

**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8-12 & 1-4  
8-12 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

**Office and Ministry Coordinator,** Jerry

Wicker

Mon.-Thurs. 8-12 & 1-4; Fri. 8-12

**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. Warren Nanney, Doug Owens & family. Tracy Trogdon. Charlotte May. 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. 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 Ayer:** 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**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 22, 2024**



**ENTRANCE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Bryant Fisher**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Nova, nova. Ave fit ex Eva*

**Bob Peckham**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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**PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

*Ancient Words*

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

**ANTHEM**

*Calypso Gloria*

**Choir**

**CHILDREN SERMON**

**ADVENT WREATH**                      **Rose Family**  
**GOSPEL**                                **Luke 1:46-55**  
**SERMON**                                **Pastor Amanda**  
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**        **Pastor Amanda**

**OFFERING**  
*Offering Steward: Greg Moore*

**DOXOLOGY**

**THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION**

**SENDING FORTH**

**CLOSING HYMN**    *What Child is This*                      **219**

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**SPECIAL MUSICIANS TODAY:**    *Carla Field, Alicia Pinto, Charlie Walden, Chrissy Hamilton*

**HAPPENINGS**

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

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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.

**2025**  
A **Celebration of Life of Peggy King** will be held on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.

**Youth's DISCOVERY 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!

**Memorials & Honorariums**  
**Honoring and remembering those we love**

**Budget in memory of** Jimmy Jackson, Dale Overton, Walter Nanney

**Budget in honor of** Amanda & Justin Crice, Randy & Gayle Cooper, Judy Mehan, Alicia Pinto

**Children's Ministry in honor of** Jennifer Vincent, Phyllis Pritchett, Alicia Pinto

**Music in memory of** Jimmy Jackson, Mary Owens

**Weakley County Backpack in memory of** Bob & Betty Cheeseman

**United Women in Faith**

**Prayer Calendar**  
**Mission Focus—USA**  
Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin

**Mission Focus—International**  
Liberia—Bishop Judith Craig Children Village

**Calendar**

**Tuesday, December 24**  
5:00 Christmas Eve Service

We extend our gratitude to our Administrative Assistant, Judy Mehan for her 13 years of faithful service at Martin FUMC. We wish her all the best in retirement. Judy's last day with us is Monday, December 23.