

Martin United
Methodist Church
WEEKLY
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NEWS





2019 Special Session
General Conference

**WHAT
DO YOU
NEED TO
KNOW**



INFORMATION SESSION

*and Q&A
with Dr. Bob Holloway*



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16 JANUARY • 6:00 PM
IN THE SANCTUARY
FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER
SERVED 4:45-5:45 PM
IN WOOTON HALL
NO RSVP NEEDED
NURSERY AVAILABLE





SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.
JANUARY 20TH - FEBRUARY 24TH

DRAWN IN

Creativity.

You've either got it, or you don't, right? You're right-brained or left-brained, into art or into computer science, a painter or a mathematician. Creative folks do creative things, like paint, write, and walk barefoot through the woods. Non-creative folks do non-creative things, like make spreadsheets and money. That's the way we are created, right?

Wrong.

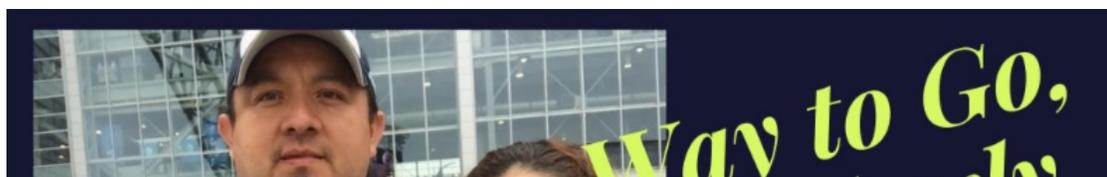
The reality is that everyone is creative. It is part of the very fiber of our being. All of us were made to be creative people. This truth is plainly stated in Genesis 1:27, which says: "God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them."

Think about it: God, the greatest of all creators, the One who imagined the zebra, and the duck-billed platypus, and the sloth, made us in the Divine image. The image of God has been stamped upon us. Each of us: every man, woman, and child has been created to be creative. You *have* creative gifts. Your church needs your creative gifts. Your family needs your creative gifts. Your friends need your creative gifts. You have gifts that no one else has.

We are beginning a new Sunday morning series this week called DRAWN IN. If you are reading this and thinking, "Yes, everything I just read is true!" then come explore how to move intentionally into the creativity of God that dwells within you. But, if you are reading this and thinking, "I don't buy it; I don't have a creative bone in my body!" then come and discover what you may never have before considered. I promise, whether you are an artist or an accountant, you will be challenged by the invitation to co-create. Explore God's Word and let your soul wander for a bit in the realm of possibility. You might be surprised what dynamic things come of it!

I'm looking forward to sharing the journey with you!

Peace and grace,
Pastor Lara

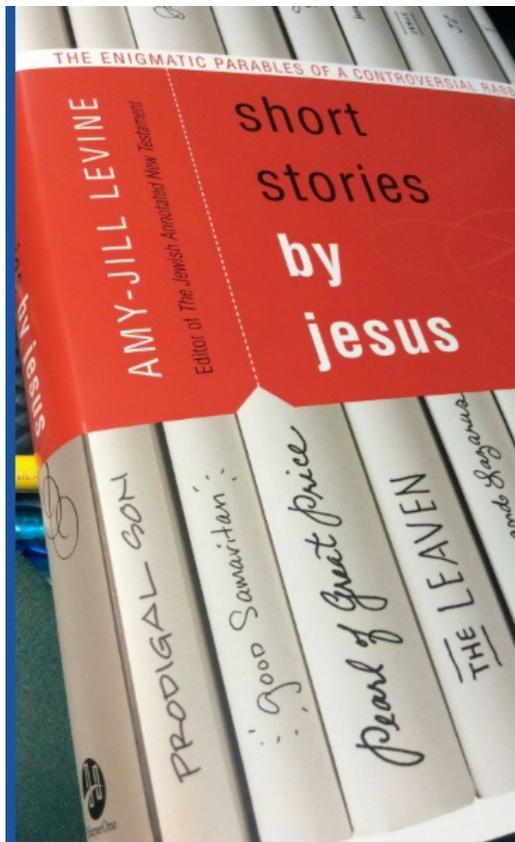




Meet Kimberly Cruz!

Kimberly with her parents and brother (she's the one with the big smile!)

Kimberly is a senior and one of "our" Bridgeswork youth. She has been selected by a local university to receive a full ride scholarship awarded to a student because of his or her Christian service. In her application essay, Kimberly shared her witness of four years of mission work with BridgesWork and Martin UMC. She is a reminder that every child has unlimited potential. When you support the mission trip cake auction you help make a dream a reality. Well done, everyone! – Pastor Lara



A NEW STUDY BEGINS
NEXT WEEK - JAN 23

WEDNESDAYS WITH PASTOR LARA

"Short Stories by Jesus:
The Enigmatic Parables
of a Controversial Rabbi"

Apple Corps Classroom
6:00-7:00 pm

* EACH SESSION STANDS ALONE



JANUARY 12

RAMP REFURBISH

THE CLIENT WAS A 77 YEAR OLD MAN WHO'D HAD MOBILITY ISSUES FOR QUITE SOME TIME.



LOVING GOD. LOVING OTHERS.

BLESSINGS

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abound
If you have not submitted a
2019 Estimate of Giving,
please consider doing so.

We are so very close to
underwriting the first "fully
inclusive budget" Martin has
had in quite some time.

Be part of the Spirit's work!



