



# 1st Church in Blair

A United Methodist Ministry

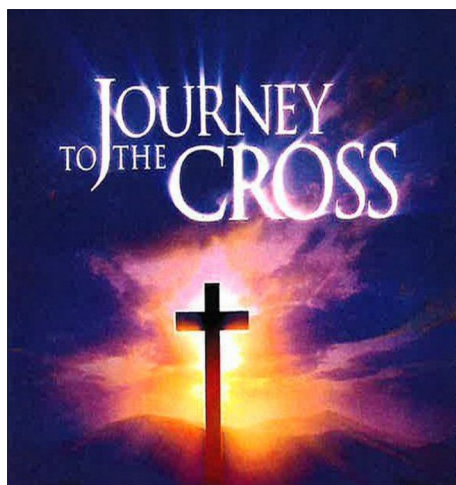
## Weekly Communique

February 22nd,  
2026

For the  
Month of  
February



We will be collecting new under garments and comfy clothes for men and women, socks, t-shirts, and monetary gifts to benefit the Residents of Crowell Home. **Donate in the "Bloomers" Display.**



**Lenten Worship: 7:15 -7:45 PM**

**"Journey to the Cross"**

February 25th - 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 February 22nd

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

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

**Rev. Dr. Doug Griger**

**Sunday School - PreK-5th Grade.** *Nursery is available.*

**Coffee Fellowship** - Following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Scripture:** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Matthew 4:1-11

**Message:** "Jesus & Deloris Van Cartier"

### Those Serving This Sunday, February 22nd, 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: Joan Bryant

Volunteers: Scott and Lisa Andersen

Acolyte: Owen Matson

Nursery: Samantha Geise

Coffee Fellowship: Julie Thompson

Flowers: NA

### Easter Lily Order Form

Please complete the following and place in the offering plate or turn into the church office by **Sunday, March 8th**. Names of those to be honored will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

How many (**\$12.00 each**) \_\_\_\_\_

Check or cash enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please **PRINT** names as you wish them to appear in the bulletin:

IN HONOR OF

\_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF

\_\_\_\_\_

FROM

\_\_\_\_\_



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Please "Like" the new  
FACEBOOK Page for Youth and  
Children's Ministry Updates

New LINK: [Facebook](#)

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**Sunday School After Children's Time-10:30am.**

### CONNECT

**Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm**

**PreK-5th grades** Begin in the Chapel, lower level.

**9th-12th Grades** Meet in Youth room, lower level.

### Reminder:

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

**PreK thru 5th Grade Sunday School** will be singing and participating in the palm parade March 29th. *Students are now practicing their songs during Sunday School.*



**Thank you to those who volunteered  
for Recycling on Feb. 14!**

**Pictured: FR, L to R-** Lisa

Andersen, Cindy Rollins, Janice Von Heim.

**BR, L to R:** Scott Andersen, Gary Kruse,  
Glenn Coates.

**Also helping 8a.m. - 10 a.m. (hopefully listed everyone):** Dick Goeken, Neal Goeken, Natalia Jensen, Kim Quick, Ashley Bacon, Will Bacon, Todd and Carol Hansen, Jane Van Horn, Aaron Matson, Carrie Nixon, Greyson Nixon, Adam Grabowski, Becca Grabowski, and Jake Grabowski.

*From the Washington County Recycling Association Facebook page:*

"It was an amazing, hard working group and it was great having them especially when the trailer came in. We appreciate having volunteer groups. Thank you First United Methodist Church."



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

**Sunday, February 22nd 9:30 AM Worship, First Sunday of Lent**

- Live or Streaming

**Sunday School** - PreK- 5th Grade

**Coffee Fellowship** following Worship - FH

**6:00 PM:** Cribbage - FH

**6:00 PM:** Men's Book Club @ the Coate's home.

**Monday, February 23rd: 6:30 PM** Lenten Study, "Entering the Passion of Jesus". Please read Chapter 2. - P

**Tuesday, February 24th**

**7:00-8:30 PM** Special Olympics - FH

**Wednesday, February 25th:** Lenten Schedule - *Different Times.*

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

**6:00 PM:** Celebration Bells - S

**6:00 - 7:00 PM:** CONNECT (PreK-12th Grade) - LL; & Confirmation - P

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

**Following Service:** Chancel Choir - S

**Thursday, February 26th:**

**9:30 AM:** Lenten Study, "Entering the Passion of Jesus". Please read Chapter 2. - P

**5:30 PM:** TOPS - FH

**Friday, February 27th: Office Closed.**

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

## 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.



### "Undy Sunday" during March

**UNDIE SUNDAY** We will be collecting New comfy clothes, socks and undergarments for men and women. Items will be donated to the residents at Crowell Home. Place in the Undy display in the narthex.

### Wednesday Community Meals

**New Time 5:30 - 7:00 PM**

**Fellowship Hall - Free Will Offering & Take Out**

**Wednesday, February 25th**

Menu: Pasta Bake, Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert

How long has it been  
since you've updated your will?  
Does it carry out your wishes?  
Does it leave any gift to the church  
to carry on its ministry  
after your death?

