



# Weekly Communique

April 5, 2026  
Easter Sunday

A man took a vacation to Israel with his wife and mother-in-law. During their time in the Holy Land, his mother-in-law unexpectedly passed away. The following day, the husband met with the local undertaker to discuss funeral plans.

"In cases like these, there are a couple of options to choose from," the undertaker explained. "You can ship the body home for \$5,000, or you can bury her in the Holy Land for just \$150." The man took a minute to think about it, and then announced his decision to ship her home.

The undertaker, intrigued by his decision, said, "That's an interesting choice. Can I ask why would you pay \$5,000 to ship your mother-in-law home, when you can easily bury her here for \$150?" The man promptly replied, "About 2,000 years ago, a man died and was buried here. Three days later he rose from the dead, and I can't take that chance!"

**Please Note:** Office will be closed: Friday, April 3rd & Monday, April 6th

### Missions Report

#### March Change for Change

Collected: \$620.71  
For UMCOR

United Methodist Committee on Relief

#### April Change for Change

Will be collected for:

UM Native American Ministries

#### Easter Breakfast Food Drive

We delivered 267# of food.  
Blessings everyone!

Thank you Diane Highfill for delivering!

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - April 5th - Easter Sunday

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

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

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

**Rev. Dr. Doug Griger**

**No Sunday School** - Nursery available today.

**(10:30 AM) Coffee Fellowship** - Following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Scripture:** John 20:1-18

**Message:** "For the 1,195th Time"

### Those Serving This Sunday, April 5th, 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: Kim and Brenda Quick

Acolyte: Skylar Bacon

Nursery: Samantha Geise

(10:30am) Coffee Fellowship: Ron and Nancy Williby

Flowers: Easter Lilies

### Maundy Thursday Service

April 2 @ 7:00 PM

### Good Friday Service

April 3 @ 7:00 PM

### Easter Sunday, April 5

7:00 AM in the Worship Pavilion

& 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary

### Order 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.

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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).**

## 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.

**CAMP FONTANELLE 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 [Ryan rsiver@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:Ryan rsiver@greatplainsumc.org)



Pictured above: PreK - 5th Grade Children's Choir on Palm Sunday.

**Thank you Blair First UMC,**  
We are blessed to have individuals and families who believe in the mission of Camp Fontanelle and the ministry that provides a place to connect with friends, family and faith. It is a place for fun, adventure and a fantastic place to get away.

The ministry at Camp Fontanelle has been transforming lives since 1959. It is through prayers, financial gifts and sharing of time and talent that allows

for those transforming moments. Your gift of \$404.45 helps to allow for those moments.

Blessings, Jane Van Horn,  
Director Of Development and Fundraising

**To Blair First United Methodist Church,**

The family of Allen Trumble acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Thank you,  
Phyllis Trumble and Family



## 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.

You can share your faith beyond your lifetime by signing your estate planning documents now. You will have the joy of knowing that whatever you do not use in this life will continue in ministry after your death.

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

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

**Sunday, April 5th: 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service (Worship Pavilion)**

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

**No Sunday School - Nursery is available.**

**Coffee Fellowship following Worship - FH**

**Monday, April 6th: Office Closed.**

**Tuesday, April 7th: 9:30 AM - Faithful Bookworms - P**

**7:00 PM - Family Ministries - P**

**Wednesday, April 8th: 9:30-3:00 PM: WIC - FH**

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

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

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

**Thursday, April 9th:**

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

**Friday, April 10th: Office Closed.**

**5:00-9:00 PM: Special Olympics - FH**

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