**EACH LETTER OF BLESSINGS = \$100,000
TOWARD THE MARTIN MINISTRY PLAN**

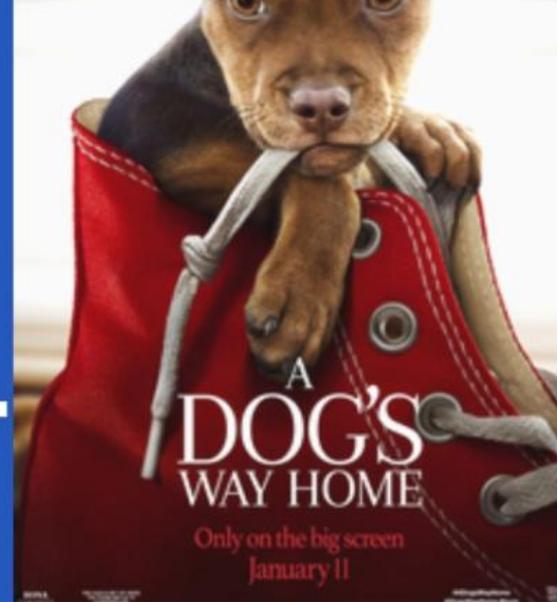
JANUARY 27TH

FROM THE BELOVED BEST-SELLING AUTHOR OF A DOG'S PURPOSE
A lot can happen between lost and found.



CLUB 456

Night at the Movies
For Kids in 4th-6th Grades
Time TBA
Cost \$15



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

LEARNING LINK
AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING
READING AND MATH TUTORING, SNACK,
AND FUN! 1ST-6TH GRADE
4:00-6:00 P.M.

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MUSIC AND MISSION
FOR KIDS PRE-K THROUGH 6TH GRADE
WEDNESDAYS 6:00-7:00 P.M.



Learning Link
After School
Tutoring



MARTIN UMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS PROVIDING HOMEWORK HELP AND TUTORING FOR KIDS K-6TH GRADE. SERVANTS ARE NEEDED TO FOR THIS MINISTRY ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 4:00PM-6:00PM

Email Terre McGill at terrem@martinmethodist.org to find out how you can get involved.

TWIG

BRANCHES is about to come home from our "Around the World in 80 Days (or so) trip. We'll be looking at the beliefs of Quakers and of Unitarians this Sunday. Join us! We'll then begin our look at "Why We Believe What WE Believe" on January 20th. Stay tuned for more details.



Thanks to all who have donated "Cornerments" so far! BRANCHES will be collecting them through the year to sell at Lord's Acre. Please consider donating a new ornament or small (ornament-sized) decoration. We will donate any used items we receive and will be passing the larger new items on to the Silent Auction. You can leave them in the CORNER of our B4 classroom.

BackPack Food Ministry at Martin

When we returned from the Winter Break, some of our families had moved so I sent out letters with a permission slip inviting some new families to join our program. I just had to share an email response from a single mom of two students who are newly joining our weekend backpack program.



Awesome!!! I signed it and they will bring it in the morning to y'all, HUGEEEE BLESSING!! Thank y'all soooooo much for being very supportive! Hugs! When I read it I almost had tears in my eyes.. it's the little things in life that I love the most! Thanks again!

*Sincerely,
A Single Mom
(Joseph & Jane's Mom)*

We are always taking food donations. You can drop them in Room B6 or the church office. If you would like to assist with preparing backpacks some Wednesday, please contact [Denise Campbell](#)

JOIN US THIS
SUNDAY

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YOUTH THIS SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 am - Heroes and Saviors
(David's Pride)
5 pm - 7pm UMYF

MINI

mission trip

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Mini Mission with FUMC Euless and Bedford
Saturday, January 19th
9am - 3pm Meet at FUMC Bedford

Details will be sent via email

Peacemakers Quilting Group
Every Monday 10 a.m. - 1p.m.
Room B7

Bring your lunch, bring your project.

Women's
BIBLE STUDY

Various studies and times during the year. Tuesday evenings.

FELLOWSHIP AT MARTIN

WOMEN'S
ACTIVITIES

Check out the full list



Morning Glory Circle
First Wednesday of
the month
9:30-11 a.m.
C11a



Peacemakers Quilting Group
Every Tuesday
Noon to 3 p.m.
Room B7



MARTIN UNITED METHODIST

MEN'S
BIBLE

STUDY CLASS

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!

Every Tuesday morning
from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM
Room B7

Bring food if you wish. Coffee is provided. Study Book \$7

Knowing the Bible Series: JOB 1/8-3/26



Give the gift of flowers to those on our weekly prayer list & have a special event recognized in the bulletin. Stop by the office to fill out the floral book, or email deannam@martinmethodist.org

Sanctuary Floral Arrangements 2019

\$35.00 per arrangement





Prayer Concerns

Members:

Noel Arnold, Glen Dow, David Fyfe, Bill Hopton, Kyle Kunz, Jane Hopton, Susan McCumber, Catherine Ross, James Shepherd, Joe Turner

Family & Friends:

Alan Blakeman, Twila Boyd, Gwen Caylor, Todd Chalk, Edgar Hough, Arlene Johnston, Susan Lee & family, Melodie & Clovis, James Mitchell, Sandee Montignani, Larry & Sheryl Nickols, Kristin Norenberg, Brenda Pardun and the family of Peter Pardun, Susan Bykowski Ramey, Phyllis & Pat Spencer, Dr. Terry Welke, Andrew Yoro, J.R. Yoro, Lindsay Yoro, Christy Young