



1st Church in Blair

A United Methodist Ministry

Weekly Communique

September 27th,
2026

Ministry Ideas

These are all of the ministry ideas submitted at our celebration Sunday, 9/13. They have been / will be forwarded on to the different teams/committees of the church.

Music Ministries:

Need to sing more children-friendly songs during worship
Would like to see the choir wear robes again
Organ more often
New music for the choir
Gospel Choir Day (for whole congregation)
A traditional hymn each week...well maybe once a month?

Women's Ministries:

Make more mincemeat and rhubarb/strawberry jam
Church garage sale
Women's retreat / speaker
We could have more women's circle groups.
At one time we had 6 or so

Family Ministries:

Chili cook-off and /or ice cream social
More young couple activities to promote growth
Craft night /club
Church family events like camping, fishing

Youth Ministries:

Parents should not be required to attend church for kids to attend Sunday school.
Youth work mission trip Let kids come!
Confirmation starts in 9th grade. Maturity. And brings high school youth to church & Sunday school

Worship Ministries:

Every other month: contemporary service with contemporary music (Have Kevin get out his bass guitar)
Greet one another during worship. Put prayer list names in bulletin – easier to remember
Parishioners doing readings

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – September 27th

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

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

Rev. Dr. Doug Griger

9:30 AM Sunday School: PreK-6th Grade.

Students are dismissed after Children's Time.

Nursery is available. Busy bags will be available.

Coffee Fellowship - following worship in fellowship hall.

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32

Message: "We Aren't Rich Little"

Those Serving This Sunday, September 27th

Music Leadership: Allison Matson

Audio/Visual

Camera: Lindsey Grabowski

Nursery: Taylor Geise

Connections Team: Dick Goeken

Coffee Fellowship: Kim and Brenda Quick

Flowers: NA

Celebration Bells: Jeff Mount

Online Worship Team Coordinator: Mia Kern

Soundboard: Kevin Fleming

Acolyte: Joel Matson

Volunteer: Kim and Brenda Quick



**September Change for Change
Will be collected for
Great Plains Disaster Relief**



Annual Charge Conference

will be held here at

Blair First UMC

October 11th @ 2:00 PM

We will be hosting this event for
several area churches.

You are also invited to attend.

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Connect and Sunday School are now in session!

NEW CHANGES TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be **NO Sunday school on the 1st Sunday of each month.**

Children are welcome and encouraged to join their families in church for Communion Sunday. **Activity packets will be available** during those services. Each month will have a different topic to work on and take home. (Clipboards and zippered bags with supplies will remain at church for future use.)



We need magazines for kids to cut out pictures for a collage project.

Please drop off items to the church by
Sunday, September 27th

New Shirts are Available to Order!

The First Church in Blair
Gather to thrive in Community
Grow to be like Jesus
Go to bring Hope

Shirts are \$20 each - \$8 additional for 2XL-6XL

Orders may be given in the office or at the Information Station near the office.



This Week at 1st Church in Blair...

Sunday, September 27th, 9:30 AM: Worship – S.

Sunday School, PreK – 6th Grade. Students are dismissed after Children's Time. Nursery available. Busy bags available.

Coffee Fellowship following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

Monday, September 28th, 6:30 PM: Genesis Bible Study – P

Please read Chapter 2.

Wednesday, September 29th:

6:00 PM: Celebration Bells Rehearsal - S.

6:30-7:30 PM: CONNECT – PreK-12th Grade – LL

7:00 PM: Chancel Choir Rehearsal – S

Thursday, October 1st, 9:30 AM: Genesis Bible Study – P

Please read Chapter 3.

5:30 PM: T.O.P.S. – FH

Friday, October 2nd: Office Closed

Saturday, October 3rd, 9:30 AM: Pet Blessing in the Outdoor Pavilion.

All pets great and small are welcome!

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

Ways to Serve



Trunks with Treats are needed for Sat., October 24th

Decorate your trunk and give out candy!

Altar Flower Sign Up:

To provide flowers for Sunday Worship.



Sign up in the Narthex or call the office 402.426.2165

"8 Who Ate" groups are being formed and you should hear from your host soon.

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](#)

Do you have a heart for prayer?

Join Blair First UMC Prayer Group on Facebook.

Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship - saying thanks to God, expressing your love and concern for family, and showing charity toward others.

