

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

**Pastor,** Amanda Crice  
Monday 9:00 - 3:30; Tues. 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

**Pastor of Students & Nurture,** Bryant Fisher  
Monday,

**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:** Mindy Schmidt. David Reed. Don Clements. Ryan Martin. Sandra Powell. Bobby Wright. Donna Webb. Camille Legins. Dee Cannon. Wally Crider. Devon & Amanda Jackson. Leslie Morris. Mary Beard. Mack Thorton. Glenda Nanney. Angie Damron. Linda Davis. Helmut Wenz. Magen, Braden and Jase Cooper. People in Israel and Palestine. Jean Vincent. Steve Mohler. Patsy Coates. Dale Overton. Dotsie Clifton. Bishop McAlilly. Marion Pitts. Jim & Jane Rea. Bella Mancusi. 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. Gail Beard Yates. Janiece Peeler. Frances Brewer. Chris Bowman. Alan Moody. Bob Smith. District Superintendents Stephen Handy & Nancy Varden. We Care Ministries. UTM Wesley. resden UMC.

**Prayers for Friends and Relatives:** Shantelle Gilliam's mother, JoAnn Brown. Dave Politte's son, Carrington Politte. Bill & Claudia Porter's daughter. 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 Bargaenquast. 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' 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.

**Martin First United Methodist Church**  
**Worship, Nurture and Serve in Love**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 17, 2024**



**ENTRANCE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Amanda Crice**

**PRELUDE**

**Roger Johnson**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Come Thou Fount* **Handbell Choir**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Bryant Fisher**  
**Pastor of Students & Nurture**

**OPENING HYMN** *Lord, I Want to be a Christian* **402**

**PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Bryant Fisher**

**GOSPEL** **Matthew 16:21-23, Matthew 18:15-22**

ACT OF PRAISE      *March Royale*      **Handbell Choir**  
CHILDREN’S SERMON      **Pastor Amanda**  
  
SERMON      **Pastor Amanda**  
  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE      **Pastor Amanda**  
  
**Psalm 119:9-16**

**OFFERING**  
*Offering steward: John Haley*

MUSIC      *Humble Prayer*      **Handbell Choir**

DOXOLOGY  
**THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION**

HOLY COMMUNION

**SENDING FORTH**

HYMN      *Have Thine Own Way*      **382**

**BENEDICTION**

**Handbell Choir:** Carla Field, Sophia Mancusi, Amelia Stooksberry, Liam Sallee, Staci Mancusi, Alicia Pinto, Laura Toney, Daniel Mancusi, John Sallee, Chrissy Hamilton, Mary Ellen Stooksberry

**Thank You**  
Dear church family,  
My family and I really appreciate your constant contact, texts, phone calls, contributions and sympathy cards after the recent passing of my Mother, Sarah Rice, of Union City. No doubt your prayers and encouraging words helped me through the sad times.  
Thanks again and may God bless each of us,  
*Sandra Powell*

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

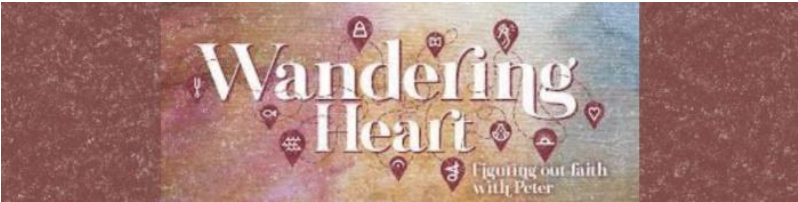
**HAPPENINGS**

Through March 24, **a love offering** will be taken up for Mona, guide to our Holy Land team last fall. You can contribute in person at the office or include in Sunday’s offering.

If you’d like to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter by donating an **Easter Lily plant** in memory or in honor of a loved one, a plant is \$20. Deadline is Tues. March 26<sup>th</sup>.



Trained **Stephen Ministers** are available if you need someone to talk to. Contact Pastor Amanda.



You can still join an online or in person **Lenten Small Group** studying “Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter.”

| Time             |            | Leader               |
|------------------|------------|----------------------|
| 7 am daily M-F   | Zoom       | Shirley Borden       |
| 7 am Monday      | Her home   | Janice Noble         |
| 6 pm Tuesday     | Zoom       | Sullivan Stooksberry |
| 6:30 pm Tuesday  | Her home   | Bethany Wolters      |
| 11 am Wednesday  | parlor     | Karastin Hancock     |
| 7 pm Thursday    | parlor     | Leslie Ary           |
| 7:30 pm Thursday | Zoom       | Ethan Freese         |
| 3:00 pm Sunday   | Wesley UTM | Community Pastors    |

**Memorials & Honorariums**  
**Honoring and remembering those we love...**  
**Budget in memory of** Sarah Rice, Billie Sue Walker, Bob & Betty Cheeseman, Matt Wright

**Calendar**

**Sunday, March 17**  
3:00 Lenten Small Group/Wesley at UTM  
Orchestra/Sanctuary  
4:00 Hands for Him  
5:00 Youth  
Church Council/FHall  
**Monday, March 18**  
12:15 AMP Lunch & Program  
3:00 ROOTS  
**Wednesday, March 20**  
6:45 United Methodist Men/FHall  
9:30 Bazaar Workshop  
5:30 Disciple 1 & 2  
7:00 Choir/choir room  
**Saturday, March 23**  
8-12 Church Wide Serve Day

**Holy Week Noon Services**  
**Monday** Trinity Presbyterian  
**Tuesday** Wesley at UTM  
**Friday** Here

**Thursday, March 28**  
6:30 Maundy Thursday/Trinity Presbyterian  
**Friday, March 29**  
6:30 Good Friday service at McCabe UMC  
**Sunday, March 31 Easter**  
**6:00 Sunrise Service**  
**10:00 Worship in sanctuary**  
4:00 Easter Friends Potluck/FHall



**United Women in Faith  
Prayer Calendar**

**Mission Focus—USA**  
Winston-Salem, North Caroline—Bethlehem Community Center  
**Mission Focus—International**  
Nepal—Lester and Debbie Dornon, Tansen hospital