



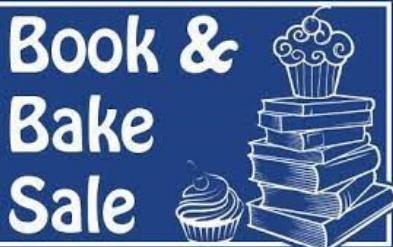
# 1st Church in Blair

A United Methodist Ministry

## Weekly Communiqué

February 1st, 2026

### Methodist Women's



**Sunday, February 8th  
During Coffee Fellowship**

**Free Will Donation  
We appreciate your support.**

Proceeds used to purchase  
3rd Grade Bibles  
& Camp Fontanelle  
Scholarships

We are accepting book donations  
and Baked Good donations.  
Please pre-package baked goods  
for sale. Thank You.

#### January Change for Change for

UMC Human Relations

**Total Raised: \$438.89**

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to benefit  
Camp Fontanelle**



#### 2026 Pledge Changes to Your Vanco Account

If you have changed your pledge for 2026 and did not change your donation yourself and need assistance from the office please contact Debbie: 402-426-2165. Unless we are asked and are given your permission your information is not changed on your Vanco account.

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Blair First United Methodist



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### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP February 1st

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

**9:30 AM - Worship with Holy Communion - In Person and Live Streaming**

**Rev. Dr. Doug Griger**

**Sunday School - PreK-5th Grade. Nursery is available.**

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

**Scripture: Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12**

**Message: "Required"**

### Those Serving This Sunday, February 1st, 2026

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: Joan Bryant

Volunteers: Shawn and Pam O'Dell

Acolyte: TBD

Nursery: Danielle Jensen

Coffee Fellowship: Susan Poling

Flowers: Jon and Mary Stewart's celebrating their 52nd Anniversary.

### Lenten Schedule Information

This year our Wednesday Night Community meals during Lent will begin on Shrove Tuesday - February 17, the day before Ash Wednesday. All other meals will be on Wednesday, from February 25-March 25.

The times for the meals will also be different due to the change in the Lenten schedule.

**Meal times** will be 5:30-7:00 PM for all meals.

**CONNECT and confirmation** will meet from 6:00-7:00 PM.

**Lenten services** will be held @ 7:15, "Journey to the Cross".

Shrove Tuesday meal will have a New Orleans vibe. Wednesday meal menus are on the website and on posters. Thank you Monica Hirschert for coordinating the meals.



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Please "Like" the new  
FACEBOOK Page for Youth and  
Children's Ministry Updates  
New LINK: [Facebook](#)

Danielle Jensen, Family Ministries Director  
Education@blairumc.org 402-427-3106



**Sunday School After Children's Time-10:30am.**

All students begin in Worship.

PreK-5th dismiss after Children's Time to PreK room for music.

**PreK-2nd grade** (classroom across from Sanctuary)

**3rd-5th grade** (classroom by elevator)



**CONNECT**

**Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm**

**PreK-5th grade**

Begin in the Chapel, lower level.

**9th-12th grade**

Meet in Youth room, lower level.

**CONNECT & Confirmation Lenten Schedule**

**Feb. 18 - March 25th 6:00-7:00 PM**

**Wednesday Night Community Meals**  
**Blair First United Methodist Church**

**Lenten** 

**New Time**  
**5:30 - 7:00 PM**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Free Will Offering & Take Out**

**Shrove Tuesday Meal, February 17th** - lively southern-inspired meal  
**Menu:** Jambalaya, Cajun pasta, hush puppies, and King Cake.  
**Served by:** Christmas Market Committee  
**No Meal on Ash Wednesday, February 18th**  
**Next Meal: Wednesday, February 25th**

### This Week at Blair 1<sup>st</sup>...

**Sunday, February 1st: 9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion**

- Live or Streaming

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

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

**Tuesday, February 3rd: 9:30 AM Faithful Bookworms - P**

**Wednesday, February 4th:**

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

**6:30- 7:30 PM: CONNECT - LL & Confirmation - P**

**7:00 PM: Chancel Choir - S**

**Thursday, February 5th:**

**5:00 PM: Christmas Market Meeting - P**

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

**Friday, February 6th: Office Closed.**

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

### Ways to Serve

#### 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.



**Next Recycling Date: February 14th**

**Where:** Washington Co. Recycling Center

**When:** 8 AM-Noon; 2 shifts available  
8 AM- 10 AM and 10AM-Noon.

**Who:** Adults and children (must be accompanied by an adult). Sign-up near the Church Office

### 8 Who Ate Gatherings

*Groups will be formed and dinners set up for the months of February and March.*

*Stay tuned for more information.*

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How long has it been since you've updated your will? Does it carry out your wishes? Does it leave any gift to the church to carry on its ministry after your death.

### Nursery Volunteers Needed

Recruiting volunteers (18 or older)  
For Wednesday night nursery from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

We are looking to cover the times during bell and choir practices.

**Contact Danielle Jensen for more information:**

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**(Safe Gatherings certification will need to be completed.)**

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.

