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# Weekly Communique

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Week of: June 26, 2022

## Annual Conference by Joleene Rewerts

I was elected as an alternate lay delegate to attend the Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church for June, 2022. It gave me voting privileges for business items. Reimagine Discipleship was the theme. With some future shifts in the United Methodist Church, we will need to address how we present the church of tomorrow. We know the following three characteristics, 1) discipleship needs to grow, 2) we must be good ancestors to the future generations, and 3) we will practice being relational and purposeful. United Methodist Church congregates have been around 200 years and want to be around for the next 200 years! Be proud of the United Methodist Church, don't apologize. Bishop Saenz, Jr. clearly states we will lay the foundation for the next generation.

So, we must learn about Generation Z and the Alpha Generation. What are their needs? How do they learn? What is their culture? and What are their expectations? The pandemic has forced clergy to meet the challenges to advance the church ten years. There is no going back. The church will continue to move forward. We need you to join the action!! Think of it as a football analogy to "Move the Chains," to advance toward the goal post! Bishop Saenz, Jr. chanted "Move the Chains!" with each adopted agenda item. We are moving forward, are you?

"Work becomes worship when done for the Lord". Anonymous.

For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear, I will help you. Isaiah 41:13



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## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Full Calendar of events  
may be found on our website.

**June 26th, 9:30 AM Worship Service:** In-Person with Live Streaming. An interactive Children's Message will be provided.. Nursery provided. Coffee Fellowship following Worship.

**Sermon:** "Move the Chains"  
Joleene Rewerts, Lay Delegate to the  
Annual Conference

**Scripture:** Isaiah 41:13



**July 3: 9:30 AM Worship Service** In-Person with Live Streaming .An interactive Children's Message will be provided.. Nursery provided. Coffee Fellowship following Worship. Wear your red, white and blues!

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## Children, Youth, Information, Connections



### Sing Along at Carter Place

One of the activities at Carter Place is a Sing Along by the music chaplain., Cole Sawyer. Can you find our friend Karene Ryan.

### Washington County Food Pantry “Pack the Pantry”

We will be having a Food Drive and Cruise for Food event during the month of July. Right now due to smaller amounts of donations and commodities the Pantry is needing the following items immediately or monetary donations.

Most needed food items; rice, pasta, corn, salsa, boxed potatoes, hamburger helper, sloppy joe mix and pork n beans. You may bring items to the church this Sunday or during the week, Monday thru Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm.

### Vacation Bible School Blair First United Methodist Church July 18-21; 8:00am-11:30am Age 4 thru 5th Grade

Drop off as early as 7:30am, breakfast will be provided. Pick up no later than Noon.

Register Online [www.blairumc.org](http://www.blairumc.org) or use the qr code.



### Weekly Happenings

(Please submit any entries to the office by Wednesday, 3:00pm.)

**Tuesday, June 28:** 11:30-12:30 Washington County Food Pantry Board Meeting (Parlor).

**Wednesday, June 29:** 10:00 Morning session of Lord's Prayer Bible Study; 6:30pm Evening session of Lord's Prayer Bible Study (both held in the parlor).

7:00pm Children's Ministry Meeting (Fellowship Hall).

**Thursday, June 30:** 7:00pm T.O.P.S. (Fellowship Hall).

**Friday, July 1 and Monday, July 4:** Office Closed.

## Ways to Serve . . .

### Cookies for Christmas in July

We need 35 dozen cookies for the Christmas in July Event at Steyer Park on Friday, July 15th. The event is sponsored by the Washington County Ministerial Association. If you are able to provide a couple dozen cookies please sign up at the link below. Please have cookies at the church by July 14th. You may also bring them anytime and place them in the freezer in the church kitchen. Thanks!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A48A5AD22A3FA7-cookies>

### Month of July - Washington County Food Pantry

During the month of July Food Drive we are partnering with our neighbors at St. Mary's Episcopal Church for the Washington County Food Pantry. At this time supplies for the Food Pantry are in a crisis state and need our help.

### Cruise for Food at Family Fare

When: Saturday, July 23rd. 8am-Noon  
We will need volunteers to collect the food and will welcome monetary and food item donations at the church. Please sign up (sign up coming soon) at church or call the Church Office 402.426.2165.

[Volunteer/Serve | Blair First United M \(blairumc.org\)](http://www.blairumc.org)

### Thank You for Saving Your Receipts

For every \$150,000 in Family Fare receipts we have we receive a check from Spartan Nash for \$1,000.

We have collected \$120,000 towards our goal.. Receipts can be turned in at the Information Station by the Church Office.

