

THE MESSENGER

WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH · 1012 NORTH MAIN, WASHINGTON, IL 61571



January 4, 2026 ~ A New Year!

Welcome to WCC! Videos of our Worship Services are available at washingtonchristian.net or our YouTube channel.

WCC Office Hours: Weekdays, 9am-2pm · **Phone:** 309-444-2550 · **E-mail:** office@washingtonchristian.net

TODAY'S SERVICE

Getting Back on Track
"Responding to God's Love"

Malachi 1:1-5

Kevin Dell – Preaching Minister



Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today? Life Line Screening will be here at **Washington Christian Church on Thursday, March 19, 2026** offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. There is no time like the present to take action!

Three ways to register:

***Call toll-free:** 1-800-324-9458
promo code HAVC001

***Online:** LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC

***Text:** the word circle to 216-279-1607

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

Offering 12/28\$16,431.86
Avg. Weekly Need.....\$7,334.00
Attendance 12/28.....97

*Children's Programming for Birth – 5th Grade
is available today during the service.*

Let us know you're here! Fill out a Welcome Card from the chair pocket to check in, share prayer requests, or update your contact info. Drop your card in the basket at the back after the service. Visiting for the first time? Bring your card to the Welcome Desk. We have a gift for you!

THIS WEEK @ WCC

TODAY

Prayer Time – 8:45 am

Join us in the Prayer Room.

Bible Studies – 9:00 am

Worship Service – 10:30 am

MONDAY

Preschool Resumes –

Watch out for the Kiddos!



WEDNESDAY

Snackpac Packing (Team#2) – 10:30 am

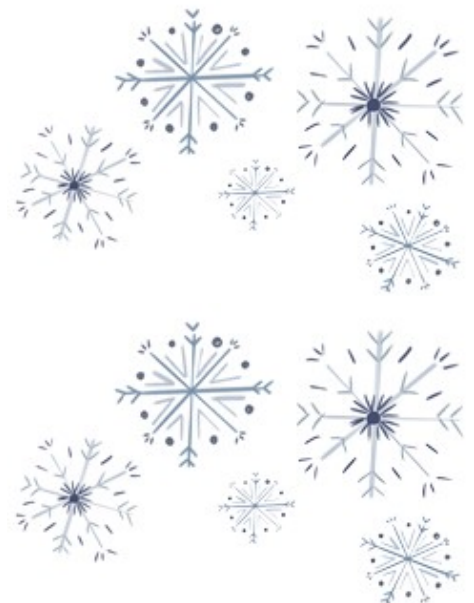
THE WAY YOUTH GROUP

Calling all 7th-12th Graders! Join us for an unforgettable weekend of fun, faith, worship, and winter adventure at Camp Timber-lee in East Troy, Wisconsin! Our **2026 Winter Retreat** will be January 23-25. (We'll leave after school in Friday and return home Sunday night.) The cost is \$130 per person, but don't let that stop you! If you need financial assistance, contact Darrin (928-210-2611) or Ben (309-256-2607). We want everyone who wants to come to be able to attend! **Register by this Sunday, January 4 so we know how many students to expect.** You can learn more about the retreat online at www.timber-lee.com/winterxtreme. Don't miss it—this is going to be an amazing weekend!

WHIP DONATIONS

January – Canned Soup

Place donations in the Fellowship Hall.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Ben Henderson-recent colon cancer surgery-developed an infection at surgical site-on antibiotics;

*Betty Hoyt – Back fracture recovery/also recent serious fall w/slow recovery;

Bill- Beth Howley's brother-job situation;

Brent Green-infection in the spine-recov.;

Brian Brubaker – Colon cancer-chemo;

Bruce Williams – Patterson's son;

Crystal Brooks-chemo-surgery recovery-

Christine Jarrett's niece;

Dellis Fischer – Eli Fischer's son;

Dick Clifford-blood clot after surgery-

recovery-Jim Fisher's brother-in-law;

Jan Geisz –ankle surg. recov./back issues;

Kay Svendgard – Cancer-Sue Volz's sister;

Linda Weedon-knee replacement recov.;

Ralph Johnson – Stroke recovery;

Shirley Lacey – Hospice care; Betty Hoyt's sister;

*Thomas Hawthorne/Kristina Gardner-personal issues-moving in with parents;

Wesley Robertson – born with heart

defect-possible upcoming surgery-

Dennis & Patra's grandson;

WCC SHUT-INS:

Room numbers available upon request from the church office.

Apostolic Christian Home – Eureka

Dean McDonald

Eli Fischer

Chapters Living of Washington

Audrey Kochenderfer

Barb Shipley

Charter Senior Living

Vicky Seal-Stephan Volz's mom

Evans Supportive Living – Pekin

Eleanor Tripp

Reflections Memory Care – Washington

Celia Adams

Snyder Village – Metamora

Maurine Collett

Hugh & Betty Patterson

Home

Jerry Keplinger

LOCAL MINISTRY PARTNERS:

- Snackpac
- WHIP
- My Sister's House
- Threads, Hope, and Love
- South Side Mission

SERMON NOTES

“Responding to God’s Love” – Malachi 1:1-5

GOD’S ESSENCE IS THE _____ OF HIS ENDURING LOVE.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8

Characteristic #1: Let’s remember God’s _____ love.

Malachi 1:1-3a

Luke 14:26

Matthew 10:37

Characteristic #2: Let’s remember God’s _____ love.

Malachi 1:3b-4

Characteristic #3: Let’s remember God’s _____ love.

Romans 8:29

Ephesians 1:3-5

Malachi 1:5

Galatians 3:8

Galatians 3:13-14

GOD’S ESSENCE IS THE _____ OF HIS ENDURING LOVE.

John 3:16

Vision: Love. Grow. Go.

Response #1: Let’s _____ God’s love with everyone.

Response #2: Let’s _____ fairness in our communities.

Response #3: Let’s _____ to participate in God’s work of salvation.