



May 5, 2024

Weekly Communique

 Blair First United Methodist Church  www.blairumc.org



OPEN HOUSE

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW CAMPERS TO COME SEE THE SITE AND MEET SOME OF THE STAFF. Dinner served from 4pm - 6:30pm. Free Will Donation.

APRIL 28TH

2PM - 6PM

- Tour
- Scavenger Hunt
- Hikes
- Outdoor games
- Register for camp!
- Craft
- Barrel Train
- Camp Store

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Rescheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2:00-6:00 Spaghetti feed 4-6.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

Sunday, May 5: 9:30AM, Worship with Holy Communion, Sixth Sunday of Easter, (Live Stream and In-Person).

9:30AM Sunday School

Nursery provided, Infants and Toddlers. Coffee Fellowship after Service in Fellowship Hall.

Scripture: John 15:9-17

Message: "Choose Love"

Volunteer for All Church Recycling Saturday, May 11 8:00 AM - Noon
2 Shifts 8-10 AM and 10 AM to Noon



Sign up for May 4th Event - "Rock the Block Event" For Habitat for Humanity

Looking for assistance on May 4th from 8a-1p for the Habitat for Humanities "Rock the Block" event. It's similar to our church has left the building event. All ages can help. If interested please sign up at link below "Group: First Methodist Church). Scroll down to "Faith/Church" <https://cerv.is/0119x2982>

Call Craig folkers with any questions. 402-306-3730

Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day and Graduate Sunday



On Sunday, May 12th the 9:30 AM Worship will be packed with music and honoring the women in our church on Mother's Day.

We will celebrate with music from the Celebration Bells and the Chancel Choir for this special Sunday.

High School Seniors will be recognized, prayer shawls will be given for those who requested them and the Youth Service Award winners will be announced.

Join us for this Sunday of praise, celebration, music, and recognition at Worship.



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.

We are collecting toiletries for Joseph's Coat: We have an ongoing collection of travel size toiletries that we donate throughout the year. Follow the link to see list: [Volunteer/Serve | Blair First United M \(blairumc.org\)](#)

All Church Volunteer Sign Up for May 11, 2024

8am-Noon

@ Washington Co. Recycling Center. Sign Up near the Church Office.

Children are welcome with parental supervision. Sign up for 2-hour shifts or all morning (8-12:00). Would like a minimum of 12 people for each shift

Announcements

Save the date for Summer Book Study

Beginning on June 3rd we will delve into the life of Corrie Ten Boom reading her story, "The Hiding Place".

Signup at the church office and stay turned for more information.

Books may be purchased through: Christian Book Distributors - <https://>



Save the Date:

**Blair 1st UMC
4th Annual
Gateway to the
West Breakfast
Fundraiser.**

June 8th

**More info to come for volunteers
needs and donations.**



Recently we have learned that the best way to log into your Vanco account is to first go to the Church Website: www.blairumc.org Use the "Give" tab or scroll to the bottom of the home page to "Online Giving" and log in either place. You may also contact the Church Office for assistance.

Long-Time Blair First UMC Employees Recognized

On Sunday, April 28th Worship our church custodian, Kevin Fleming and our Administrative Assistant, Debbie Foust were honored for their faithful years of serving the church since 2008 with a gift and flower basket. Thank you Kevin and Debbie!



Historical moment at our Great Plains General Conference

Bishop David Wilson made history by becoming the first Native American bishop to preside over the General Conference.

Weekly Happenings

(Please submit any entries to the office by Wednesday, 3:00pm.)

Sunday, May 5: 8:00 AM Appreciation Breakfast for teachers and staff (Parlor); **9:30 AM Sixth Sunday of Easter**, Worship with Holy Communion - In Person and Live Streaming; **9:30 AM Sunday School**. **Acolyte Training** to follow Worship in Sanctuary. **7:00 PM** Jan Mount Piano Recital.

Monday, May 6: 6-7:30 PM Girl Scouts #58121 (5/6)

Tuesday, May 7: 9:30 AM Faithful Bookworms (Parlor). **7:00 PM** NOW Core Team (Parlor).

Wednesday May 8: 9:30-3:00 PM WIC (Fellowship Hall); Last practices for the season for Bells and Chancel Choir - **6:00 PM** Celebration Bells (Sanctuary), **7:00 PM** Chancel Choir (Sanctuary).

Thursday, May 9: 5:30 PM TOPS (Fellowship Hall); **7:00 PM** Hospitality.

Friday, May 10: Office Closed.

Saturday, May 11: 7:30 AM United Methodist Men (Fellowship Hall). **8AM-Noon** All Church Volunteer at the Washington County Recycling Center. Sign up near the Church Office.

Graduate Sunday

Sunday, May 12, 2024

We will be giving prayer shawls to our graduating Seniors during the 9:30 service.



Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, June 2, 2024

We will be acknowledging our 2023/2024 Confirmation Class at the 9:30am service.

All **current 2nd-7th graders** that are not currently acolytes, we are offering training so that you can try it out this summer with the current acolytes. On 5/5 after the church service, meet us in the back of the sanctuary. Please let me or Pastor Gina know if you need a different time to train. There are no commitments until we sign up for the 2024/2025 group later this fall, this is just an opportunity to try it out this summer.



VBS Noisy Offering

Save the dates and your change to add to our VBS fund. Collection pails will be passed around during the 9:30am service on 5/19 and 6/2. Children and Youth can also bring their change to Sunday School on 5/5, 5/12, 5/19.



There's still four more Sundays this Spring to meet after Children's Message for Sunday School. 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 @ 9:30am

On 5/19, **WEAR RED!** And we will celebrate the Pentecost, (and our final day) with games and treats in the Outdoor Pavilion. (weather permitting)



Sunday Fundays!

Once or twice a month in June, July, and August, Pre-K—6th grade will meet in Fellowship Hall after the Children's Message for a fun-filled activity tied into the day's Bible theme.

June 2nd—Letting God's light shine (who likes things that glow-in-the-dark?)

June 23rd—Music Day (a morning of songs and instruments to play!)

Gateway to the West

Saturday, June 8th in the Outdoor Pavilion.

We will have crafts, temporary tattoos, (maybe games) and VBS signup available all morning before the parade that afternoon.

VBS will be at the First Lutheran Church.

June 24-28, 9:00am-12:00pm

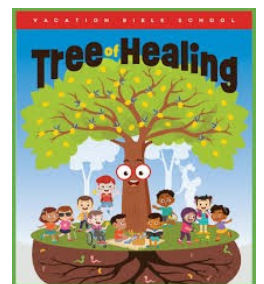
Lunch will be served at noon,

families welcome.

Current Pre-K—5th grade

6th—12th grade and

Adult Volunteers needed!



We will need lots of volunteers this summer from our older youth. Especially for those in Junior High and High School, you'll start to join groups that will want to know how many hours/places you've put in your volunteer hours. And helping at our church activities is a great way to get those hours in!

We will need helping hands at our Sunday Fundays, Gateway to the West tables, and tons of help during **Vacation Bible School.** Keep an eye on our Facebook page and Weekly Communique for more opportunities and when to sign up.

Let me know if you're wanting to help out so we can contact you as we get more information to get you signed up.

Grill and Games Night Wednesday, April 24

Celebrating the end of the season for
CONNECT and Confirmation



Thank you to
all who came
and enjoyed
the evening of
beautiful
weather, fun
games, and
good food.

