

Do you have an IRA?

IRS rules mandate that people age 70½ and older take Required Minimum Distributions from their IRA each year, regardless of whether they need the income. These annual withdrawals are subject to ordinary income taxes. By making a contribution from your IRA to the White Bear Lake United Methodist Church, you can satisfy your RMD amount without reporting additional income.

How it works: The provision allows retirees age 70½ and older to donate up to \$100,000 tax free from their IRA each year. Generally, when vou take a distribution from your IRA, it is treated as taxable income. Under this provision, made permanent in the 2015 federal spending and tax package, those assets are excluded from income if the distribution is made directly to a charity. Talk to your financial adviser. It's important to consider your tax situation before deciding whether to make a charitable contribution from your IRA.



We are a community of faith seeking to "provide nourishment for the hungers of life," and we welcome all persons, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability or circumstances of life.

Welcome to White Bear Lake United Methodist Church.

10am Worship - Communion Sunday, September 1, 2019

WORDS FOR RFFI FCTION

"The average church member invites someone to church once every 38 years.

That's about twice in a lifetime."

~ Mike Slaughter

"We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community." \sim Dorothy Day

"One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals. When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility, we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self-confidence and inner healing."

~ Jean Vanier

PRELUDE Variations on 'Est-ce Mars' Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

"All You Who Are Thirsty"

Michael Connolly

Laurel Kaeferlein, vocals

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.

When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need, Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.

When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst: the Spirit invites us to come to the table of grace.

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+OPENING HYMN "God is Here"

No. 660

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, we turn to you, ready to celebrate your love and hear your word. By your Holy Spirit you open our lips to praise, our hearts to love, and our minds to seek understanding. We ask you now to come close to us and show us how our lives and labors can continue your work of creation and our rest can renew us in body and spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM

"As Water to the Thirsty"
Laurel Kaeferlein, vocals

Timothy Dudley-Smith & David Haas

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the children's message, children and youth will return to their families for the remainder of worship.

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55:1-5 Reader: Tammey Busch

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: For the word of God in Scripture,

for the word of God among us,

for the word of God within us.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Invitation: Come to the Waters Pastor Bill Eaves

+HYMN "All Are Welcome" See back page
Verses 1, 3, 4, & 5

CONNECTION CARDS

Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards to help us track attendance. After the prayer of dedication, you may place them in the offering plates as they are passed to you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING "Bridge Over Troubled Water"

Laurel Kaeferlein, vocals

by Paul Simon

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is with us! We are not alone!

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

We will receive communion by intinction — dipping the bread into the cup so as to take them together. Individual and gluten-free servings are available at the table. We serve communion at an open table — you are welcome to participate as you choose.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Lord, Be Glorified"

Bob Kilpatrick, arr. Mark Hayes

"As the Deer"

Martin Nystrom, arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts.

We are now commissioned to: feed as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CLOSING HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

No. 2173

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Graham Kendrick, arr. Mark Hayes

Today's altar flowers are provided by Julie and Terry Perreira to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Today's musicians: Karen Flynn, organist

Sound technician: Bernie Kaeferlein; PowerPoint presenter: Gerry Keith

UMW fall program:

Remembering Rev. Mary MacNicholl

WBLUMC United Methodist Women invite you to celebrate the life and legacy of the first woman granted full clergy rights in the Minnesota Methodist Conference, the Rev. Mary MacNicholl. Presented by Cynthia Frank-Stupnik, an award-winning poet, essayist, and novelist, the 10am program at WBLUMC on Saturday, Sept. 21, comes out of Frank-Stupnik's research and written work on the Rev. MacNicholl. Donations of paper products will be collected for Emma Norton Services. For more information, contact Karen Halsey at 651-426-4725 or aehkah@yahoo.com.

