

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 & COMMMUNION

DECEMBER 25-27WHUMC 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)





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.



TRINITY-FIRST UMC

Contact the church office for a parking map 915.533.2674

801 N MESA ST

DECEMBER 22— **METHODIST** Methodist Children's Home CHILDREN'S HOME

Methodist Children's Home

serves children and youth through residential programs, 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.

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

IN PLACE OF POINSETTIAS





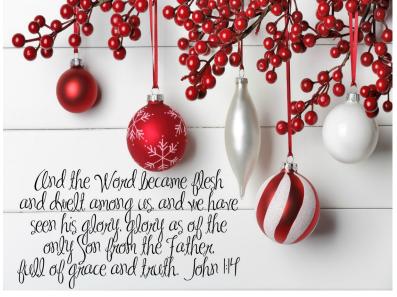


















What is the IRA Charitable Rollover? What Motivates an IRA Rollover?

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 $70 \frac{1}{2}$ 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.

• Those who DO NOT want to increase their adjusted gross income with the required minimum distribution

- 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, hittps://thisretirementlife.com, and http://mumf.org