



1st Church in Blair

A United Methodist Ministry

Weekly Communique

August 23rd, 2026

Come enjoy
"Fever and the Funkhouse"
Good Food, Good Company
and a Great Time!
Saturday, August 29th
Concert: 6-8 PM,
Food Truck: 5-8 PM, "Greek to Me"

The Third Commandment

We are taught that taking the Lord's name in vain means stubbing your toe and yelling "Oh my God!" The ancient text is not about swear words. The Hebrew word for "take"- nasa- literally means "to carry or wear"; like an ambassador carrying a king's seal.

To take the Lord's name in vain doesn't mean slipping up with your words, it means claiming to represent God while acting in a way that completely betrays God's character. It's not a rule about vocabulary; it is a devastating warning against hypocrisy. You don't break the third commandment when you drop something and swear, you break it when you claim to speak for heaven, but use God's name to justify your own prejudice, pride, or cruelty.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – August 23rd

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

9:30 AM - Worship- In Person and Live Streaming

Rev. Dr. Doug Griger

*Free time Activities: PreK-5th Grade following Children's Time,
Nursery is available.*

Coffee Fellowship - following worship in Fellowship Hall

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20

Message: "What Do You Say?"

Those Serving This Sunday, August 23rd

Music Leadership: Allison Matson

Song Leader: Glenn Coates

Audio/Visual

Online Worship Team Coordinator: Layla Kern

Camera: Mia Kern

Soundboard and Soundcheck: Kevin Fleming

Connections Team: Roger and Linda Howland

Volunteer: Cindy Rollins

Nursery: Taylor Geise

Acolyte: TBD

Coffee Fellowship: Grabowski Family

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Emelia Wormuth
baptized last
Sunday with her
parents Devon
and Cassidy
Wormuth.

Sponsors are
looking on.



Save the Date:

**September
13th for a
fantastic
Celebration!**

**Plan to join us
for a meal**



**Outdoor Worship
9:30 a.m. in the
pavilion
Sunday, August 30th.
Wear bright colors!**

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**Connect and Sunday School will start back up in September
and we have a few changes!**

Connect starts Wednesday, September 9th from 6:30-7:30pm.

All classes will meet in the lower level of the church.

PreK-5th grade meet in the Chapel. 9th-12th grade meet in the Youth Room.

NEW 6th-8th grade meet in the Middle School Room (room left of the stage).

Sunday School starts Sunday, September 13th.

Classes will meet after the Children's Message in the PreK room for music.

After music, PreK-2nd grade remains in the PreK room and the 3rd-6th graders will meet in the classroom by the elevator for lessons.

Older Youth are encouraged to attend worship service.

NEW-CHANGES TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be **NO Sunday school on the 1st Sunday of each month.**

Children are welcome and encouraged to join their families in church for Communion Sunday. **Activity packets will be available** during those services. Each month will have a different topic to work on and take home. (Clipboards and zippered bags with supplies will remain at church for future use.)

Ways to Serve



Summer
OF RANDOM
Kindness

Goal: empty
the bowl of
names by
Labor Day.

Altar Flower Sign Up:

To provide flowers
for Sunday Worship.



Sign Up in the narthex
or call the office @ 402-426-2165.

**New Recycling date:
November date is now on
September 26th.**

Second Annual Christmas Market December 11th & 12th



Spread the word that we are
seeking vendors for this
upcoming event.

Registration for Vendors:

[Christmas Market Vendor Sign Up](#)

Many vendors are already signed up!

Thank You for donations

towards paving the alley project from the following:

- Isaac Greene and Cydnie Argotsinger
- Blair Congregation Church who wrote –

"We truly appreciate you as a neighboring congregation. Thank you for all assistance your members have provided to us over the years."

Blair Congregational Church, Judy Combs, Clerk

"8 Who Ate"

8 Who Ate is a social gathering over a shared meal.

Sign up by clicking [this link](#) or calling the church office by **August 31**. If you are willing to coordinate a group by hosting for 8, please indicate this on the sign up. You will be contacted the second week of September with the names for your group. The hope is to gather in September or October. Contact Jamie Folkers at folkers4@gmail.com or 402-709-4809 for more information.

Bible Study: "Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning"

invites readers into the foundational stories of the Old. Amy-Jill Levine presents Genesis as a living text, one that continues to shape faith, identity, and our understanding of what it means to be human.

**Six-week study beginning Monday,
September 14 (6:30) p.m.
or Thursday, September 17 (9:30 a.m.).**
Updated Cost for Books \$18.

**Do you have a heart for prayer?
Join Blair First UMC Prayer Group
on Facebook.**

*Retirement funds
present new opportunities
for giving to the church.*

*You may want to name the church as
the beneficiary of your individual
retirement account or other retirement
funds in the event you or
other beneficiaries die before all of the
funds are dispersed.*

This Week at 1st Church in Blair...

Sunday, August 23rd: 9:30 AM Worship - S

Free Time Activity PreK-5th Grade: Following Children's time - PreK Room

Coffee Fellowship following worship – FH

6:00 PM: Cribbage -FH

Thursday, August 27th: 5:30 PM TOPS – FH

Friday, August 28th: Office Closed.

Saturday, August 29th: 6-8 PM: Outdoor Concert, Food Truck 5-8 PM.

Sunday, August 30th, 9:30 AM: Last of the Season - Outdoor Worship in the pavilion.

Wear bright Colors

S = Sanctuary

P = Parlor

LL = Lower Level

FH = Fellowship Hall

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