WBLUMC WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 1

10-11am—Worship and nursery 11am—Coffee, tea, treats in Fellowship Hall

Monday, Sept. 2

Office closed for Labor Day holiday 10-11am—Hang Loose Women's Al-Anon, 206

Tuesday, Sept. 3

10:30am-noon—Staff meeting, 206 6-7pm—YogaDevotion class, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Sept. 4

6-7:15pm—Alleluia Ringers, sanctuary

Thursday, Sept. 5

7:10am—Men's Breakfast Group, library 10am—Pages of Wisdom AA, 107 11:30am-1pm—Up All Night social justice group, 206

Friday, Sept. 6

Office closed on Fridays; no scheduled events

Saturday, Sept. 7

7:30am—Men's Prayer Group, 200 10am—WBL Sat. Morning Women's Group, 200/206

Sunday, Sept. 8: Rally Day!

10am—Worship and nursery 11am-1pm—Rally Day picnic, Fellowship Hall & patio

Monday, Sept. 9

10am—Hang Loose Women's Al-Anon, 206

YogaDevotion session starts soon

The next Yoga Class for the fall session will start on **Tuesday, Sept. 3.** Classes are held in the church's Fellowship Hall 6-7pm every Tuesday. The cost is \$72 for an 8-week session. All are welcome! If you have any questions or would like to sign up for this session, contact Carolyn at 651-779-0311 or email her at tersay@msn.com.

WHITE BEAR LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our vision is to provide nourishment for the hungers of life.

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Sunday 9am to 12pm Monday-Thursday 9am to 3pm Friday and Saturday CLOSED

SUNDAY BULLETIN/WEEKLY E-BLAST

Have a church-related event you'd like to appear in the Sunday bulletin or the weekly e-blast? Please email all pertinent information, including contact information, to office@wblumc.org no later than 1pm Tuesday for the bulletin and 10am Wednesday for the e-blast. All information is subject to staff approval.

To receive the weekly email update — sent every Thursday - call the office at 651-429-9026, email your request to office@wblumc.org or indicate it on a connection card.

Visit wblumc.org for sermon podcasts, PDFs of the 9am bulletins, the church calendar and programming info.

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the narthex on Sept. 15.

Thank you!

Blessing of the backpacks:

Bring your bags for our traditional blessing.

NEW! Mission project:

Each household that receives home furnishings from Bridging also gets a "cleaning kit" filled with some of the very basic items needed such as scrubber, rubber gloves, sponges, etc. We've purchased enough supplies to set up on Rally Sunday and everyone is invited to stop by the Bridging table to fill a kit.

taste of Hawaiian shave ice at the picnic! WBLUMC member Joey Perreira celebrated the grand opening of Keo's Shave Ice on July 25 at Marketfest in White Bear Lake. It's not a Sno Cone! Says Joey: "What makes our shave ice so good? The secret lies in the quality of our ice. The texture is so soft and fine, the ice just melts in your mouth." Other picnic favorites will include homemade pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw and watermelon.

Keo's Shave Ice: Get a

Dazzling Dave Yo-Yo

Master: Look for some strolling entertainment during the picnic – kids and adults should enjoy him. Other outdoor activities will include a bounce house and gaga ball.

Volunteers needed! We're looking for your help with 30-minute shifts from 11am -12:30pm to help supervise the outdoor activities. Contact Marcia Lantto or Lori McBride, or sign up on the sheets in the narthex. Thanks in advance for your help!



"Convictions" sermon series & book study

On Rally Sunday, Sept. 8, we'll begin a 7-week series on some of the basic convictions of the Christian faith: God is real and a mystery, Jesus is the center of our faith, the Bible is true (and has political ramifications), and loving God means loving others. What if we really lived as if God is real and life is about loving God? Join us as we look at how our convictions shape us both as individuals and as a community of faith.



Sept. 8 — The World We Live In (one service at 10am)
Sept. 15 — God is Real and a Mystery

Sept. 22 — Salvation is More than Heaven

Sept. 29 — Jesus Is the Center

Oct. 6 — The Cross Matters

Oct. 13 — The Bible is True...and is Political

Oct. 20 — To Love God is to Love Like God

A 6-week book study based on Marcus Borg's Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most will be offered in conjunction with this sermon series. Sign up in the narthex; books will be available for \$13.

