



Christmas Happenings AT WHUMC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
SIDEWALK SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION (WESTWAY)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
• CANTATA @ 2:30PM (TRINITY UMC)
• IN PLACE OF POINSETTIA FORMS
DUE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
WHUMC ACADEMY CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM @ 9AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
• SPECIAL OFFERING, METHODIST
CHILDREN'S HOME
• BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE @ 3PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
4PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
INCLUDING NO-REHEARSAL CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT FOR ALL KIDS/YOUTH IN ATTENDANCE
11PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION

DECEMBER 25-27
WHUMC OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
ONE WORSHIP @ 10AM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31
• LAST DAY TO POSTMARK END OF
YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS
• WHUMC OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5
BE LOVE SERMON SERIES BEGINS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
BEGINS (SALT)



Trinity-First UMC and
Western Hills UMC
Sanctuary Choirs
present their annual
Christmas Cantata



Heaven's Child

by Pepper Choplin

Featuring the Quintessential
Brass

Musical Directors: John Eby
and Nancy Bickley

DEC. 15, 2019 • 2:30 PM
TRINITY-FIRST UMC
801 N MESA ST

Contact the church office for a
parking map 915.533.2674

FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR SUNDAY
BULLETIN OR AT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

IN PLACE OF POINSETTIAS

\$20 PROVIDES ONE MEAL
FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE



\$20



December Special Offerings

DECEMBER 15—SOBREMESA

Monies raised for In Place of
Poinsettia orders will go to
support WHUMC's Sobremesa
ministry. A \$20 donation
provides one meal for a family of five.



Methodist Children's Home
Offering Hope Since 1890

DECEMBER 22—

METHODIST

CHILDREN'S HOME

Methodist Children's Home

serves children and youth through residential pro-
grams, transition services, foster care and a variety of
community based programs throughout Texas and
New Mexico.

DECEMBER 29— UMCOR BIRTHING KITS



Noisy Offering. Your change can make a change
in the lives of women across the world who benefit
from the UMCOR birthing kits.

Blue Christmas

a service of healing and hope



December 22nd
3:00PM



**KEEP THE
STAR PICTURES
COMING**

PICTURES CAN BE SENT TO
MINDY@WESTERNHILLSEP.ORG



Christmas Eve Services

4:00PM SERVICE

OUR 4:00PM SERVICE WILL INCLUDE
A SPECIAL NO-REHEARSAL
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT.
ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH
ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

11:00PM SERVICE

CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION



WHUMC Office
Holiday Closures

DECEMBER 25TH
26TH & 27TH
AND
DECEMBER 31ST
JANUARY 1ST

SUNDAY WORSHIP

DECEMBER 29 AT 10:00AM

THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS WE WILL
JOIN TOGETHER FOR ONE SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10AM.
THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASSES AND NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH.



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ONLINE

END OF YEAR GIVING

POSTMARK DONATIONS
NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31ST



*And the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us, and we have
seen his glory, glory as of the
only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS JANUARY 5

BE LOVE

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR A JESUS FOCUSED LIFE

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
BEGINS JANUARY 12

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SHARING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

SUNDAYS @ 9:45AM * ROOM C6

A VIDEO AND DISCUSSION BASED
ROUND TABLE CONVERSATION FORMAT

CLASS DESIGNED FOR COUPLES WHO STILL HAVE
CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME – BUT ALL ARE WELCOME.

An encouraging place to nourish spirits and
discover ways to connect with our faith and
build community despite our busy schedules.

"YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH... YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD... LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS,
THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. MATTHEW 5:13-16

Did you know that you can use your IRA to fund charitable giving to Western Hills UMC?

What is the IRA Charitable Rollover?

At the end of 2015, federal legislation was passed making the IRA direct charitable rollover gift option permanent. The law allows "senior" charitably minded individuals a golden opportunity to make gifts directly from their IRAs and exclude the amount of their gift from gross income. Persons over the age of 70 ½ may make a gift to their church directly from their IRA, which counts toward their required minimum distribution, without including the distribution as personal income.

Criteria:

- You must be 70 ½ or older when the transfer is made.
- The transfer must go directly from your IRA administrator to your church.
- Rollover gifts are limited to \$100,000 per taxpayer per year. If married, and each spouse has an IRA, then each may gift up to \$100,000.
- The gift counts toward your IRA required minimum distribution.
- The distribution is not reported as income, so there is no adverse income tax effect.
- Gifts must be outright: not to donor advised funds, charitable remainder trusts, or for charitable gift annuities. Gifts can fulfill your local church pledge.

What Motivates an IRA Rollover?

- Those who DO NOT want to increase their adjusted gross income with the required minimum distribution (RMD), and thereby triggering additional income tax liabilities
- Donors who don't need all or part of the RMD to maintain their lifestyle
- Those who would like to make a significant gift or fulfill a pledge, but are faced with the percentage of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limitation for charitable contributions. Or, the donor has already exhausted their limitation on annual charitable deductions
- Donors who make annual gifts but DO NOT itemize, so they cannot use the charitable income tax deduction
- Donors who wish to remove assets from their future taxable estate

Considering a Charitable Rollover?

Please note that IRA Charitable Rollovers must be completed before year's end to benefit you on this year's tax returns. Talk with your financial or tax advisors soon, and make sure the proper forms are submitted to your IRA custodian before it's too late. The IRA Charitable Rollover is one of the best tax-saving opportunities available today to the average senior adult or couple age 70 1/2 or older.

Note: As with any significant investment or tax decision, we recommend you seek professional advice before taking action. This column is for informational purposes only and is not to be construed as offering tax or legal advice.

Information gathered from: www.plannedgiving.com, www.valleysprings.org, <https://thisretirementlife.com>, and <http://mumf.org>