



**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*

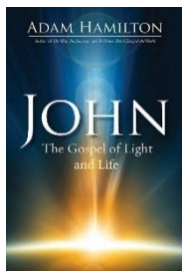


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# Events & Announcements

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We are beginning a new Lenten Pastor's Bible study on the Gospel of John this week. We will be meeting

- Tuesdays 7:00 P.M. at Winchester
- Wednesdays 10:00 A.M. at Wesley Chapel
- Thursdays 9:00 A.M. at White Hall

If you would like to donate the cost of the book, they are \$15. Sign up sheets are at each church if you would like to reserve one.



During the Season of Lent, you are invited to community devotional meals in both Winchester and White Hall. The Lenten Breakfasts in White Hall are at 6:30 A.M on Wednesdays. The Lenten Lunch gatherings in Winchester are at noon on Fridays. Schedules are as follows:

**White Hall Breakfasts:**

2/25 – First Baptist  
3/4 – First Presbyterian  
3/11 – All Saints Catholic  
3/18 – House of Restoration  
3/25 – Christ UMC  
4/1 – Gentle Shepherd

**Winchester Lunches:**

2/27 – St. Mark's Catholic  
3/6 – First Christian  
3/13 – Alsey Baptist  
3/20 – Winchester UMC  
3/27 – First Baptist  
Good Friday – Winchester UMC



The Winchester UMC Men's Group will be meeting next Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, for their normal breakfast meeting.

They will be holding their special Pancake and Sausage breakfast for the church and community on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 A.M.



The Winchester UMC Women's Group will be meeting on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> before worship at 8:00 A.M.

# Calendar

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## **Sunday, February 22**

- 8:30 Worship: Winchester UMC
- 9:30 Sunday School: Winchester UMC
- 9:30 Worship: Wesley Chapel
- 9:30 Sunday School: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 10:45 Sunday School: Wesley Chapel
- 10:45 Worship Christ UMC
- 2:00 Via De Christo Meets: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, February 23**

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC - Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 Worship Planning Meeting at Wesley Chapel
- 11:30 Free Lunch Program

## **Tuesday, February 24**

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 9 00 Staff Meeting at WUMC
- 2:00 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, February 25**

- 6:30 Community Lenten Breakfast @ First Baptist White Hall
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study – Wesley Chapel

## **Thursday, February 26**

- 9:00 Pastor's Bible Study – Christ UMC
- 1:00 NA Meets @ Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

## **Friday, February 27**

- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 Road to Redemption – St. Marks Catholic Church
- 7:00 NA Meets: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

## **Saturday, February 28**

- 9:00 Bible Reading Group
- 9:00 Coffee Fellowship: Christ UMC – Fellowship Hall

# Scripture

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## John 11:1-44

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."