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

## Help Needed

### Nursery Volunteers Needed

Recruiting volunteers (18 or older)

For Wednesday night nursery from

6:00pm – 8:00pm.

**Contact Danielle Jensen for more information:**

Education@blairumc.org 402-427-3106

**(Safe Gatherings certification will be 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.

## Reasons to prayerfully consider working with Youth and Children's Ministry

Working in children's ministry offers the profound opportunity to shape young lives, share the gospel, and invest in the future of the church. It is a rewarding experience that strengthens your own faith, brings joy through fun, and provides essential support for parents. It allows you to build relationships with kids and witness their spiritual growth.

**Discover Your Own Calling:** It is a great way to identify, test, and develop your spiritual gifts in teaching and leadership.

**Engage with Childlike Faith:** Children often model a raw, trusting, and curious faith that can challenge and inspire your own.

**Foster a Safe Environment:** You provide a secure space for children to learn, play, and connect with peers and mentors.

### 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



**YOUTH LOCK IN**

**COME FOR FOOD, fun, games, and more!**

**MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup>**  
**9:00PM - 7:00AM**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

*Midnight pizza, breakfast donuts, and drinks provided.*

**BRING**  
**\*FRIENDS**  
**\*SNACK TO SHARE**

**BLAIR FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



**LATE NIGHT LOCK IN**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**5:30-11:00PM**  
**3RD-5TH GRADE**

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### Fall 2026-2027 Volunteer Needs

#### Sunday School Teachers and Substitutes

**2 classes - Prek-2nd Grade and 3rd-6th Grade**

- ♦ If there are multiple teachers, a rotation schedule could happen throughout the year.
- ♦ Team Teaching is great if there is someone you wish to pair with.

#### CONNECT on Wednesday nights

- ♦ 4 Groups: PreK-2nd Grades, 3rd-5th Grades, 6th-8th Grades,
- ♦ 9th-12th Grades Jamie Folkers will be teaching but needs substitute teachers and a Volunteer Group to coordinate multiple Youth service projects. With multiple volunteers, projects could be designated to a member or multiple members.

Some volunteer positions may need Safe Gathering Online Course. Contact Danielle Jensen at [education@blairumc.org](mailto:education@blairumc.org) for more information.

# **We GATHER**

To Thrive In Community.

**GROW** To Be Like Jesus.

**GO** To Be Hope

**Gather->Grow->Go->**



**First United Methodist Church**

**Office Hours – M-Th 9am-3pm**

**Office Email: [office@blairumc.org](mailto:office@blairumc.org)**

**Church Office: 402.426.2165**

**Church Website: [www.blairumc.org](http://www.blairumc.org)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:30 AM Worship “Camp Sunday” 9:30 AM Sunday School PreK - 5th Grade Coffee Fellowship following Worship. (FH) 6:00 PM Cribbage	<b>2</b> 6:30 PM Lenten Study “Entering the Passion of Jesus” (P)	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Faithful Bookworms (P)	<b>4</b> 5:30-7:00 PM Wed. Community Meal 6:00 PM Celebration Bells (P) 6:00-7:00 PM CONNECT LL & Confirmation (S) 7:15 PM Lenten Service “Journey to the Cross” 7:45 PM Choir (FH)	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM Lenten Study “Entering the Passion of Jesus” (P) 5:30 PM TOPS (FH)	<b>6</b> Office Closed	<b>7</b>
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<b>15</b> 9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School PreK - 5th Grade Coffee Fellowship following Worship. (FH) 6:00 PM Cribbage (FH)	<b>16</b> 6:30 PM Lenten Study “Entering the Passion of Jesus” (P)	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> 9:30 AM Methodist Women (P) 5:30-7:00 Wed. Community Meal - FH 6:00 PM Celebration Bells (S) 6:00-7:00 PM CONNECT - (PreK - 12) & Confirmation (P) 7:15 PM Lenten Service “Journey to the Cross” 7:45 PM Choir (S)	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM Lenten Study “Entering the Passion of Jesus” (P) 5:30 PM TOPS (FH) 7:00 PM Leadership (P)	<b>20</b> Office Closed	<b>21</b> <div> <b>High School Lock-In</b>  <b>9:00 PM - 7:00 AM</b> </div>
<b>22</b> 9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School PreK - 5th Grade Coffee Fellowship following Worship. (FH) 6:00 PM Cribbage (FH) 6:00 PM Men’s Book Club	<b>23</b> 6:30 PM Lenten Study “Entering the Passion of Jesus” (P)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:30-7:00 PM Wed. Community Meal 6:00 PM Celebration Bells (S) 6:00-7:00 PM CONNECT (PreK - 12) & Confirmation (P) 7:15 PM Lenten Service “Journey to the Cross” 7:45 PM Choir (S)	<b>26</b> 9:30 AM Lenten Study “Entering the Passion of Jesus” (P) 5:30 PM TOPS (FH)	<b>27</b> Office Closed	<b>28</b>
<b>29 PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School PreK - 5th Grade Coffee Fellowship following Worship. (FH) 6:00 PM Cribbage (FH)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<div>  <b>Holy Week</b> </div>			