacob, surrounded by many peoples, shall be like a lion among the animals of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep, which, when it goes through, treads down and tears in pieces, with no one to deliver.
9 Your hand shall be lifted up over your adversaries, and all your enemies shall be cut off