



# Weekly Communique

January 19, 2025



Blair First United Methodist Church

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This month we are collecting:

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| Any kind of canned soup                  | Canned Diced Tomatoes        |
| Dry Soup Mix                             | Rotel Tomatoes (For Chili)   |
| Broth                                    | Chili Seasoning              |
| Soup Noodles (Pasta Noodles)             | Crackers, Crackers, Crackers |
| Chili Beans / Kidney Beans / Black Beans |                              |

Items may be left on the counter in the main hallway between the office and the sanctuary.

Thank you for your support!



### Sign Up for 8 Who Ate

Last Day this Sunday, January 19

The hope will be to gather in February.  
**Contact Jamie Folkers** with Questions:  
[folkers4@gmail.com](mailto:folkers4@gmail.com) or 402-709-4809.

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Next Week's Calendar (pg. 2)

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

**Sunday, January 19th 9:30 AM, Worship**

(Live Stream and In-Person).

**Rev. Doug Griger**

**9:30 AM: Sunday School. PreK-12th Grade**

PK-5th Grade students are dismissed from

Worship to their classrooms after Children's Time.

Youth meet in the Youth Room after Change for Change.

Nursery is available.

**Coffee Fellowship**

Following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Scripture:** John 2:1-11

**Message:** "Whine to Wine"

### Those Serving This Sunday, January 19th

Music Leadership – Allison Matson

Chancel Choir / Song Leader – Glenn Coates

Audio/Visual:

Online Worship Team Coordinator – Gabe Goeken

Cameras and Screens – Layla Kern

Soundboard and Soundcheck – Kevin Fleming

Connections Team:

Leader: Joan Bryant

Volunteers: Rich and Marty Buckingham

Coffee Fellowship: Todd and Stacy Wachter

Flowers: Jennifer Roberts - In honor of her parents Gene &

Isabelle Thomas' 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>;

Todd & Carol Hansen's 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary; and

In Memory of Crystal Mallette.

Acolyte: Owen Matson

Nursery: Samantha Geise

Sunday School is in session.

## 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.

**Please contact the office if you are needing help changing your online giving. We will be happy to assist.**

## Announcements



**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.

### "Pursuing God" Mondays, 6:30 PM in the Parlor

Monday, January 20th Genesis 37-50 "Finding God in Prisons and Palaces".  
Monday, January 27th John 1-3 "Encountering Jesus".  
Call Debbie for info: 402-426-2165. Please join us.



### Wednesday Night CONNECT

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (Dismissal)  
PreK-5th meet in the Chapel  
Youth CONNECT meet in the Youth Room.

### Sunday School

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (Dismissal)  
Before Children's Time children collect spare change from the congregation in buckets for the month's mission offering.  
7th-12th dismiss to Youth Room during Change for Change.



Please friend Danielle Jensen's Family Ministries Facebook page for Youth and Children's Ministry updates.  
Danielle Jensen,  
Education@blairumc.org  
402-427-3106

### Prayer Shawls for H.S. Seniors

The Prayer Shawl Committee is making plans to create prayer shawls for the 2026 High School Seniors or other graduates of higher learning. Please contact Monica Hirschert: 402.812.4277 or Donna Lange: 402.426.3394 with your seniors name. This gift is optional and is made in the colors of choice.



### Coming in February

# Undy SUNDAY

We will be collecting new under clothes for men and women, socks, t-shirts and monetary gifts to benefit Crowell Homes' Residents.

### Upcoming Lenten Study

#### Mondays at 6:30 pm - March 10, and concluding on April 14

Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing. Led by Rev. Doug.

The story of Jesus's death is not something we just read: we think about it, and we experience it; we hear the taunts of the soldiers, the priests, and the passersby even as we hear the famous "seven last words" from the cross.

In *Witness at the Cross*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today.

Each Gospel has its own story to tell, all the witnesses have their own memories, and every reader comes away with a new insight. The witnesses at the Crucifixion watch Jesus die, and we watch with them, and we watch them. And we come away transformed.

## Weekly Happenings

### Sunday, January 19th: 9:30AM: Worship

9:30 AM: Sunday School (PreK-1st); (2nd - 6th); (7th - 12th) - Nursery available.

6:00 PM: Cribbage ( Fellowship Hall).

### Monday, January 20th: 6-7:30 PM: Girl Scouts #58121 (5/6).

6:30 PM: "Pursuing God" Bible Study (Parlor). Last lesson in Genesis, Jan. 27 will begin John.

### Tuesday, January 21st: 10:00 AM Worship (Parlor).

### Wednesday, January 22nd: 9:30-3:00 PM: WIC (Fellowship Hall).

6:00 PM: Celebration Bells (Sanctuary).

6:30-7:30 PM: CONNECT (lower level).

7:00 PM: Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, January 23rd: 5:30 PM TOPS (Fellowship Hall).

Friday, January 24th: Office Closed.