




# Weekly Communique

September 8, 2024

 Blair First United Methodist Church

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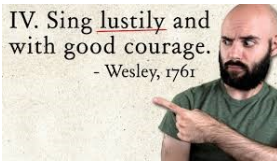
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## John Wesley's Directions for Singing

First printed in 1761.

- Learn these Tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.
- II. Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
- III. Sing All. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing.
- IV. Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.
- V. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.
- VI. Sing in Time: whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend closely to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can. And take care you sing not too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
- VII. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your Heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve of here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

IV. Sing lustily and with good courage.  
- Wesley, 1761



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Next Week's Calendar (pg. 2)

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

**Sunday, September 8: 9:30 AM, Worship with Holy Communion** .Live Stream and In-Person).

**16th Sunday after Pentecost.**

**Rev. Doug Griger**

**9:30 AM: Sunday School.** Students are dismissed from Worship to their classrooms after Children's Time.

**Nursery provided, Infants and Toddlers.** (Birth to age 5)

**Coffee Fellowship** following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Scripture:** Mark 7:24-37

**Message:** "How is the Gospel Proclaimed?"

## Those Serving This Sunday, September 8

Music Leadership – Allison Matson

Chancel Choir / Song Leader – Glenn Coates

Audio/Visual:

Online Worship Team Coordinator – Gabe Goeken

Cameras and Screens – Layla Kern / Mia Kern

Soundboard and Soundcheck – Kevin Fleming

Connections Team:

Leader: Marty Buckingham

Volunteers: Darlene Forst and Jennifer Roberts

Coffee Fellowship: Sue Gerdes

Communion Stewards

Joleene Rewerts and Sue Gerdes

Acolytes: Rhett and Blakelee Fischer

Nursery: Samantha Geise

Sunday School is in session.

## Ways to Serve

### Altar Flower Sign-Up

More than one person or family may sign up for a Sunday. Sign up on the counter in the narthex or call the office 402-426-2165.

**We are collecting toiletries for Joseph's Coat:** We have an ongoing collection of travel size toiletries that we donate throughout the year. Follow the link to see the list: [Volunteer/Serve | Blair First United M \(blairumc.org\)](https://www.blairumc.org/volunteer/serve-blair-first-united-methodist-church)

**Next Recycling Date: Nov. 9**

## Announcements

### Study of "James:

What you do matters"

By Margaret Feinberg

Join Bible teacher Margaret Feinberg, in a study of the book of James.

**Monday Nights @ 6:30 PM**  
**Sept. 9th - Oct. 14.**



### Wednesday Night Community Dinners

October 16, 23 & 30  
November 6, 13 & 20

**Menu for October 16:**  
Ham, Cheesy Potatoes,  
& Desserts



### Camp Fontanelle Events:

**Camp Fontanelle Workday:**  
**September 14th.**

**Fontanelle Alumni BBQ**  
**"FAB Sunday"**

**September 22, 2024 -**

**Opening Day for Split Oak**  
**Hollow Corn Maze.**

**September 28: 10AM-6PM**

**Fontanelle Fall Fest.**

**October 19: 10AM-6PM**

More information at  
[www.campfontanelle.com](http://www.campfontanelle.com)



Please friend the Family Ministries Director Facebook page



for Youth and Children Ministries updates. [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/familyministriesdirector)  
Danielle Jensen,  
Family Ministries Director:  
[Education@blairumc.org](mailto:Education@blairumc.org)

**Our Sunday morning and Wednesday night programs are starting back up this month!**

Thank you to all who have volunteered to be a part of our team of teachers and substitute teachers: Amy Coates, Ann Hackerott, Ashley Bacon, Carrie Nixon, Cassidy Goeken, Danielle Jensen, Debbie Foust, Dixie Trevarthan, Jacque Fischer, and Nicole Thompson.

If you are still wanting to join the team or even just to try helping with a class to see what it's like,

**Contact Danielle Jensen:**

[education@blairumc.org](mailto:education@blairumc.org) or 402-427-3106

**Want to know what the Pre-K-6th graders learned about during Sunday School?** Our curriculum through DigIn includes take home pages that we will posting on the Family Ministry Facebook page. It includes what lesson we learned about and then some activities that your family can do together that week. Click the link above and friend me. Don't miss out on more ways to celebrate God together with your family during the week!



This Sunday, September 8, we will begin a new ministry within our church called "Change for Change".

We will invite the children of our congregation to gather up your spare change in special buckets prior to children's time each week.

This ministry will be funded with our spare change.

**September Collection will benefit  
Camp Scholarships**



**"Cruise for Food"**  
**Saturday,**  
**September 28th**  
**at Family Fare.**

This event is a food drive for the Washington County Food Pantry. Volunteers will be needed! Sign up near the Church Office.

**Contact: Aaron Matson**  
**for further information**  
**402-306-6988**

### Custodial Help Needed

Our good friend Kevin Fleming will be facing back surgery mid September and we are asking for volunteers to help out during his recovery.

Please sign up near the Church Office. Starting Date: September 21. List of Duties available.



**If you or an immediate family member is in the hospital and need a visit, please notify the Office.**

## Weekly Happenings

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

**Sunday, September 8: 9:30AM, Worship with Holy Communion (Live Stream and In-Person).**  
**16th Sunday after Pentecost.**

**9:30 AM** First Day of Sunday School

**6:00 PM** Cribbage Night (Fellowship Hall).

**6:00 PM** Men's Book Club (Meeting @ Kevin Poling's home)

**Monday, September 9: 6:30 PM** James Study, (Parlor)

**7:00 PM** Family Ministries (Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday, September 10: 7:00 PM** N.O.W. Core Team (Parlor)

**Wednesday, September 11: 9:30-3:00 PM** WIC (Fellowship Hall)

**6:00 PM** Celebration Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary).

**7:00 PM:** Chancel Choir (Sanctuary).

**Thursday, September 12: 5:30 PM** TOPS (Fellowship Hall).

**Friday, September 13: Office Closed.**

**Saturday, September 14: 7:30 AM** United Methodist Men (Meeting at Dolce Vita Restaurant)  
**9:00 AM (Starting Time) "Camp Fontanelle Workday"** Come when you can.