

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8-12 & 1-5
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 church

**Discipleship & Spiritual Formation Director,
Karastin Hancock**

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday, 9:00-4:00
Tuesday work out of the office
Friday, or Saturday Sabbath depending
On the ministry needs of the church
Sunday: open

**Director of Music & Worship Arts,
Chrissy Hamilton**

Monday & Wednesday 8:00-2:00
Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00-2:15 Kids Day Out
Sunday Worship 10:00

Pastor of Students & Nurture, Bryant Fisher

Monday, 8:30-4:00,
Tuesday, 9:00-4:00,
Wednesday, 7:30-2:30,
Thursday, work out of the office
Friday: Sabbath

Director of Children, Jennifer Vincent

Monday 8:00-5:00 (ROOTS 3:00-5:00 starting Sept. 9)
Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00-11:00

Financial Secretary, Kathy Smith,
Wednesday 8:30-4:00

Administrative Assistant, Judy Mehan

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00-5:00
Lunch 12:00-1:00

Building & Grounds Supervisor, Ken Hogan

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
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: Kayci, Matt, Blair, Collins Kate & Charli Grace Borden. Dale Overton. Steve Lemond. Amy Fisher. Bro. Randy Cooper. Stephanie Mueller. Chris & Kathy Smith. Carol & Dave Politte. Mary Beard. David Reed. Don Clements. Donna Webb. Dee Cannon. Wally Crider. Leslie Morris. Linda Davis. Magen, Braden and Jase Cooper. People in Israel and Palestine. Steve Mohler. Patsy Coates. Marion Pitts. Rosemary Capers. Diane Broughton. Donna Flynt. Paula Moore. Bob & Kay Carroll. Will King. Janice Noble. Keath Turner. Kristen Havener's son, Kaden. Jim & Gina Johnson. Gail Beard Yates. Frances Brewer. District Superintendents Stephen Handy & Nancy Varden. We Care Ministries. UTM Wesley – Mollie June Miller & Megan Lewter. Dresden UMC. Exceptional Worship.

Prayers for Friends and Relatives: Mary Beard's grandson, Andrew Beard. Michael Johnson's father, Jerry. Joe Stroud & Naomi & David. Karen Hester. Phil Wade's father, Jesse. Family of Anne Spencer. Dee Cannon's friend, Amy Garner. Jeff Stockton's dad, Sam Stockton. Jen Galey's mother, Janet Flynn. Chris Bowman's father. Kim Turner's mother, Wilda Simmons. Dave Politte's brother, Alan. Janice Noble's sister, Peggy. Roger Johnson's mother. Crawford & Nancy Gallimore. Renee LaFleur and Ricky Garlitz. Kristy Shumake's mother, Brenda Dublin.

Van Ayer: Bob Smith, Patsy Coates, Don Clements
Arbors: Linda Hall.

Weakley County Nursing: Alan Moody, Jean Vincent, Peggy King.

Greenbrier Residential: Sarah Byars, Bev Eaton.

At Home: Mary Vowell, Janiece Peeler, Marilucile Counce, Jane & Jim Rea, Sue Wright.

Away: Bertha Lou Smith, Betty Henderson.

**Martin First United Methodist Church
Worship, Nurture and Serve in Love
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024**



ENTRANCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Karastin Hancock

PRELUDE

TJ Franklin

CALL TO WORSHIP *Goodness of God*

OPENING PRAYER

Xochi Gutierrez

OPENING HYMN *Open My Eyes, That I May See* **454**

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Xochi Gutierrez

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:10-17

ACT OF PRAISE *In the Valley (Bless the Lord)* **Choir**

CHILDREN SERMON

Pastor Bryant Fisher

SERMON

Pastor Bryant

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Bryant

OFFERING

Offering Stewards: *Lee Pritchett*

SENDING FORTH

HYMN *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

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BENEDICTION

HAPPENINGS

Volunteers & donations are needed for **Faith & Family night at the Soybean Festival** on Wednesday, September 4th. Come 3:30 to 5 to wrap hot dogs at the We Care booth, 4-5 to set up our booth, or 5-6 or 6-7 to serve at our booth. Bring your favorite toppings for the popcorn bar.

Come worship with **Wesley of UTM** students, every Wednesday night at 6:00 pm during the school year. (312 Lovelace St.) If you'd like to provide a meal for students, you can sign up through the meal train link in church emails or call the church office.



Exceptional Worship is Sunday September 8 at 2.

Next Sunday Sept. 8 at 4:00 **Hands for Him Ministry** weekly rehearsals begin in the choir room on the 2nd floor. No experience is necessary. All ages welcome. For more info, contact Staci Mancusi.

Disciple Bible Study begins September 10 & 11! Disciple 1 taught by Jim Byford will meet every Wednesday from 5:30-7. Disciple 2 under the instruction of Jenise Butler will gather Tuesdays 5:30-7. Mike Hinds will instruct Disciple 3 students on Wednesday 5:30-7.

The Vineyard discussion group is taking a break until the weather is more comfortable to be back at Beau Monde Vineyard.

Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday at 7 pm in the choir room. All are welcome. Choir sings in worship September – May. Talk to Chrissy Hamilton.

CHRIST-CENTERED PEOPLE WHO WORSHIP GOD, NURTURE DISCIPLES, AND SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS WITH LOVE

WANTED: “Happy Meal” toys or small toys for Halloween Carnival prizes. Please drop in basket in hall outside office. The Halloween Carnival is Oct. 31.

TLC! Today's Loving Caregivers are needed to care for God's precious little ones in the nursery on Sunday mornings. To serve, contact Jennifer Vincent, Lindy Johnson or the office.

United Women of Faith's Prayer Calendar Mission Focus—USA

Mission Focus—USA

San Diego, California—Linda Vista United Methodist Church

Mission Focus—International

Tanzania—Tanzania Women Development, Orphans and Vulnerable Children Schools

Calendar

Sunday, September 1

5:00 No Youth

Monday, September 2 Labor Day

Church office closed

Wednesday, September 4

6:45 United Methodist Men/FHall

9:30 Bazaar Workshop

Wee-Ones Wednesday

5:00 Faith & Family Night/Lindell St.

5:15 Wesley UTM free dinner

6:00 Worship at Wesley UTM on Lovelace

7:00 Choir

Memorials & Honorariums

Honoring and remembering those we love...

Children Library in memory of Bob & Betty Cheeseman



Thank you to everyone who came out to serve dinner to the Westview Band before the first football game. Thank you to those who made monetary donations toward the meal!

Great food and fellowship and a big win for the Chargers!