

# Weekly Communique

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Week of:  
May 28, 2023



Blair First United Methodist Church



All Proceeds for UMCOR –  
Disaster Relief

**Breakfast Fundraiser**  
**Blair First United Methodist Church**  
**Serving Breakfast Burritos**  
(Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, No Meat)  
**Cinnamon Rolls & Baked Goods**  
**Coffee and Water**  
**Saturday, June 10**  
**8am-12:30pm**



**At the Craft and  
Vendor Fair**

**(Serving at 2 locations.)**  
**1656 Colfax St. &  
Corner of 17<sup>th</sup> & Lincoln**

**Check out our Kid's Zone Booth**

*Crafts for Kids and Information on Church Camp & Upcoming VBS!*

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

**Sunday, May 28, Pentecost, 9:30 AM** (Live Stream and In-Person) Rev. Gina Gile. Nursery provided, 1st Grade and under. Coffee Fellowship after Services.

**Sermon:** "Variety is the Spice of Life"

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

## Volunteer for the Breakfast Fundraiser on June 10

There are many positions and services needed.

- Making Burritos
- Baking
- Set-Up, Clean-Up
- Manning the Burrito Stations, serving and running for supplies.
- Kid Zone Crafts
- All proceeds will go to UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief

Join us for this community event, for a great cause!

**Three ways to sign up:** Sign up near the Church Office,  
On our website:

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

Or Call the Church Office: 402-426-2165



## Summer Church Office Hours: Starting in June

Monday-Wednesday: 9am-3pm

Thursday: 9am-Noon

Office Closed for Annual Conference: June 7-8

## Ways to Serve

### Church Volunteers Needed Connections Team

Contact: Craig Folkers  
folkersca@gmail.com

### Flowers for Worship

Sign Up near the Office or call  
402.426.2165

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### Volunteers Needed for Mowing the Church Lawn.

Call or text Ron Williby:  
402-533-3188

## Announcements

**If you are submitting your  
own digital picture for the  
Church Directory you Please  
have in by June 5th.**

Email to: [Office@blairumc.org](mailto:Office@blairumc.org)

### "In the Word"

#### Monday Night Bible Study

Join us at 6:30pm

In the Church Parlor.

Using "Chosen" series for  
study. No sign up needed to  
be a part of this on-going  
Bible Study Group.

#### Shortened Summer Hours for Church Office Starting June 1

Mon-Wed 9am-3pm,  
Thursday 9am-Noon.

### River of Life

2023 VBS Student

Registration is Open!

First Lutheran and First  
United Methodist Churches  
are having a JOINT VBS  
this year!!

VBS Location: First ELC  
2146 Wright St.

PreK thru 5th Grade  
(grade finished this year)

#### July 17-21, 9am-12pm

Lunch following each day -  
Open to All

Register Here:

[FUMC & FLC "River of Life" VBS  
Registration July 17 - 21 @ 9am-  
12pm \(google.com\)](#)

## THANK YOU ASHLEY BACON AND TEACHING STAFF

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Ashley Bacon recognized our amazing teachers from Sunday School and CONNECT - our Wednesday evening program. Before Worship a breakfast was served for the Teaching Staff and Church Staff.

After serving as Education Director Ashley will be stepping down from her current position.

Ashley stated, "I have enjoyed this position and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our children and youth. Each year I assess what I am doing and how I'm doing and this is something I know I will miss and am sad because I do enjoy it.

**Thank You Children's Ministry Team:** Monica Hirschert, Jenny Bruck, Mackenzie Anderson, Carrie Nixon, Mary Gillespie, Ann Hackerott, and Aaron Matson. They came up with all the great ideas! I've just been the face to all their great ideas. Also thank you Debbie Foust who has helped and guided me over these past few years and Kevin Fleming who has cleaned up more messes and has never complained.

Pastor Gina has been nothing but supportive of anything and everything we asked her to do. She has been a true blessing to me and this program.

I will ask one thing of all of you and that is to please pray specifically for this position. Pray we find someone who is passionate about leading children and youth towards a deeper faith with God."

### CONNECT Teachers

"Jenny Bruck taught our HS group and stepped in when MS wasn't meeting with Pastor Gina for confirmation. She has a true talent for working with all children but I am in awe of her ability to work with those upper ages. Jenny spearheaded the Breakfast with Santa and does so many things behind the scenes.

Debbie Foust committed to teaching our 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. Debbie is good with any age of students and I know this group learned a lot with Miss Debbie this year. She also led children's music throughout the year and prepared us for our Christmas songs.

Mackenzie Anderson was there every Wednesday and taught most of the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classes but floated around the rooms as well making sure everyone was in good shape. She says she's not a "teacher" but I think she proved herself wrong this year!

Danielle Roberts finished her second year of teaching our K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Danielle is very busy who recently had twin boys added to their family. This group can be a wild bunch but she rolled with it and had them making great projects.

Carrie Nixon and Mary Gillespie split their time in the nursery with PreK and younger and those little ones kept them on their toes as well! Bible stories were read in between puzzles and tea parties! Thank you CONNECT teachers for all your time!"

### Sunday School teachers

"Ann Hackerott taught our Middle School/HS for a few years now and we are so grateful for her time and prep. Thank you Ann and Alan!

Janice Van Heim was a life saver this year as our 6<sup>th</sup> grade kind of fell in between the two groups and she has done such a great job with our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Jacque Fischer and Carrie Nixon teamed up to teach the 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> and worked around each other's schedules as they are both very busy mamas. I am grateful for their teamwork.

Amy Coates took on our PreK-1<sup>st</sup> graders and she has been faithful for many, many years. Her love for our littles is unmatched and I just appreciate her so much for all the years she has dedicated to our Sunday School program.

Cassidy Goeken was in our nursery this year and we appreciate her service especially with new families that come in hopes of finding a new church home. Having the nursery option is huge."

**Thank You Ashley for serving, you have been a blessing to Blair First United Methodist Church.**