

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

Let's keep the DREAM ALIVE! Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU) in conjunction with the United Community Gospel Singers presents it 36<sup>th</sup> Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's Fellowship Dinner and Gospel Festival on TODAY--Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at IWU's Hansen Student Center. Mt. Pisgah's amazing Sunbeam Choir and the equally amazing Soul Rebels 4 Christ are featured guests. For more information, please scan the QR code or see our own, Sister Rachel Rusk.

The poster is framed by a colorful geometric border. It features the logos of Illinois Wesleyan University and the United Community Gospel Singers of Bloomington-Normal, IL. The main title is 'THE THIRTH-SIXTH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. NATIONAL HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER & GOSPEL FESTIVAL'. It lists the date as Sunday, January 18, 2026, from 3:00pm to 7:30pm at the IWU Hansen Student Center. A QR code is provided for ticket purchases. The poster also includes photos of the featured performers: Pastor Jerry Jones & The Fantastic Jones Family, Mt. Pisgah Sunbeam Choir, and Soul Rebels 4 Christ. Contact information for Julie Anderson and Barbara SimsMalone is provided, along with the website www.ntna.c.org.

**ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY** AND  
**THE UNITED COMMUNITY GOSPEL SINGERS OF BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILLINOIS**  
**Presents:**  
**THE THIRTH-SIXTH ANNUAL**  
**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**  
**NATIONAL HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER & GOSPEL FESTIVAL**  
**Sunday, January 18, 2026**  
**3:00pm—7:30pm**  
**IWU Hansen Student Center**  
**300 Beecher St., Bloomington, IL**  
**\* AMPLE FREE PARKING \***  
**3:00pm - 4:15pm**  
**National Holiday Fellowship Dinner**  
**(Scan to Buy Tickets)**  
**\$15 students & senior citizens**  
**\$30 Adults, kids 12&Under \$10)**  
**4:30pm –7:30pm**  
**36th Annual MLK Jr. Gospel Festival**  
**For more information: Contact**  
**(Illinois Wesleyan University) Julie Anderson,**  
**Chief Of Staff, Office of the President at**  
**(309-212-7274), E.K. Franks (985-687-4216) Or**  
**Barbara SimsMalone, Executive Director , United**  
**Community Gospel Singers of Bloomington-**  
**Normal, IL at (309-706-6638)**  
**Visit Us: [www.ntna.c.org](http://www.ntna.c.org)**  
**FEATURING:** The Fantastic Jones Family, Soul Rebels 4 Christ,  
Mt. Pisgah Sunbeam Choir, The Jesse White Tumblers, & The United Community Gospel Singers  
**\*Persons with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or need special arrangements please call (309) 556-3780**

*Founded by the Late Corine Garrett Sims Founder & President of the United Community Gospel Singers of Bloomington-Normal IL, Co-Organized by Illinois Wesleyan University*

**PASTOR JERRY JONES & THE FANTASTIC JONES FAMILY**

**MT. PISGAH SUNBEAM CHOIR**

**SOUL REBELS 4 CHRIST**

This announcement comes directly from the office of Deacon Moore:






He reminds us that God has been not just good to Mt. Pisgah, but God has been “better than good” to Mt. Pisgah! As such, a warm invitation is extended for Thursday Jan. 29, at 6:30pm to review and celebrate how God has blessed our church.

Ministry leaders, please submit your 2026 Slate of Officers to your Deacon Advisor prior to the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

This is the Annual Meeting where there is no business, just Food, Fun, and Fellowship! Remember to mark your calendars and tie a string around your finger, as we want to see your face...in the place on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Now, “go tell a friend...to tell a friend!”

The City of Bloomington presents a Black History Month Essay Contest, as they “Honor The Past, While Inspiring The Future!” The contest is open to all Bloomington elementary, middle and high school students. Scan the QR code for more information, as the deadline is Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, so please act now...and not later!



 **CITY OF**  
*Bloomington*  
ILLINOIS

## Human Relations Commission

OPEN TO ALL BLOOMINGTON  
RESIDENT STUDENTS

**3 CATEGORIES:**

- ELEMENTARY (GRADES 4-6)
- MIDDLE (GRADES 7-8)
- HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

**SUBMISSIONS DUE BY FEB. 13TH**  
**WINNERS ANNOUNCED FEB. 28TH**

**TO SUBMIT, PLEASE VISIT**  
[WWW.CITYBLM.ORG/ESSAYCONTEST](http://WWW.CITYBLM.ORG/ESSAYCONTEST)

**HONORING THE PAST INSPIRING THE FUTURE**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST**

THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON'S 2026 BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

**Chestnut Family Dental is going the extra mile by giving kids a smile! On Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., free dental services are available for anyone under the age of 18; however, you must register by visiting Chestnut's website.**





**GIVE KIDS  
A SMILE**



ADA American Dental Association

**CHESTNUT  
HEALTH SYSTEMS**  
CHESTNUT FAMILY DENTAL



Dental Exams



Cleanings



Fluoride  
Treatments



Sealants

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
**9 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

Chestnut Family Dental (720 W. Chestnut St.)

**FREE DENTAL SERVICES**  
**for anyone under age 18.**



**SCAN**

Register today by visiting  
[chestnut.org/give-kids-a-smile](http://chestnut.org/give-kids-a-smile)  
or call 888.924.3786

**Chestnut is also providing Behavioral Health and Psychiatry Walk-In Assessments, Monday through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.; however, appointments are recommended. For more information, please visit their website.**



## Behavioral Health and Psychiatry

# WALK-IN ASSESSMENTS

*Behavioral Health (substance use and mental health counseling)*

**Monday - Friday | 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

1003 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. | Bloomington, IL

*Adult Psychiatry\**

**Monday - Friday**

**8 - 10 a.m. and 1 - 3 p.m.**

702 West Chestnut St. | Bloomington, IL

\*Please allow for a minimum of two hours to complete an evaluation.  
Walk-in evaluation slots are limited and will be completed as our availability allows.

For appointment information or to schedule an appointment outside of walk-in hours, please call

**888.924.3786**

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**Valentine's Day is approaching and love is in the AIR! As such, The Western Avenue Community Center will host its Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Dinner...Music...and Door Prizes are all on the agenda, but visit their website, as RSVPs are due by February 10<sup>th</sup>!**



**Mount Pisgah, have we GREAT NEWS...that YOU CAN USE:**

Our Mt. Pisgah, and MAPS members, were celebrated on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at the 2026 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon! Several Mount Pisgah Members attended to celebrate



our own: Ms. Reland Carter, Ms. Gabrielle Johnson, Ms. River Stokes Dorsey, and Mr. Myles Tapley!



Mount Pisgah has nothing to prove, as our members are on the move!



Finally, Mount Pisgah, our own, Sister Jasmine Buckner would like to thank the congregation for supporting the 4th Annual Holiday Blessing Giveaway last month. Collectively, they were able to bless 107 families, as over 500 individuals shopped for gently used items, and 347 children received brand new toys from Toys for Tots. Let's take a peek at how Mount Pisgah made an indelible impact on our community! Audio-Visual, "TAKE IT AWAY!"

**PLEASE PLAY THE YOUTU.BE VIDEO (BY CLICKING ON EITHER LINK) AND ONCE IT STOPS, ALLOW REVEREND PEACHER'S CONCLUDING COMMENTS TO PLAY:**

[https://youtu.be/UYb2TQS\\_iSI?si=yVkF7V8z9M\\_Omx9l](https://youtu.be/UYb2TQS_iSI?si=yVkF7V8z9M_Omx9l)

[4th Annual Holiday Blessing Giveaway](#)



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