



1st Church in Blair

A United Methodist Ministry

Weekly Communique

August 9th, 2026



Save the Date:
September 13th
for a fantastic
Celebration!

Plan to join us
for a meal
afterwards.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – August 9th

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

9:30 AM - Worship- In Person and Live Streaming

Rev. Dr. Doug Griger

Nursery is available.

Coffee Fellowship - following worship in Fellowship Hall

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Message: "It is Well"

August Change for Change: Crop Walk

Those Serving This Sunday, August 9th

Music Leadership: Allison Matson

Song Leader: Glenn Coates

Audio/Visual

Online Worship Team Coordinator: Layla Kern

Camera: Mia Kern

Soundboard and Soundcheck: Kevin Fleming

Connections Team: Roger and Linda Howland

Volunteers: Terry and Nancy Oestmann

Nursery: Samantha Geise

Acolyte: TBD

Coffee Fellowship: Sue Gerdes

Flowers: Happy Birthday Marla Ryan and all August Birthdays from the Stewarts and the Halls.



community
GROOVES & GRUB

🎵 FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT! 🎵

August 29, 2026 6-8 PM • Food Trucks Open 5-8 PM

Featuring live music by Fever & The Funkhouse!

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join us for a fun, relaxing evening with family and friends. Enjoy great music, delicious food, and a welcoming community atmosphere!

The Pavilion at Blair 1st
United Methodist Church
17th and Grant Streets

Food Trucks TBA
on site from 5-8 p.m.

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"8 Who Ate".

It is time to sign-up for another round of "8 Who Ate". This social gathering is a way to meet new friends and connect with long-time friends over a shared meal. The idea is that a group of about 8 people will gather together for a potluck dinner at a host's home or share a meal out at a restaurant.

Sign up by clicking [this link](#) or calling the church office by August 31. If you are willing to coordinate a group by hosting at your home or making a dinner reservation for 8, please indicate this on the sign up. You will be contacted the first week of September with the names for your group. The hope is to gather in September or October. Contact Jamie Folkers at folkers4@gmail.com or 402-709-4809 for more information.

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Summer Sundays

Free Time Sundays: Preschool – 5th Graders
Come to the PreK room after the Children's Message
for supervised activity time. **8/9, 8/16, & 8/23**
Outdoor Worship: Busy bags will be available: **8/30**



Director of Family Ministries: Danielle Jensen
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Fall Activities

Wednesday Night CONNECT (PreK-12th Grade) begins: Wednesday, September 9th
Sunday School (PreK-6th Grade) begins: September 13th

Bible Study: "Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning"

invites readers into the foundational stories of the Old Testament with clarity, depth, and imagination. Amy-Jill Levine presents Genesis as a living text, one that continues to shape faith, identity, and our understanding of what it means to be human. These familiar stories are often heard in fragments; here, they are explored with care, curiosity, and theological insight.

This study explores key stories from Genesis, including: The Garden of Eden, Cain and Abel, Noah's Ark, The Near Sacrifice of Isaac, Jacob's Stairway to Heaven, Joseph's Saga. Levine does more than explain what happens in these stories. She shows why they matter, bridging ancient Scripture and modern life and inviting readers to engage the book of beginnings with wisdom and wonder.

Six-week study beginning Monday, September 14 (6:30) p.m.
or Thursday, September 17 (9:30 a.m.). Updated Cost for Books \$18.

Ways to Serve



Be sure to pick a name from the display near the sanctuary to deliver to that person a Random Act of Kindness.

Goal: empty the bowl of names before Labor Day.

Second Annual Christmas Market December 11th & 12th



Spread the word that we are seeking vendors for this upcoming event.

Registration for Vendors:

[Christmas Market Vendor Sign Up](#)

Many vendors are already signed up!

Do you have a heart for prayer?

Join Blair First UMC Prayer Group

on Facebook.

Welcome the Mahon Family to Blair First



New members Zach and Gabby Mahon joined on Sunday, August 2nd.

Their children Charlotte and Conrad were also baptized that day. Welcome to our church family!



August 15, 2026
8:00 am
Blair First United Methodist Church
1656 Colfax



[Blair CROP Hunger Walk](#)

Sponsored by Blair First UMC and Blair First Lutheran

This Week at 1st Church in Blair...

Sunday, August 9th: 9:30 AM Worship - S

Free Time Activity PreK-5th Grade: Following Children's time -PreK Room

Coffee Fellowship following worship - FH

Endowment Meeting: following worship - P

6:00 PM: Cribbage -FH

Tuesday, August 11th: 6:30 PM N.O.W. Meeting – P

7:00 PM: Family Ministries – FH

Wednesday, August 12th: 9:30-3:00 PM WIC - FH

Thursday, August 13th: 5:30 PM TOPS - FH

Friday, August 14th: Office Closed.

Saturday, August 15th: 8:00 AM Crop Walk, beginning at Blair 1st UMC. Walk, walk and donate, or donate. 25% of the funds raised stay in the community.

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

*Retirement funds
present new opportunities
for giving to the church.*

*You may want to name the church
as the beneficiary of your individual
retirement account or other
retirement funds in the event you or
other beneficiaries die before all of
the funds are dispersed.*

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