



1st Church in Blair

A United Methodist Ministry

Weekly
Communique

March 15, 2026

CHURCH CONFERENCE

A Specially Called Church Conference will be held following worship (10:30) this Sunday, March 15th.

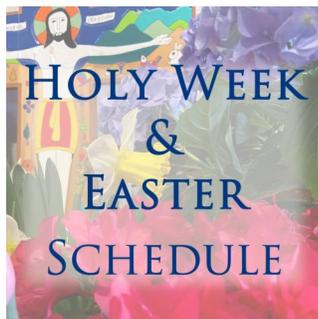
The only items on the agenda are two resolutions that pertain to the Endowment Funds.

Please attend to make your vote for this important meeting.

Lenten Worship:
"Journey to the Cross"

7:15 - 7:45 PM

March 18th - March 25th



Maundy Thursday Worship

April 2 @ 7:00 PM

Good Friday Worship

April 3 @ 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:00 AM in the Worship Pavilion
& 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - March 15th

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

9:30 AM - **Worship, Fourth Sunday of Lent** - In Person and Live Streaming

Rev. Dr. Doug Griger

NO Sunday School - Due to Spring Break. *Nursery is available.*

Coffee Fellowship - Following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

Scripture: Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14

Message: "Children of Light"

Guest Speaker - Rev. Stephanie Ahlschwede
Eastern Nebraska District Superintendent

Those Serving This Sunday, March 15th, 2026

Music Leadership: Allison Matson

Chancel Choir/Song Leader: Glenn Coates

Audio/Visual

Online Worship Team Coordinator: Layla Kern

Camera: Mia Kern

Soundboard and Soundcheck: Kevin Fleming

Connections Team: Marty Buckingham

Volunteers: Jane Gilbert, Uni Scheffler

Acolyte: Joel Matson

Nursery: Danielle Jensen

Coffee Fellowship: Rich and Marty Buckingham

Flowers: from the Endowment Committee



OUTDOOR WORSHIP PAVILION

Memorial Bricks
Blair First United
Methodist Church

Blair First United Methodist Church invites you to purchase an engraved personalized brick so that you can cement your legacy or the legacy of your loved one at Blair UMC forever. Your contribution from the sale of the brick goes toward funds for the Outdoor Worship Pavilion. The brick is a way to remember a loved one, honor the special people in your life, and/or leave your legacy. Bricks will be placed in the ground around the concrete pad shown in the picture above. You may purchase as many bricks as you like. Bricks are \$150.00 each.

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Blair First United Methodist



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Adult Volunteers Needed Sign Up near the Church Office.

Youth Lock In (6th-12th Grade)

- ◆ 9:00 p.m., Fri., March 20th - 7:00 a.m., Sat., March 21
- ◆ Male and Female adults are needed for supervision and helping with activities. Shifts may be taken if needed.
- ◆ Set up and Clean up.
- ◆ Delivering Breakfast donuts Saturday, 6:30 a.m.

Late Night Lock In (3rd-5th Grade)

Adult and Older Youth Needed

- ◆ Friday, April 17th, 5:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m. *Not Overnight.*
- ◆ Male and Female Adults and Youth volunteers needed to supervise and help with activities. In and outdoor activities possible
- ◆ Set up and Clean up.

Contact Danielle Jensen to help with either or both events.

[Education @blairumc.org](mailto:Education@blairumc.org)



CONNECT & Confirmation Lenten Schedule
March 18th & March 25th: 6:00-7:00 PM

Palm Parade, March 29th
PreK-5th Grade Sunday School
will Parade with palms and Sing.



Let us know if your child(ren)
will be attending camp
this summer.

Please contact the church office and ask about scholarships that Blair First UMC offers. We have received a certificate from Camp Fontanelle for a first time camper as well as other scholarships resources from the church. Camp Fontanelle scholarships include: "Bring a Friend", "Sibling Saver Discount" and "Earlybird Discount" (Earlybird register by April 1st). See Family Ministries bulleting board for more information.

This Week at Blair 1st...

Sunday, March 15th 9:30 AM Worship, 4th Sunday of Lent

NO Sunday School - (Spring Break)

Coffee Fellowship following Worship - FH

10:30 AM **Specially Called Church Conference. Following Worship.**

6:00 PM: Cribbage - FH

Monday, March 16th: 6:30 PM Lenten Study, "Entering the Passion of Jesus". Please read Chapter 5. - P

Wednesday, March 18th: 9:30 AM Methodist Women's trip to Washington County Museum, with lunch at the Rustic.

All ladies are welcome to join us.

5:30-7:00 PM: Wednesday Night Dinner - FH

S = Sanctuary

6:00 PM: Celebration Bells - S

P = Parlor

6:00- 7:00 PM: CONNECT - LL and Confirmation - P

LL = Lower Level

7:15 PM: **Lenten Service**, "Journey to the Cross" - S

FH = Fellowship Hall

Following Service: Chancel Choir - S

Thursday, March 19th:

9:30 AM: Lenten Study, "Entering the Passion of Jesus". Please read Chapter 5. - P

5:30 PM: TOPS - FH

7:00 PM: Leadership - P

Friday, March 20th: Office Closed.

9:00 PM: High School Lock-In ends **March 21st at 7:00 AM.**

Ruth Circle, Methodist Women's Group invite you to join our meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 18th
9:30 Meet at the church to take a trip to the Washington Co. Museum. Lunch @ Rustic.

Wednesday Community Meals

New Time 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Fellowship Hall - Free Will Offering & Take Out

Wednesday, March 18th

Menu: Hamburger Casserole, Veggies, and Dessert. Served by Music Ministries

Ways to Serve

March Easter Breakfast Food Drive

Requested Items

- Muffin Mixes
- Pancake/Waffle Mixes
- Peanut Butter/Honey
- Jelly/Jam
- Syrup
- Oatmeal
- Granola Bars
- Canned Fruit

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.

Who needs estate planning?

Every adult who is legally competent, that owns anything, and cares about who receives it at the time of their disability or death. In addition, estate planning is necessary for anyone who wants to leave a bequest for the church.

Help Needed

We're looking for an intern to learn the technology desk. This is an unpaid position but could possibly turn into a paid position in August. See Pastor Doug for more information.