

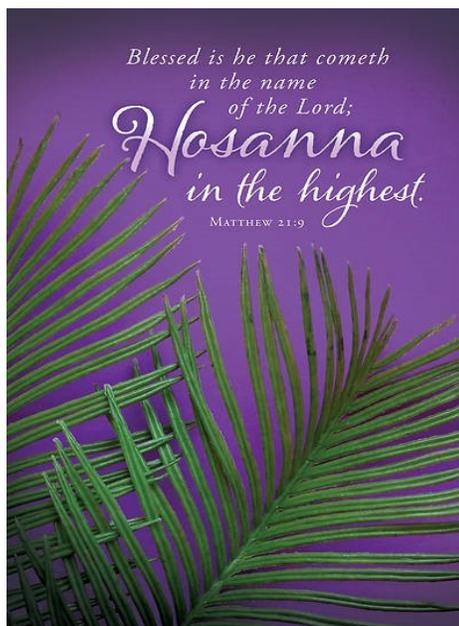


# 1st Church in Blair

A United Methodist Ministry

Weekly  
Communique

March 29, 2026



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - March 29th - Palm Sunday

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

**9:30 AM - Worship, Fifth Sunday of Lent** - In Person and Live Streaming

**Rev. Dr. Doug Griger**

**Sunday School** - PreK-5th Grade (dismissed after Children's Time.)

*No Nursery available today.*

**Coffee Fellowship** - Following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Scripture:** Matthew 21:1-11

**Message:** "Save Us From..."

## Those Serving This Sunday, March 29th, 2026

Music Leadership: Allison Matson

Chancel Choir/Song Leader: Glenn Coates

Audio/Visual

Online Worship Team Coordinator: Layla Kern

Camera: Mia Kern

Soundboard and Soundcheck: Kevin Fleming

Connections Team: Marty Buckingham

Volunteers: Margaret Hanson, Mardell Fink

Acolyte: TBD

No Nursery today

Coffee Fellowship: Susan Poling

Flowers: In honor of March Birthdays from Mary Stewart

**Found: Handicap Parking Permit**  
Please contact the church office  
**402-426-2165**

## OUTDOOR WORSHIP PAVILION MEMORIAL BRICKS

Blair First United Methodist Church invites you to purchase an engraved personalized brick so that you can cement your legacy or the legacy of your loved one(s) at Blair UMC forever. Your contribution from the sale of the brick goes toward funds for the Outdoor Worship Pavilion. The brick is a way to remember a loved one, honor the special people in your life, and/or leave your legacy. Bricks will be placed in the ground around the concrete pad. You may purchase as many bricks as you like. Bricks are \$150.00 each.



**Palm Sunday Worship** March 29 @ 9:30 AM

**Maundy Thursday Worship** April 2 @ 7:00 PM

**Good Friday Worship** April 3 @ 7:00 PM

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

7:00 AM in the Worship Pavilion

& 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

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**Late Night Lock In (3rd-5th Grade)  
Adult and Older Youth Needed**

- ◆ Friday, April 17th, 5:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m. *Not Overnight.*
- ◆ Male and Female Adults and Youth
- ◆ volunteers needed to supervise and help with activities. Indoor and outdoor activities possible
- ◆ set up and clean up

Contact Danielle Jensen to help with either or both events.  
[Education @blairumc.org](mailto:Education@blairumc.org)

**CONNECT and Confirmation return to 6:30-7:30pm time  
April 8, 15, 22, 29 (last meeting for CONNECT).**



**Palm parade**

**This Sunday, March 29th  
PreK-5th Grade Sunday School  
will parade with palms and sing.**

**Ways to Serve**

**March  
Easter Breakfast  
Food Drive**

**Requested Items**

- Muffin Mixes
- Pancake/Waffle Mixes
- Peanut Butter/Honey
- Jelly/Jam
- Syrup
- Oatmeal
- Granola Bars
- Canned Fruit



**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.



**8 Who Ate  
Group**



*Pictured left to right:* Glenn Coates. Susan Poling, Marty and Rich Buckingham, Kris and Bob Coffey, Amy Coates & Lonnie Kay Mackie.

