



Weekly Communique

October 26th, 2025



Blair First United Methodist Church

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

Sunday, October 26th, 9:30 AM Worship
In Person and Live Streaming

Rev. Dr. Doug Griger

Nursery is available.

Coffee Fellowship

Following worship in Fellowship Hall.

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

Message:

"A 4-Year-Old Ring Bearer"

Those Serving This Sunday, October 26th

Music Leadership: Allison Matson

Song Leader: Glenn Coates

Celebration Bells: Jeff Mount

Audio/Visual

Online Worship Team Coordinator: Layla Kern

Camera: Mia Kern

Soundboard and Soundcheck: Kevin Fleming

Connections Team: Leader: Dick Goeken

Volunteers: Todd and Carol Hansen

Acolyte: Rhett Fischer, Blakelee Fischer

Nursery: Samantha Geise

Coffee Fellowship: Janice Von Heim, Jennifer Roberts

Flowers: In Memory of James (Jim) Larson, Lila Dillenburg

You are invited to attend

Annual Charge Conference

At 7:00 PM

Gretna United Methodist Church

11457 S 204th St, Gretna, NE



A Child is Born Advent Study

Mondays, @ 6:30 PM

December 1, 8, 15, & 22

Discover the fascinating connections between ancient birth stories and the Nativity of Jesus in this captivating four-week Advent study. The book discusses the births of Isaac and Ishmael, Samson, and Samuel to reveal how they foreshadow and enrich the timeless Christmas story in the final chapter. Author Amy-Jill Levine brings her expert knowledge of Scripture and careful consideration of the Christian story to show readers how Scripture's earlier birth stories anticipate the story of Jesus's birth and how the birth resonates and gives new meaning to those earlier stories.

Transform your

Advent season with fresh insights and inspiration from *A Child is Born*.

Author: Amy-Jill Levine is a distinguished scholar in New Testament and Jewish Studies. Sign-up outside Church Office.



Thank you so much for the wonderful surprise during worship last Sunday for Pastor Appreciation Day. The poster is proudly posted on the door to my office, and the many wonderful gifts in the basket are fantastic. I am overwhelmed by the love and support I have been shown. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful family of faith.

Thank you! -Doug

Help us update the church nursery!

We have received some gifts for the nursery so far and Thank You to those who have donated, it is greatly appreciated. There are still some items that we have an Amazon wish list of new toys that we are wanting to purchase for the nursery to update/replace our (very) old toys. Please visit our wish list <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/304P6S8TENSIN...> to help purchase needed items.

If you do not have Amazon Prime and wish to purchase these items, you can contact me to order this with the church's Amazon Prime account. Please call or text (402-427-3106) me with the item you wish to get and I will let you know the total price for the item.

Thank you for helping our church's youngest members!

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

New LINK: [Facebook](#)

Danielle Jensen,
Education@blairumc.org 402-427-3106

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

All students begin in Worship.

PreK-5th dismiss after Children's Time to PreK room for music.

PreK-2nd grade (classroom across from Sanctuary)

3rd-5th grade (classroom by elevator)

Sunday, November 30 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm

PreK-5th grade

Begin in the Chapel, lower level.

9th-12th grade

Meet in Youth room, lower level.

Wednesday, November 26 - NO ACTIVITIES



Do You Love Your Church? Why? Let Us Know!

Record a short video on your phone or tablet, (be sure to hold it sideways, not up and down) and simply complete one sentence: "I love our church because..."

When you're done, please email it to dgriger@greatplainsumc.org or text it to 402-237-8066. The deadline for submissions is the end of the month. We may not be able to use every submission but the more the merrier!

This Week at Blair 1st...

Sunday, October 26th: 9:30 AM Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School PreK - 5th Grade

Coffee Fellowship following Worship - FH

6:00 PM: Cribbage - FH

Wednesday, October 29th:

5:00-6:30 PM: Wednesday Night Dinner.

Menu: Tacos

6:00 PM: Celebration Bells - S

6:30 PM: CONNECT PreK-5th, 9th-12th Grades - Lower Level;
Confirmation - (P)

7:00 PM: Chancel Choir - S

Thursday, October 30th: 5:30 PM: T.O.P.S. - FH

7:00 PM: Annual Church Conference in Gretna. All are invited to attend.

Friday, October 31st: Office Closed.

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

Ways to Serve

10/26 Last Sunday to Donate

October Diaper Drive for "The Bridge"

We are collecting: Diapers (specific need for size 4), Baby Wipes, Toilet Paper, Old Cell phones (can give directly to Aaron); during October to help. Items will be collected on the ramp near the sanctuary.

Holiday
FOOD DRIVE

See Poster Next Page

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. See our website for more information.

Next Recycling Date: November 8

Where: Washington Co. Recycling Center

When: 8 AM-Noon; 2 shifts available
8 AM- 10 AM and 10AM-Noon.

Who: Adults and children (must be accompanied by an adult). Sign-up will be posted in October.

Announcements



Trees have all been taken! When returning your tree please sign your name on the office door along with a name for your tree.. **Trees due back by Nov. 2nd. Silent Auction: Nov. 9th-23rd.**

Wednesday Night Dinner

October 29th; 5:00-6:30 PM

Menu: Tacos

Served by: Men's Book Club

Names for High School Seniors for Prayer

Shawls are still being requested. Contact:

Donna Lange: dmlange@abbnebraska.com

"Remember, if you have no will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at death. State laws do not include your church or any other charity as a beneficiary."

This November

Happy Holiday **FOOD DRIVE**

For Washington County Food Pantry.

Food needs have gone up significantly in Washington County, so let's help our friends and neighbors have a Happy Holiday Season. During the month of November, we are collecting the following Holiday Meal Items.

Food Items Needed:

- stuffing
- canned pumpkin
- canned green beans / corn
- french fried onions
- cream of mushroom soup
- jello
- muffin mix
- boxed potatoes
- canned cranberries

**BLAIR 1ST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH PRESENTS**

1st Annual Blair Open Air

CHRISTMAS

MARKET

VENDORS WITH HAND-MADE ITEMS

GIFT AND CHRISTMAS ITEMS • HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES
FOOD TRUCK • PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

LIVE CHRISTMAS CAROLS
(6:30 P.M. ON FRI. 12/12)

HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES • SANTA WILL BE HERE
(12-4 ON SAT. 12/13) (1-3 ON SAT. 12/13)

FREE ADMISSION

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12TH 4-8 PM & SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH 11 AM -6 PM

BLAIR 1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • CORNER OF 17TH & GRANT

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



2025

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Office Hours – M-Th 9am-3pm
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 All Saints Sunday 9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School PreK - 5th Grade Coffee Fellowship following Worship. (FH) 6:00 PM Cribbage FESTIVAL OF TREES RETURNED TO CHURCH	3	4 9:30 AM Faithful Bookworms (Parlor) Family Ministries Food Prep (FH)	5 5-6:30 PM Wednes- day Dinner: Hamburger Casserole 6:00 PM Celebration Bells (Sanctuary) 6:30-7:30 PM - CONNECT (PreK -12th & Confirmation (P) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	6 5:30 PM TOPS (Fellowship Hall)	7 Office Closed	8 7:30 AM Methodist Men Location TBD 8:00 AM -Noon All Church Recy- cling
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