



Weekly Communique

January 4th, 2026



Blair First United Methodist Church

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I'd like to take a moment to thank the congregation for the very generous outpouring of love and generosity this

Christmas. I was greatly surprised and overwhelmed at the card I received with the donations made via the gift box in the narthex. I am truly blessed to be here in Blair, and surrounded by such loving and giving people!

Thank you! Doug

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

Epiphany Sunday, January 4th

9:30 AM - Worship with Holy Communion - In Person and Live Streaming

Rev. Dr. Doug Griger

Sunday School Today PreK 5th. *Nursery is available.*

Coffee Fellowship - Following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Message: "Don't Pack Up the Nativity Yet"

Those Serving This Sunday, January 4th, 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

Volunteer: Monica Hirschert

Acolytes: TBD

Nursery: Samantha Geise

Coffee Fellowship: Jeff and Jan Mount

Communion Stewards: Mary Stewart, Marcia Hall

Communion Celebrants: Jacque Fischer, Will Fischer, Rhett Fischer

Flowers: In celebration of Ron and Nancy Williby's 58th Wedding Anniversary on 12/30.

Thank You From Linda Harkey and Margaret Hanson

Words cannot begin to express our thanks and gratitude to each of the elves from our congregation who made time to bake cookies for our Christmas Eve project and our elves who 'got their motors running' and helped with deliveries after service.

We asked for two dozen from our bakers. We had a wonderful selection – no two alike. It was so much fun to assemble the plates with so many varieties. We delivered 23 plates of cookies to 12 locations.

We also plated cookies for Pastor Doug, Debbie F, Glenn and Amy C, Allison M and Kevin F (and a special plate for Doug's mother) which brought our total to 32 plates prepared.

Thanks to you, our community outreach was a success.

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.



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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.

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)

No Sunday School January 4th.



**CONNECT resumes
January 7th.**

CONNECT

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm

PreK-5th grade

Begin in the Chapel, lower level.

9th-12th grade

Meet in Youth room, lower level.

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. See our website for more information.

January Change for Change to benefit

UM Human Relations Day

Did you know that an estimated 70% of all people who die do not have a will or living trust? Without proper estate planning, no charity can receive gifts from your estate. Be sure your estate planning is up-to-date. Do you know who your heirs will be? Is your church a beneficiary of your estate?

This Week at Blair 1st...

Sunday, January 4th: 9:30 AM Worship
Epiphany Sunday, Holy Communion
- Live or Streaming
Sunday School - PreK thru 5th Grade
6:00 Cribbage In Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve by candlelight



Office Closings due to Inclement Weather

Reminder: When inclement weather closes the Blair Public Schools the church office will be closed and all activities will be cancelled.

Announcements will be made on Facebook and WOWT, Channel 6.



Breakfast With Santa Dec. 7

Thank you
to everyone
that helped
for this fun
event.



"Christmas Under the Sea" Christmas Program

