

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00-5:00
Closed Friday

Pastor, Amanda Crice

Monday 9:00 - 3:30

Tuesday study out of the office

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00-4:00

Friday or Saturday: Sabbath depending on
the ministry needs of the week.

Discipleship & Spiritual Formation Director,

Karastin Hancock

Monday, Wed. & Thurs. 9:00-4:00

Tuesday work out of the office

Friday or Saturday: Sabbath depending
on the ministry needs of the week

Director of Music & Worship Arts,

Chrissy Hamilton

Monday & Wednesday 8:00-2:00

Sunday Worship 10:00

Director of Children, Jennifer Vincent

Monday 8:00-5:00 (ROOTS 3:00-5:00)

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00-11:00

Financial Secretary, Kathy Smith,

Wednesday 8:30-4:00

Administrative Assistant, Judy Mehan

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs 8:00-5:00

Building & Grounds Supervisor, Ken Hogan

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday 7:30-4:00

Chancel Choir Director, Robert Mancusi

Minister of Visitation, Bro. Randy Cooper

2024 Council Chair: Claire Wade

Lay Leader: Andy Lewter

Worship Chair: Vicki Smith

Nurture Chair: Caroline Ideus

Serve Chair: Mary Margaret Chester

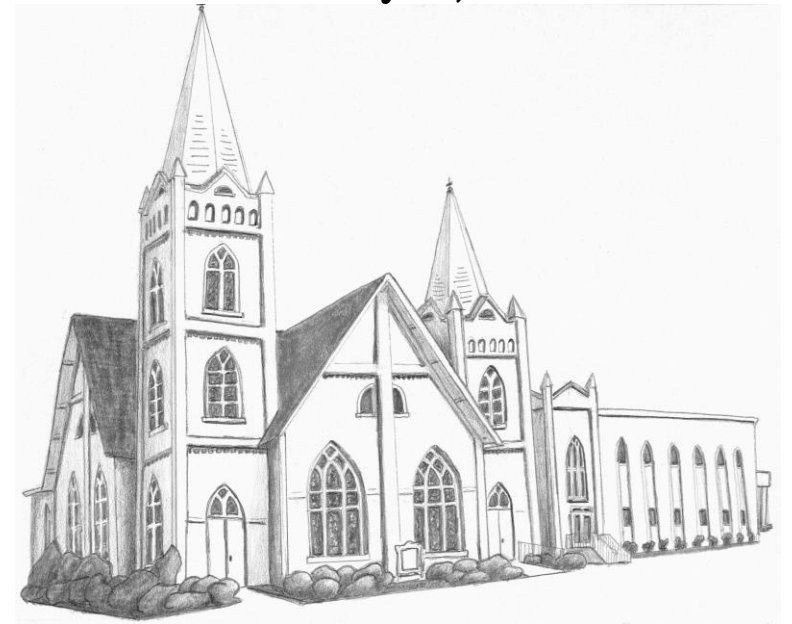
INTERCESSORY PRAYER CONCERNS: *We ask for your prayers and continued prayers for these we know of. Several more have asked us to keep their situations private. If God places someone's name on your heart, please consider sending a note or giving them a call.*

Ongoing Concerns: Discovery 2024 & our youth.

Devon & Amanda. Jackson. Leslie Morris. Mary Beard. Mack Thorton. Glenda Nanney. Angie Damron. Linda Davis. Helmut Wenz. Magen, Braden and Jase Cooper. Donna Webb. People in Israel and Palestine. Jean Vincent. Steve Mohler. Patsy Coates. Dale Overton. Dotsie Clifton. Bishop McAlilly. Marion Pitts. Dee Cannon. Jim & Jane Rea. Bella Mancusi. Aloha Prather. Rosemary Capers. Betty Henderson. Diane Broughton. Chris Smith. Donna Flynt. Pat Page. Paula Moore. Gail Smith. Kay Carroll. Peggy, Terry & Will King. Linda Hall. Marilucile Counce. Janice Noble. Keath Turner. Sarah Byars. Kristin Havener's son, Kaden. Jim & Gina Johnson. Karen Johnson. Gail Beard Yates. Janiece Peeler. Frances Brewer. Chris Bowman. Alan Moody. Bob Smith. District Superintendents Stephen Handy & Nancy Varden. We Care Ministries. UTM Wesley. Dresden UMC.

