

**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 Sabbath

Director of Music & Worship Arts,

Chrissy Hamilton

Monday & Wednesday 8:00-2:00

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00-2:15 KDO

Pastor of Students & Nurture, Bryant Fisher

Mon. 8:30-4:00; Tues. 9:00-4:00

Wed. 7:30-2:30, Thurs. out of office

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. 8-12 & 1-5

Building & Grounds Supervisor, Ken Hogan

Monday -Friday 7:30-4:00

Chancel Choir Director, Robert Mancusi

Minister of Visitation, Bro. Randy Cooper

Wesley of UTM Director: Mollie June Miller

Mon. 9-12 & 3-7; Wed. 1-7; Thurs. 11-3

Wesley of UTM Assist. Director: Megan

Lewter Mon.-Thurs. 9:00-12:00

2024 Council Chair: Claire Wade

Lay Leader: Andy Lewter

Worship Chair: Gayle Emro-Cooper

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: All impacted by Hurricane Helene & Milton. Doug Owens & family. Tracy Trogdon. Charlotte May. Andy Lewter. Walton West. Jamie Babb. Penny Knipper. Susan Kilgas. Herman & Vicki Smith. Wally & Linda Crider. Linda Davis. Glenda Nanney. Doris Jackson. Jake, Caroline & Josie Claire Reynolds. Carter Unger. Sarah Byars. Greg Moore. Teddy, Tanner & Stevie Owensby. Richard Guthrie. Bryant, Amy, Ella, Jack & Julia Fisher. Steve Lemond. Stephanie Mueller. Chris Smith. Carol & Dave Politte. Mary Beard. David & Carol Reed. Don Clements. Donna Webb. Wally Crider. Leslie Morris. 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. 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: Bill Porter's sister-in-law, Debra Porter. Amanda Jackson's colleague, Jolene. Allen Beard's father-in-law, David. Mona Abu El-assal and family. Doug Owens's mother, Mary. Katharina Speelman. Robert Lovell's mother, Joyce Lovell. Mary Beard's daughter-in-law Patrea Beard. Michael Johnson's father, Jerry. Karen Hester. Dee Cannon's friends, Amy Garner & Jeff Wright. Jeff Stockton's dad, Sam Stockton. Jen Galey's mother, Janet Flynn. Chris Bowman's father. 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 Ager: Bob Smith, Patsy Coates, Don Clements, Sarah Byars

Arbors: Linda Hall.

Weakley County Nursing: Alan Moody, Jean Vincent

Greenbrier Residential: Bev Eaton.

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

Martin First United Methodist Church

Worship, Nurture and Serve in Love

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024**



ENTRANCE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bryant Fisher

PRELUDE

Come, O Come Emmanuel

John & Liam Sallee

CALL TO WORSHIP *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

ROOTS KIDS

OPENING PRAYER

UTM Wesley

OPENING HYMN *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* **224**

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Ancient Words

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 58:9-12

ANTHEM

Come O Come Emmanuel

Choir

CHILDREN SERMON



ADVENT WREATH

UTM Wesley

GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-16

SERMON

Pastor Amanda

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Amanda

OFFERING *The Servant Song*
Offering Steward: Lee Pritchett

DOXOLOGY

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

MUSICAL OFFERING *The Lord's Prayer*
Hands for Him

We grieve with Doug Owens and family upon the death of his mother, Mary Owens.

HAPPENING

The **holiday orchestra** practices today at 3:00 in the sanctuary and **Hands for Him** at 4:00.

For **December's Communion offering**, choose your favorite ministry from Grace Place Prison Ministry, Project 20/20, Reelfoot Rural Ministry, Dayshore Summer Children's Camp, Wesley Senior/Golden Cross, UMCOR, Lakeshore Camp & Retreat Center, Kids Day Out, We Care Ministry, Weakley County Backpack and/or Hunters for the Hungry.

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

Today is the deadline to place a **poinsettia plant** in the sanctuary. A plant is \$20. An acknowledgement is sent, if a name and address is included on the form.

Join us for the **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at 5:00 in the sanctuary. The church office will be closed December 24 through January 5.

The Worship Committee wants to include our church family's **favorite hymns** in Dec. 29th service. Drop your request in the jar outside the church office.

2025

A **Celebration of Life of Peggy King** will be held on Thursday, January 9th, from 3:00-6:00 at her home, 280 Dunlap Rd., Martin.

Let's celebrate your birthday and as well as everyone else at the **Churchwide Birthday Party** on Sunday, January 12th at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.

Youth's DISCOVEY WEEKEND 2025 is February 14-16. This is the greatest weekend known to all! Sign up today and get ready for the music, the talks, the activities, the food, and the fellowship!

United Women in Faith
Prayer Calendar
Mission Focus—USA
Key West, Florida—Wesley House Family Services
Mission Focus—International
Liberia—Brighter Future Children Rescue Center Program

Calendar
Sunday, December 15
3:00 Holiday Orchestra/sanctuary
4:00 Hands for Him
5-7 Live Nativity
Monday, December 16
3:00 ROOTS Last one for 2024
Tuesday, December 17
9:30 Wee Ones
5:30 Disciple 2 with Jenise Butler
Wednesday, December 18
6:45 United Methodist Men/Parlor
5:30 Disciple 1 & 3
7:00 Choir

Save the date!
• Live Nativity – December 15 5:00-7:00 pm
• **Christmas Eve Service 5:00**
• Church Closed Dec. 24 – Jan. 5

Memorials & Honorariums
Honoring and remembering those we love

Budget in honor of Mike & Nancy Hinds, Randy & Gayle Cooper, Kevin & Cindy Hammond, Cooper & Marilyn Johnson
Youth in memory of Zach Stripling
Wesley Foundation of UTM in memory of Bob & Betty Cheeseman