



Weekly Communique

Week of: January 23, 2022

Words of Encouragement From Pastor Gina

Scripture: *“He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.
A bruised reed he will not break.” - Isaiah 42:2–3*

Last week we got a considerable amount of snow in this unusually dry winter. I must admit, I’ve missed the snow. It was lovely to wake up to the beautifully blanketed world on Saturday. There is such a peaceful quiet. Certainly, different from a spring thunderstorm that announces its presence. Snow comes softly.

In “Winter Snow Song,” Audrey Assad sings that Jesus could have come to earth in power like a hurricane, but instead he came quietly and slowly like the winter snow falling softly in the night. Having just celebrated Christmas, we were reminded that Jesus’s arrival took many by quiet surprise. The unassuming way Jesus entered the world was foreshadowed by the prophet Isaiah, who prophesied the coming Savior would “not shout or cry out” nor would he come in power that might break a damaged reed or extinguish a struggling flame. Instead, he came gently in order to draw us to himself with his offer of peace with God—a peace still available to anyone who believes the unexpected story of a Savior born in a manger.

In this season after the Epiphany, may you continue to find a peaceful quiet in your Savior, Jesus Christ.

Praying for you and with you,
Pastor Gina



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Blair First United Methodist Church

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

January 23rd: 9:30 AM In-Person with Live Streaming. 9:30 AM Sunday School. Students will begin in Worship in the Sanctuary and be dismissed after the Children’s Message. Coffee Fellowship following Worship.

Sermon Title: *As Was the Custom*
Scripture: Luke 4:14-21



January 30th: 9:30 AM In-Person with Livestreaming. 9:30 AM Sunday School. Students will begin in Worship in the Sanctuary and be dismissed after the Children’s Message. Coffee Fellowship after Worship

See Page 2 for Weekly Happenings. Visit the Website for more in depth information. www.blairumc.org

Weekly Communique may be found at the back of the sanctuary.

Weekly Communique ~

Children, Youth, Information, Connections

Summer Camp @ Camp Fontanelle 2022

Take the time to look at summer camp information on the website and learn about the camps that are being offered. With all that is going on around, it is good to have a place to get back to the basics and learn that through everything, God knows our name.

<https://www.campfontanelle.com/summer-camps/>



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COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

Three Rivers Public Health Department invites anyone 5 and older to come get a free COVID-19 vaccine.

- No appointment needed.
- Pfizer and Moderna vaccines available.
- We will administer booster shots too (please bring your vaccination card).
- Please wear a face covering.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2022

1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

Call 402-727-5396 for any questions.

Weekly Happenings

(Please submit any entries to the office by Wednesday, 3:00 PM.)

Sunday, January 23rd: Men's Book Club at Craig Folkers and by Zoom. Discussing "The Color of Magic".

Monday, January 24th: 6:00-7:00 PM Brownies (Fellowship Hall).

Wednesday, January 26th: 6:00 PM Confirmation Online; 7:00 PM Chancel Choir TBD (Sanctuary).

Thursday, January 27th: 10:30-2:30am WIC (Fellowship Hall); 7:00 PM TOPS (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, January 28th: Office Closed.

Ways to Serve . . .

January is our month to collect food for Washington County Food Bank

List of Needed Items:

(Bags are available outside the sanctuary, drop off donations at the church.)
boxed potatoes; jelly; macaroni and cheese; hamburger/tuna helper; instant oatmeal; canned vegetables/fruits; toilet paper; spaghetti sauce; canned soup and crackers

Thank you for saving your complete receipts for "Direct Your Dollars". For \$150,000 in receipts we receive a check for \$1,000..

Job Opportunity

Blair First UMC is seeking a part time **Director of Family Ministries.**

The Director of Family Ministries will provide leadership for our family ministry program that offers a relevant, safe, fun environment for children, youth, and families to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ. Full job description and application can be found on our website:



<https://www.blairumc.org/general-9>