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

Ministry Ideas (continued from page 1)

Childrens' Ministries:

Re-do childrens' space
Use some of the money to provide Sunday school leaflets as in years past. They go home and kids are proud of them
If we provide methodist weekly teaching materials for all grades and teacher for all grades the parents and kids will come and teacher will have something to prepare

Administrative Ministries:

Bring your dog to church day...3rd
Sunday of every month.
Give Doug a raise (and no, Doug did NOT write this)

Building & Property:

Outdoor church sign able to show stream of events
Need a big van for use of the different committees & organizations in our church
Install a water park
Somehow if we could reconfigure the dismissal traffic pattern
Do we still have a church van to use for events
Repairing or replacing all of the loose counter tops & edging
a cover for the east entrance
robo-vacuum
Complete the entrance that was originally planned when the sanctuary was remodeled approximately 20 years ago.

Outreach Ministries:

Hygiene kits for the homeless
Sponsor missionaries from our congregation for world outreach
The Church Has Left the Building days
Community garden to share produce with neighborhood or farmers market
Midweek meal (on Thursdays) unless 1st Lutheran comes through (sounds like it's over)

Continue the Christmas Tree auction

Witness Ministries:

Neighborhood prayer walks

Social Justice:

Education efforts – mental health

Nurture Ministries:

Nurses in congregation to host health topic discussions

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Outdoor Ministries:

Monitors in worship pavilion

Hospitality Ministries:

Encourage young couples to serve in church – etc. connect team
Table talk cards at each table. Fun & informative. Help brings people to church & feel less shy
Soft Serve ice cream machine x2 – chocolate & vanilla
Change seats for conversation time occasionally because it can be a bit hard to break into groups
Love all of our food fellowship. I encourage us to cater if it sometimes becomes burdensome
Christian word searches, word finds.
Blair First UMC sermon times, phone number, history of church to hand out or pick up in back of church.

Wednesday Night Community Dinners

5-6:30 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 14 -Nov. 18

Free Will Offering.

Take out is available.

October 14: Drive Thru Burgers and Dogs

Served by: Monica

October 21: Whoville Feast

Served by Christmas Market

3 Rivers Flu Clinic

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

4:00PM-5:00PM

First United Methodist Church

1656 Colfax St – Blair, NE

Bring a copy of your insurance card if you would like to bill to insurance. Out of Pocket Cost: \$45.

Forms may be found on the Bulletin board near the east door.





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Office Hours – M-Th 9am-3pm
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We GATHER
To Thrive In Community.
GROW To Be Like Jesus.
GO To Bring Hope
Gather->Grow->Go->

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Diaper Drive this Month for the Bridge. Needed: Sz. 4 and larger, Wipes, and Pull Ups.				1 9:30 AM "Genesis" Bible Study – P Ch.3 5:30 PM T.O.P.S. – FH	2 Office Closed	3 9:30 AM Pet Blessing in the Outdoor Worship
4 <u>World Communion</u> 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion No Sunday School <u>Following Worship:</u> <u>World Communion</u> <u>Potluck. Bring your</u> <u>favorite ethnic food.</u> 6:00 PM Cribbage - FH	5 6:30 PM "Genesis" Bible Study – P Chapter 3	6 9:30 AM Faithful Bookworms - P 6-7:00 PM Girl Scouts – 5/6 room, LL	7 6:00 PM Bells – S 6:30-7:30 PM CONNECT – lower level 7:00 PM Chancel Choir - S	8 9:30 AM "Genesis" Bible Study – P Chapter 4 5:30 PM T.O.P.S. – F 6:30 PM Christmas Market - P	9 Office Closed	10 7:30 AM Methodist Men Breakfast – TBD
11 Third Gr. Bibles & Acolyte Dedication 9:30 AM Worship & Sunday School, PreK-6 th , following Children's Time. 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship – FH 1 2:00 PM Charge Conference – FH 6:00 PM Cribbage – FH	12 6:30 PM "Genesis" Bible Study – P Chapter 4	13 6:30 PM N.O.W. – P 7:00 PM Family Ministries - FH	14 9:30 AM – 3 PM W.I.C. 5-6:30 PM <u>Community Dinner,</u> <u>Drive Thru Burgers</u> <u>& Dogs</u> 6:00 PM Bells – S No CONNECT 7:00 PM Chancel Choir - S	15 9:30 AM "Genesis" Bible Study – P Chapter 5 5:30 PM T.O.P.S. – FH 7:00 PM Leadership - P	16 Office Closed	17
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Doug attending Orders & Fellowship, in Leawood, KS						