Prayers for Friends and Relatives: Jeff Stockton's dad, Sam Stockton. Susan Kilgas' friend, Sandi Spragins. Phil Wade's father, Jesse Wade. Jen Galey's mother, Janet Flynn. Mary Beard's friend, Jo Bargaquast. Dee Cannon's friend, Irene Pflueger. Allison Stockton's father, Ronnie Albright. Courtney Haley's friend's father, Brad Byars. Dee Cannon's friend, Ron Powers. Traci Bowlin's cousin, Kelly. Chris Bowman's father. Kim Turner's mother, Wilda Simmons. Dave Politte's brother, Alan. Kayci Borden's father, Gary Henline. Michael Johnson's aunt, Jennifer Johnson. Janice Noble's sister, Peggy. Roger Johnson's mother. Crawford & Nancy Gallimore. Amy Todd Brown. Renee LaFleur and Ricky Garlitz. Kristy Shumake's mother, Brenda Dublin. Rosemary Coleman's daughter-in-law's mother, Joyce Ashe. David Murphy. Peggy King's son-in-law, George Frels and friend, Leslie Justice.

Worship, Nurture and Serve in Love
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 28, 2024



ENTRANCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Amanda Crice

PRELUDE

Roger Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP *Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome*

OPENING PRAYER

Caroline Ideus

OPENING HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* **451**

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Caroline Ideus

GOSPEL **Mark 1:21-28**

ACT OF PRAISE *In This Very Room* **Choir**

CHILDREN’S SERMON **Pastor Amanda**

NEW TESTAMENT READING **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

SERMON **Karastin Hancock**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Pastor Amanda**

OFFERING
Offering steward: Patrick Stooksberry

DOXOLOGY

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

HYMN *Together We Serve* **2175**

BENEDICTION

We grieve with Betty Henderson, Ann Payne and family upon the death of Harry Henderson. Our prayers are with Charles Walker upon the death of his mother, Billie Sue Walker. We grieve with the family of Charline Freeman who died this week. Our prayers are with John Haley and family upon the death of his mother, Patsy.

Happenings

A 30 minute **Safe Sanctuary Training** is scheduled for Sunday, February 4 following worship in the sanctuary. All Discovery volunteers who did not attend the fall training are required to attend.

Everyone is invited to Martin FUMC Trivia Night next Sunday, February 4 at 5:30 pm. In the fellowship hall. Snacks will be provided. Lang Unger is the quiz master.

Christ-centered people who worship God, nurture disciples, and serve our neighbors with love.

Discovery 2024 is February 16, 17, & 18

- Discovery worship is Sunday, Feb. 18; the Spirit Line forms at 9:45 outside the church office.
- Discovery Prayer Service is Saturday, February 17 at 7:00 pm and open to all.
- T-shirts are \$15, Order sheets are in the narthex
- Discovery needs adult drivers to transport church youth to various locations. Contact Steve Vantrease – 731-431-1202
- The Discovery Leadership team members are Mike Hinds, Lee Pritchett, Staci Mancusi, and Pastor Amanda.

United Women in Faith Prayer Calendar

Mission Focus—USA
Anchorage, Alaska—
AK Child & Family

Mission Focus—International
Afghanistan—
Community-Based health & Development

Calendar

Sunday, January 28
11:15 Anti-Bulling Meeting/Pastor’s study
4:00 Hands for Him
5:00 Youth/FHall

Monday, January 29
2:30 ROOTS

Wednesday, January 31
5:30 Disciple 1 & 2
7:00 Choir/choir room

What is Discovery & Why are We so Excited

In August, 2002, five couples from our church went to Lake Junaluska for a Laity Conference - the Pritchetts, Hendersons, Barnetts, Nobles, and Hinds. The concept of Discovery began at this conference when Nancy Hinds attended a mini-session on Discovery led by Melodie Christoleer from Tuscaloosa, AL. Nancy encouraged the others to attend the session and they became enthusiastic too. Phyllis Pritchett, the Adult Ministries Coordinator at the time, asked Mike Hinds if he would direct the first Discovery Weekend. Liz Argo, the Youth Director, agreed to co-direct. Everyone who attended the conference would play a major role.

While our Steering Committee and other adults were busy organizing the weekend, the youth despite much encouragement were not signing up. Melodie Christoleer was coming to Martin to train the Discovery team. To encourage attendance at the meeting presenting the concept, the youth were offered a free pass to Cine theater and Tom Noble contributed \$100 as a door prize for the day. The youth attended and were convinced.

Finding a date presented a problem and several had to be eliminated due to conflicts with other activities. Our Steering Committee did not know what to do. Brad Winstead, a college student, who was helping with the youth, reportedly commented, "You know, the devil is right outside that door, listening to this and hoping we cancel." The committee found a weekend!!! FUMC's first Discovery Weekend was in March 2003.

Shortly before Discovery Weekend one of the church members, Fred Vowell, died. His funeral would be in the sanctuary the Saturday of Discovery. Many activities were planned for the sanctuary and there was some concern on how this would work. The youth were wonderful and honored Mr. Vowell by standing at attention along the sidewalk as the funeral procession left the church for the cemetery. Nancy Hinds commented that "God's hand and His blessings have been on Discovery ever since."

By Janice Merryman