

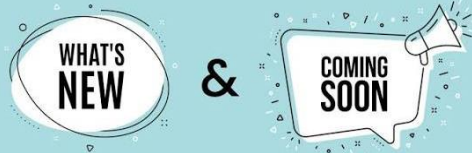


# 1<sup>st</sup> Church in Blair

A United Methodist Ministry

## Weekly Communique

August 30th, 2026



### Month of September Preview

**September 9<sup>th</sup>:** Bell Choir and Chancel Choir Rehearsals begin. New members always welcome.

**CONNECT begins, 6:30-7:30 PM – PREK-12<sup>th</sup>**

**Grade.** All groups meeting in the lower level.

**September 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>:** Camp Fontanelle Fall Work Days. Starting at 9:00a.m.

**September 13<sup>th</sup> “Celebration Sunday” with Holy Communion – First Day of Sunday School.**

**Following Worship brunch will be served in Fellowship Hall. Join in the celebration of our ministry.**

**September 14<sup>th</sup>,** 6:30p.m. session for Genesis Bible Study begin (6-weeks). Ends October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>,** 9:30a.m. sessions for Genesis Bible Study begin (6-weeks). Ends October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**September 26<sup>th</sup>:** 8a.m. – Noon, Volunteer at the Recycling Center.

**Outdoor Movie Night:** 7:00p.m. Located in the pavilion featuring “Sister Act 2”.

### Month of October Preview

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 9:30a.m. Blessing of the Pets (more info to come).

**October 4<sup>th</sup>:** World Communion Sunday Potluck, bring your favorite ethnic dish.

**October 11<sup>th</sup>:** Third Grade Bible presentation and Acolyte Dedication.

Annual Charge Conference at 2:00 p.m. here at Blair First.

**October 14:** Wednesday Night Meals begin through November 18<sup>th</sup> ending with a “Turkey Feast.”

**October 24<sup>th</sup>:** “Trunk or Treat” with the movie “Coco”.

**Join us for Sunday Worship and other upcoming activities!**

### SUNDAY MORNING OUTDOOR WORSHIP – August 30th

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

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

**Rev. Dr. Doug Griger**

*Nursery is available. Busy bags will be available.*

**Coffee Fellowship** - following worship in the pavilion

**Scripture:** Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

**Message:** “The Cross of Judgment?”

### Those Serving This Sunday, August 30th

Music Leadership: Allison Matson

Song Leader: Glenn Coates

Audio/Visual

Online Worship Team Coordinator: Mia Kern

Camera: Mia Kern

Soundboard and Soundcheck: Jeff Mount

Connections Team: Roger and Linda Howland

Volunteers: Rich and Marty Buckingham

Nursery: Taylor Geise

Coffee Fellowship: Mardell Fink, Margaret Hanson

Flowers: To all July Birthdays from the Stewarts and the Halls.



### Crop Walk participants from Saturday, August 15.

Thank you to all who participated and thank you to all who donated. August Change for Change is for the Crop Walk. Total donations will be reported next week.

“‘Sing’ to him, ‘ring bells’ to him; tell of all his wonderful works.”

(Loosely Quoted 1 Chronicles 16:9)

**Celebration Bell Choir and Chancel Choir Rehearsals begin September 9<sup>th</sup>!**

Celebration Bells Director: Jeff Mount; Chancel Choir Director: Glenn Coates

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

**Connect starts Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm.**

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

PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Chapel. 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Youth Room.

**NEW** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Middle School Room (room left of the stage).

**Sunday School starts Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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

After music, PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade remains in the PreK room and the **3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.)



**"Celebration Sunday"**

Sunday,

September 13<sup>th</sup>!



### **"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](mailto: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.

## **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 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Second Annual Christmas Market**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**



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

**Registration for Vendors:**

[Christmas Market Vendor Sign Up](#)

**Do you have a heart for prayer?**

**Join Blair First UMC Prayer Group on Facebook.**

Consider naming the church as a beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement plan. If you have named other beneficiaries, consider naming the church as a secondary or backup beneficiary in the event the first beneficiary is deceased at the time of your death.