**This Week at 1st Church in Blair...**

**Sunday, March 29th: 9:30 AM Worship, Palm Sunday**

**Sunday School - (PreK-5th Grade)**

**Coffee Fellowship** following Worship - FH

**6:00 PM:** Cribbage - FH

**Wednesday, April 1st:**

**6:00 PM:** Celebration Bells - S

**No CONNECT or Confirmation**

**Following Service:** Chancel Choir - S

**Thursday, April 2nd:**

**5:30 PM:** TOPS - FH

**7:00 PM:** Maunday Thursday Service - S

**Friday, April 3rd: Office Closed.**

**7:00 PM:** Good Friday Service - S

**Sunday, April 5th: Easter**

**7:00 AM:** Easter Sunrise Service - Outdoor Worship Pavilion

**9:30 AM:** Easter Worship - S

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

**Help Needed**

We're looking for an intern to learn the technology desk. This is an unpaid position but could possibly turn into a paid position in August. See Pastor Doug for more information.

**Who needs estate planning?**

Every adult who is legally competent, that owns anything, and cares about who receives it at the time of their disability or death. In addition, estate planning is necessary for anyone who wants to leave a bequest for the church.

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



**SPRING SERVICE DAYS**

Join us for any or all of our Spring service days.

Help get the site ready for summer camp!

**April 18th and May 2nd 9am**

**Questions? Office 402-478-4298 or**

**Email [rsiver@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:rsiver@greatplainsumc.org)**

# High School Lock In March 20th

We had a blast at the Youth Lock-in! Lots of different games, including multiple rounds of Romans & Christians. Who doesn't like running around the church in the dark with foam darts!?

After a yummy pasta bake supper, we split into teams for our dessert challenge. All three desserts got made, despite some interesting deviations from the recipes!

We rounded up the event with a movie in the sanctuary & woke everyone up for cinnamon rolls. They were so close to staying awake all night long!

Thanks to Ashley Bacon, Nicole Clapper, Craig Folkers, Makenzie Goeken, & Monica Hirchert for helping during the lock-in. Thank you Danielle Jensen.



Pictured above and below: interesting creations for the "Dessert Challenge".



**Let us know if your child(ren)  
will be attending camp this summer.**

Please contact the church office and ask about scholarships that Blair First UMC offers. We have received a certificate from Camp Fontanelle for a first time camper as well as other scholarships resources from the church. Camp Fontanelle scholarships include: "Bring a Friend", "Sibling Saver Discount" and "Earlybird Discount" (Earlybird register by April 1st). See Family Ministries bulletin board for more information.

Pictured Below: working on the "Dessert Challenge".



Above: Gathering together at the beginning of the Lock in.

First United Methodist Church

Office Hours – M-Th 9am-3pm

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**We GATHER**

To Thrive In Community.

**GROW** To Be Like Jesus.

GO To Be Hope

Gather->Grow->Go->



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO CHILDREN OR YOUTH ACTIVITIES, 6:00 PM Celebration Bells 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	2 5:30 PM TOPS (FH) 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday	3 Office Closed 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship	4
5 EASTER SUNDAY 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service - Outdoor Wor- ship Pavilion. 9:30 AM Worship No Sunday School 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship following Worship. (FH)	6 Office Closed	7 9:30 AM Faithful Bookworms (P) 7:00 PM Family Ministries (FH)	8 9:30-3:00 PM W.I.C. (FH) 6:00 PM Bells (S) 6:30-7:30 PM CONNECT (LL) and CONFIRMATION (P) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	9 5:30 PM TOPS (FH)	10 Office Closed	11 7:30 AM Methodist Men Location TBD
12 9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School PreK - 5th Grade Coffee Fellowship following Worship. (FH) 6:00 PM Cribbage (FH)	13	14 6:30 PM N.O.W. (P)	15 9:30 AM Methodist Women (P) 6:00 PM Celebration Bells (S) 6:30-7:30 PM CONNECT - (PreK - 12) & Confirmation (P) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (S)	16 5:30 PM TOPS (FH) 7:00 PM Leadership (P)	17 Office Closed 5:30-11:00 PM Grades 3-5 Lock In	18
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26 9:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School PreK - 5th Grade Coffee Fellowship following Worship. (FH) 6:00 PM Cribbage (FH) 6:00 PM Men's Book Club at Matson's	27	28	29 6:00 PM Celebration Bells (S) 6:30-7:30 PM Last night for CONNECT (PreK - 12) 6:30-7:30 PM Confirmation (P) 7:00 PM Choir (S)	30 5:30 PM TOPS (FH)  BRICK ORDERS DUE		