

Weekly Communique

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Blair First United Methodist Church



Week of:
October 2, 2022

WE **GIVE** SO THAT WE MAY FULFILL OUR VISION TO:

GATHER To Thrive In Community.

GROW To Be Like Jesus.

GO To Be Hope

Give->Gather->Grow->Go->

Greetings!

This Sunday I will begin a Sermon Series based on the vision and theme of our Fall Stewardship Campaign. Our theme is: **We give so that we may fulfill our vision to gather to thrive in community, grow to be like Jesus, and go to be the hope.** Ultimately the goal of our Stewardship Campaign is to secure the resources we need to effectively minister to our congregation, our community, and the world. The emphasis on stewardship is an effort to help our congregation grow in faith, to address ministry opportunities in our faith community, and to address financial needs facing the church. With God's help, our goal is to increase generosity at Blair First United Methodist Church so our ministries can touch more lives within our walls and beyond.

Our Vision & Stewardship Team is energized and motivated to encourage our members to grow more deeply in our ability to fulfill our vision. Stewardship helps us fulfill our vision. Regardless of where we are in our faith journey, the call to fulfill our vision is strong. Throughout the month of October and November, our Vision & Stewardship team has lined up ways to share their energy and motivation around stewardship with the congregation. They have recruited church members to share about their own commitment to Blair First UMC during Stewardship Moments during worship. Vision & Stewardship Team members will be organizing and hosting small-group gatherings here at the church as well as in their homes. The small-group gatherings will provide an opportunity for you to hear about Blair First United Methodist Church and its mission and many ministries. The small gatherings will also provide an opportunity for listening to your hopes and dreams for the future of Blair First United Methodist Church. Where do you see Blair First United Methodist Church in the next five years, ten years, twenty? During the gatherings we will also share the latest updates about the United Methodist Denomination as we approach General Conference 2024.

We are so thankful for our members and friends of Blair First UMC and the many ways you support us. We hope you will join us in our Stewardship Campaign endeavors as **we give so that we may fulfill our vision to gather to thrive in community, grow to be like Jesus, and go to be the hope.**

Praying for and with you,
Pastor Gina

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.
October 2nd; 9:30 AM Worship/World Communion Sunday: In-Person with Live Streaming with Holy Communion and Baptism. Children & Youth dismiss to Sunday School after the Young People's Message. Nursery provided. Coffee Fellowship between Services.

"NEW" October 2nd 10:45 AM Worship/World Communion Sunday: In-Person Only with Holy Communion
Stewardship Sermon Series Begins

Sermon: "Give"

Scripture: Psalm 100

October 9th; 9:30 AM Worship: In-Person with Live Streaming and Baptism. Children & Youth dismiss to Sunday School after the Young People's Message. Nursery provided. Coffee Fellowship between Services.

"NEW" October 9th, 10:45 AM Worship: In-Person Only.

Ways to Serve

Where are You Needed at Church? Coffee Fellowship Hosts & Greeters

Contact: Craig Folkers
folkersca@gmail.com

Teachers for Sunday School and CONNECT

Contact Ashley Bacon
education@blairumc.org

Flowers for Worship

Sign Up near the Office or call
402.426.2165

Next Recycling Date: Nov. 12

Crop Walk

Walk, or Donate - helping hunger one step at a time. Donate online, thru Church or walk Oct. 9, 1-3. Checks should be made out to CWS/Crop or designate on memo line.

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

Direct Your Dollars

For every \$150,000 in Family Fare receipts we have we receive a check from Spartan Nash \$1,000. Receipts can be turned in at the Information Station near the Church Office. We have collected \$30,000 so far.

Blair CROP Hunger Walk -- helping end hunger one step at a time

The Blair CROP Hunger Walk will be held on October 9, 2022
From 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Starting at Lions Park at the Shelter

CROP Hunger Walk support the international relief and development work of Church World Service. Our church and others in our communities and across the United States are joining together to help end hunger one step at a time, both around the corner and around the globe. Additionally, the Blair CROP Hunger Walk will support the efforts of The Washington County Food Pantry to eradicate hunger in our community.

Join us on October 9th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM starting at the shelter Lions Park for our Rally. From 1:00 to 1:30 PM we will ask participants to turn in their donations and donor sheets and for a group photo op and passing out materials.

For more information about the CROP Hunger Walk, contact Rev. Christian at 402-594-4845 or Aaron Matson at 402-306-6988.

Donations can also be taken to the church office during normal office hours from those not wishing to walk but want to make a donation through October 9. See Website www.blairumc.org

Make checks out to CWS/Crop or designate in check memo.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2022
CROP Hunger Walks

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Care Package Donations Needed

Blair First UMC will be creating Christmas Care Packages for our Nursing Home and Shut-In Residents. We will ask the congregation to deliver packages the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We will be collecting items for the Care Packages throughout the month of October. You may bring donated items to the church during office hours or on Sunday morning. Here is a list of suggested items that you may donate:

Slipper Socks	pens/pencils
Individually packaged candy/snacks	stamps
Word search books or other activity books	lotions
Care Cards from the Congregation	Chapstick
(Joleene and crew made colorful pillow cases)	

Announcements

Wednesday Community Meals begin

Oct. 12th - Nov. 16

5:00-6:30 PM

Oct 12th - Spaghetti

Served by Men's Book Club

Blair First UMC will be creating Care Packages for our College Students. They will be mailed or delivered the week before Thanksgiving just in time for Finals Week. We will be collecting items for the Care Packages throughout the month of October. You may bring donated items to the church during office hours or on Sunday morning Here is a list of items that you may donate.

Packages of Gum or Mints	Chapstick
Individually packaged candy/snacks.	devotional books
Care Cards from the Congregation	pens/pencils
\$5 to \$10 gift cards to coffee shops or fast food chains	

Weekly Happenings

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

Sunday, October 2nd, World Communion Sunday: 9:30 AM Worship In-Person/ Live Streaming and Baptism, 9:30 AM Sunday School, students are dismissed from Worship after the Young People's Message.

10:45 AM Worship, World Communion Sunday: In-Person Only.

Tuesday, October 4th: 9:30 Faithful Bookworms (Parlor); 7:00 PM Now (Parlor).

Wednesday, October 5th: 6:30-7:30 PM CONNECT for Children, Youth & Confirmation; 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary).

Thursday, October 6th: 7:00 PM TOPS (Fellowship Hall).

Friday, October 7th: Office Closed.



Chancel Choir has begun practices. New Members are always Welcome!

**Please Join on Wednesdays
7:00 PM
in the Sanctuary.**