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

### **This Week at 1<sup>st</sup> Church in Blair...**

**Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM:** Outdoor Worship - Pavilion

Nursery available. Busy bags available.

**Coffee Fellowship** following Worship in the pavilion.

**Cribbage, 6:00 PM:** FH

**Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30 AM:** Faithful Bookworms – P

**Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 PM:** T.O.P.S. – FH

**Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>:** Office Closed

**Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>:** Office Closed for Labor Day

S = Sanctuary  
P = Parlor  
LL = Lower Level  
FH = Fellowship Hall



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**and**  
**Make Plans to Join Us!**

**September 13<sup>th</sup>**

It Will Be a Very Special Celebration!

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Followed by breakfast and program  
in the Fellowship Hall



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**We GATHER**  
*To Thrive In Community.*  
**GROW** *To Be Like Jesus.*  
**GO** *To Be Hope*  
**Gather->Grow->Go->**

| Sunday                                                                                                               | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Tuesday                                                                                                 | Wednesday                                                | Thursday                                                                                                                  | Friday                                                                                     | Saturday                                 |
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| <div>Note: Cribbage will not meet this month, resumes in October.</div>                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1<br>9:30 AM Faithful Bookworms - P                                                                     | 2                                                        | 3<br>5:30 PM T.O.P.S. – FH                                                                                                | 4<br>Office Closed                                                                         | 5                                        |
|                                                                                                                      | 6<br>9:30 AM Worship (Holy Communion on the 13th)<br>10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship - FH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 7<br>Office Closed<br> | 8<br>7:00 PM Family Ministries - FH                      | 9<br>9:30 AM – 3 PM W.I.C.<br>6:00 PM Bells – S<br>6:30-7:30 PM CONNECT – lower level<br>7:00 PM Chancel Choir - S        | 10<br>5:30 PM T.O.P.S. – FH                                                                | 11<br>Office Closed<br>Wedding Rehearsal |
| 12<br>7:30 AM Methodist Men Breakfast – TBD<br>Wedding<br>9 AM Fall Service Days - Camp Fontanelle                   | 13<br>“Celebration Sunday”<br>9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion<br>First day of Sunday School - PreK-6 <sup>th</sup><br>Students dismissed following Children’s Time.<br><u>Following Worship:</u><br>Brunch will be served – FH<br> | 14<br>6:30 PM “Genesis” Bible Study - P                                                                 | 15<br>7:00 PM N.O.W. – P<br>6:00 PM Christmas Market - P | 16<br>9:30 AM Methodist Women – S<br>6:00 PM Bells – S<br>6:30-7:30 PM CONNECT – lower level<br>7:00 PM Chancel Choir - S | 17<br>9:30 AM “Genesis” Bible Study – P<br>5:30 PM T.O.P.S. – FH<br>7:00 PM Leadership - P | 18<br>Office Closed                      |
| 19<br>8 AM- Noon Recycling<br>9 AM Fall Service Days - Camp Fontanelle<br>7:00 PM Outdoor Movie Night “Sister Act 2” | 20<br>9:30 AM Worship & Sunday School, PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> , following Children’s Time.<br>10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – FH                                                                                                                                                                                               | 21<br>6:30 PM “Genesis” Bible Study - P                                                                 | 22                                                       | 23<br>6:00 PM Bells – S<br>6:30-7:30 PM CONNECT – lower level<br>7:00 PM Chancel Choir - S 23                             | 24<br>9:30 AM “Genesis” Bible Study - P<br>5:30 PM T.O.P.S. – FH                           | 25<br>Office Closed                      |
| 26                                                                                                                   | 27<br>9:30 AM Worship & Sunday School, PreK-5 <sup>th</sup> , following Children’s Time.<br>10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – FH                                                                                                                                                                                               | 28<br>6:30 PM “Genesis” Bible Study - P                                                                 | 29                                                       | 30<br>6:00 PM Bells – S<br>6:30-7:30 PM CONNECT – lower level<br>7:00 PM Chancel Choir - S                                | <div>Men’s Book Club will meet in October</div>                                            |                                          |