6:30-8pm Mondays, Sept. 9, 16, 30 and Oct. 7, 14, 21 with John McBride

2-3:30pm Tuesdays, Sept.10, 24 and Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 with Lori McBride/Missie Aberle

6:30-8pm Thursdays, Sept. 12, 19, 26 and Oct. 3, 10, 17 with Bill Eaves

9-10am Sundays, Sept. 15, 22, 29 and Oct. 6, 13, 20 with Jim Roe

Traditions & New Crossings start Sept. 15

It is the vision of White Bear Lake United Methodist Church to offer nourishment for the hungers of life. We'll offer two unique, Spirit-filled worship services on Sundays, and we welcome everyone to praise God and to share in the bread of life with us.

9-10am Traditions

This service will include a traditional Methodist liturgy, beloved hymns accompanied by choir and organ, scripture and a message focused on living faithfully in today's world. The sacrament of communion will be celebrated the first and third Sundays monthly. It's called "Traditions" because it melds our local traditions with elements of Wesleyan worship and the wider Christian tradition.

Children and youth (3 years by Sept. 1 through 12th grade) will begin in the worship service and will be released for education after the children's message. We'll offer a nursery for infants to 3-year-olds during this service. If you'd like someone to pray with you, our prayer room is open after this service as well as after the later service.

Fellowship time: As always, join us each Sunday between services, with doughnuts or other treats, Fair Trade coffee and tea, and lemonade.

10:45-11:30am New Crossings

This service will begin with a time of music led by a band, then move into prayer, scripture, and a sermon focused on living faithfully in today's world. It will incorporate sacred and secular music and will offer communion the first Sunday of the month.

Children (4 years old by Sept. 1 through 4th grade) will begin in the worship service and will be released for education about 10 minutes into the service. Nursery will also be available.

Fall worship times begin on Sunday, Sept. 15!

Children, Youth & Choirs

We need Sunday morning volunteers!

We have about half of the positions filled for fall Sundays. We'd love your help for children's education as well as middle school youth education. Find out more information about how you can help and sign up by contacting Joan Hartman or Missie Aberle.

New youth options for fall

High School Youth Program: This fall, youth in grades 9-12 will vote on a name for their new Sunday program during 9am worship, starting **Sept. 15**. Each week will be a new experience and will be where they can get real about how faith applies to their lives, plus learn life skills. Days and times will vary for service projects, fun activities and events outside church walls.

SEED (Students Encountering Engaging Discipleship):

Sunday education for 6th-8th graders during 9am worship starting **Sept. 15**, where middle school students can encounter God through Christ-centered relationships and experiences. Students will explore faith through scripture but also how it relates to critical stuff like everyday life, friends, family, and school. SEED will include fun small service projects.

Singers of all ages welcome

New! Tween/Teen Choir: Wednesday nights will kick off with the rockin' Tween/Teen Choir for 4th-grade to 8th-grade students! This fun singing group will meet 6-6:30 pm Wednesdays in room 205 starting **Sept. 25**.

Children's Choir: For 3- year-olds to third-graders. We'll practice Sundays 10-10-10:30am in room 205, starting **Sept. 15.** This group will sing for the 9am Traditions service five times during the program year. *No registration required!*

Chancel Choir: Adult choir rehearsals resume Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7:30pm. If you love to sing and can commit to Wednesday rehearsals and to leading the 9am service, then we're looking for you! All rehearsals will be in the choir room.

Book Club starts soon

September's book will be The Cherry

Harvest by Lucy Sanna. A memorable coming-of-age story and love story, laced with suspense, which explores a hidden side of the home front during World War II, when German POWs were put to work in a Wis-



consin farm community ... with dark and unexpected consequences. Join us for the first meeting on **Monday, Sept. 23**, 7:30-8:15pm in the church library.

Become a BeFriender

Looking to make a difference in someone's life? We'll be offering new training for anyone interested in becoming a BeFriender. A BeFriender meets individually with a person who may be experiencing one of life's many challenges. The BeFriender's role is to be a listener and a caring presence for that person. Contact Barb Hinz at 651-777-0465 or barbhinz@juno.com to learn more.

Scripture reader training

Oh no! You're the scripture reader for Sunday and you have no idea how to pronounce all those crazy names. We have the solution for this and more! Come learn the tips and tricks of the professional speakers in our midst so you can read with confidence. Scripture reader training will be on two Sundays this fall, on **Sept. 15** and **Oct. 6** at 10:10am, between services in room 200.