



# Weekly Communique

December 7, 2025



Blair First United Methodist Church

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## Christmas Eve Services

*December 24th*

*Worship with  
Holy Communion  
5:00 PM  
& 7:00 PM*

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

**Sunday, December 7th - Second Sunday of Advent**

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

**Rev. Dr. Doug Griger**

**9:30 Sunday School** - Prek thru 5th. *Nursery is available.*

**Breakfast With Santa / Coffee Fellowship** - Following worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Scripture:** Matthew 3:1-12

**Message:** "How Do We Prepare for Peace?"

## Those Serving This Sunday, December 7th, 2025

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: Terry and Nancy Oestmann

Volunteer: Janice Von Heim

Acolytes: Lindsey and Jake Grabowski

Nursery: Samantha Geise

Coffee Fellowship: Roger and Phyllis Barber

Communion Stewards: Sue Gerdes, Joleene Rewerts

Communion Celebrants: Cindy Rollins, Olivia Bacon, Becca Grabowski

**Doc and Carole Bagby Tribute  
Piano Christmas Concert  
Sunday, December 21  
10:05 AM, Immediately  
following Worship**

**Performed by Allison Matson**

**Coffee fellowship in Fellowship Hall  
Following the Concert.**

## Blair First United Methodist Christmas Giving Results

*Thank You for sharing  
your blessings with others.*

**November Change for Change**

Total for UM Student Day \$730.45

**Optimist Angel Tree**

Gifts for 5 Families, total of 21 people

**Holiday Food Drive**

233 pounds of food was donated

**Festival of Trees for Joseph's Coat**  
\$1,045.00

**Send Some Love Results**

10 College Students received  
a care package,

Shut Ins will receive a spring time gift

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

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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)



Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm

PreK-5th grade

Begin in the Chapel, lower level.

9th-12th grade

Meet in Youth room, lower level.



### Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

After Worship Service  
in Fellowship Hall

### Finding Christmas Under the Sea

PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade

Christmas Program

Wednesday,  
December 17<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm

Blair FUMC Sanctuary



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

Sunday, December 7th: 9:30 AM Worship - Holy Communion

2nd Sunday of Advent

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

Breakfast with Santa / Coffee Fellowship following Worship - FH

Monday, December 8th: 6:30 PM "A Child Is Born" Advent Study - P

Please read Chapter 2.

Wednesday, December 10th:

9:30-3:00 PM: WIC - FH

10:00-3:00 PM: Utility Assistance - P

6:00 PM: Celebration Bells - S

6:30-7:30 PM: CONNECT PreK-12th - LL . Confirmation - P

7:00 PM: Chancel Choir - S

Thursday, December 11th: TOPS - FH

Friday, December 12th: Office Closed

4:00- 8:00 PM: Christmas Market

Saturday, December 13th: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM Christmas Market

S = Sanctuary

P = Parlor

LL = Lower Level

FH = Fellowship Hall



### Invite All Your Friends

Friday December 12th 4-8 PM

Saturday December 13th

11 AM -6 PM

(See poster on page 1 for the many  
things to participate in.)

### Ways to Serve

#### Jeanette Hunt - Blair Animal Shelter Wishlist

We are supporting the local animal shelter with a collection box. The Shelter receives hundreds of animals each year and need help to care for the animals. Follow Link for more info.

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They also offer help to pet owners with food and supplies. Call Chelsea 720-315-5223 for more information on this program.

#### 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.

"What happens when you haven't left a will, power of attorney, or beneficiary instructions? In Nebraska, your estate doesn't just vanish—it goes through an intestate process that leaves your family guessing and grieving. Don't leave your legacy to chance. A clear estate plan shields your loved ones and ensures your wishes are honored."