



1st Church in Blair

A United Methodist Ministry

Weekly Communique

August 16th, 2026



Baptism and New Member

Baptized last Sunday, Thomas von Knorring, parents are Connor and Devin.

Welcome new member,
Abby Osborn.

Siblings, Ava, Otto, and Axel, looking on.



Save the Date:
September 13th
for a fantastic Celebration!
Plan to join us for a meal afterwards.

**August Change for Change:
Crop Walk**

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – August 16th

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

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

Rev. Dr. Doug Griger

Free time Activities: PreK-5th Grade following Children's Time, Nursery is available.

Coffee Fellowship - following worship in Fellowship Hall

Scripture: Matthew 15:10-28

Those Serving This Sunday, August 16th

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

Volunteer: Lonnie Kay Mackie

Nursery: Samantha Geise, Taylor Geise

Acolyte: TBD

Coffee Fellowship: Cindy Rollins

Flowers: NA



Miracles can happen!

Thank you to those who came to the rescue for Recycling and for those who worked at "Pack the Pantry"

Thank you to the Recycling Volunteers: Back row: Dick Goeken, Debbie Foust, Jeff Mount. Front row: Natalia Jensen, Genevieve Jensen, Janice Von Heim, Sheryl Herman, Cindy Rollins (who came on her birthday!) and Neal Goeken.
Not pictured: Dave Herman

Thank you to the Pack the Pantry Volunteers who collected 526 pounds of food and \$200 for the Washington County Food Pantry.

Volunteers: Jim & Barb Daubenspeck, Todd Hansen, Dave Herman, Russ & Debbie Foust, Jane Gilbert, Carol Fanoelle, Lisa & Scott Andersen, Monica Hirschert, Holly & Mike Mackie, and Aaron, Allison, Joel, & Owen Matson

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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. **8/16, & 8/23**
Outdoor Worship: Busy bags will be available: **8/30**



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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.

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

"8 Who Ate"

8 Who Ate is a social gathering 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 second 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.



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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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.

Next Recycling date:
TBD in November

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.

Thank You "Fellow FUMC Member" it's delicious.
S.G.

This Week at 1st Church in Blair...

Sunday, August 16th: 9:30 AM Worship - S

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

Coffee Fellowship following worship - FH

10:30 AM: Acolyte Training - S

Financial Stewardship: following worship - P

6:00 PM: Cribbage - FH

6:30 PM: Men's Book Club @ the Poling's

Thursday, August 20th: 5:30 PM TOPS - FH

7:00 PM: Leadership - P

Friday, August 21st: Office Closed.

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.