



Weekly Communique

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Week of:
January 29, 2023



Blair First United Methodist Church



**“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.”**

— **Matthew 7:7**

Greetings!

The message of the gospel is for each and every one of us. Jesus points out in the gospel of Matthew that even a good earthly parent gives their children what they need. How much more, then, will our good and gracious God show love for us when we ask, seek, and knock? God’s perfect love is available to us all the time!

As Christ’s representatives here on this earth, we are called to share God’s love with everyone we meet. We are called to invite others into community with us and with God, who loves us more than we can possibly imagine. I am thankful for this Christian community, to which we invite others in and to share the love. Christian community is never full and is never closed. It is always open and expanding to share God’s love with others. Though our love may have limits, God’s love is never limited!

May God move us to seek community in all its positive forms as we invite others in, and gather around each one of us to ever be expanding.

Praying for and with you,
Pastor Gina

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

January 29 - 9:30 AM (Live Streaming and In-Person)

Children & Youth dismiss to Sunday School after the Young People’s Message. Nursery provided. Coffee Fellowship between Services.

10:45 AM (In Person).

Sermon: “Source of Life”

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

February 5 - 9:30 AM (Live Stream and In-Person)

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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

All Church Recycle Date

Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Washington Co. Recycling
2-shifts available.

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

Direct Your Dollars

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

We have already raised another \$104,000.

Announcements

Month of February Undy Sunday for Crowell Home.

(see article to the page 3)

Ash Wednesday Community Meal, February 22nd, 5-6:30:

Ham, Mac and Cheese Bake,
Green Beans, Rolls, Desserts,
Served by Vision and Stewardship.

Never Ending Middle School Christmas Party

February 5, 6:00-7:30pm (see poster on page 3)

Weekly Happenings

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

Monday, January 30: 6:30 PM "In The Word" Bible Study (parlor) No sign up needed, bring your Bibles and join us!

Wednesday, February 1: 6:30-7:30 PM CONNECT Classes for age 4-High School. (Lower Level); Confirmation (Parlor);
7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary).

Thursday, February 2: 5:30 PM: TOPS (FH).

Friday, January 27: Office Closed.

Come Work For Us!!

Blair First UMC is seeking applications for the following positions:

Family Ministries Coordinator

Blair First UMC is seeking a part-time Director of Family Ministries that will encourage and equip children, youth and their families on a lifelong journey as disciples of Jesus. This individual will be responsible for creating programs and opportunities to inspire and launch the faith of children and youth, partner with and

establish trust with parents, and build a vibrant volunteer culture where volunteers love to serve. Blair First UMC is looking for a candidate who: Has a deep-rooted faith and a desire to guide children and youth as they grow in their relationship with Jesus. Is able to connect relationally with students, families, and volunteers. Has the ability to provide vision and infrastructure for sustainable ministries. Creates a safe environment where children and youth feel welcomed and loved. Please see follow the link for full job description at [Job Opportunities | Blair First United M \(blairumc.org\)](#) Email resume and cover letter to ggile@greatplainsumc.org.



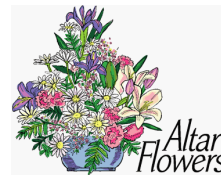
Substitute for Office Secretary

Blair First UMC is seeking a part-time substitute when needed for church secretary that can fill in for the regular secretary when needed. Paid training. The job entails greeting visitors to the office and answering the phone. Responsible for preparation of church materials and maintaining a detailed filing system. There would be other general clerical tasks as assigned. Must be proficient using the Microsoft Office and being able to navigate church's website and social media. The applicant should be a motivated, self-starter and able to work in a group environment. Please see follow the link for full job description at [Job Opportunities | Blair First United M \(blairumc.org\)](#) Email resume and cover letter to ggile@greatplainsumc.org.

January Food Drive

During the month of January we are collecting food items for the Washington County Food Pantry. For January....let's think all things SOUP!

Last Sunday, Jan. 29
for Donations!
Help Fill the Shelf!



Altar Flower Sign-Up

The giving of Altar Flowers on Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate and remember our loved ones. Persons or families providing the flowers are responsible for purchasing their own arrangements. You will receive a reminder from the church office. More than one person or family may sign up for a Sunday. Sign up near the Office or call the office 402-426-2165.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
C.O.N.N.E.C.T

THE ONE WHERE THEY COME TOGETHER IN FAITH

Now - February 15th
6:30-7:30 PM - Confirmation Continues

"CONNECT"

Will begin February 1. Lenten Schedule TBD.
(Classes for Children and Youth)

Help Wish Joanne Little a Happy 90th Birthday!

Joanne Little will be 90 years old this month. The family would like to have a card shower for her to mark the occasion.

The address is: Morton Place
1500 14th Avenue
Nebraska City, NE 68410

You're Invited to a New Weeely: Bible Study

On Monday, January 23rd at 6:30 a new group called, "In The Word" held it's first meeting. The focus of this group will be on going Bible Studies. Our initial study will involve a video, discussion time ending in prayer. In this study there is no sign up or homework. Just bring your Bible and join us. These lessons are independent and do not built on each other, so if you miss a night all is well just join us next time. Looking forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions please feel free to call Diane Highfill at 402-659-4514.



Undy Sunday Month is February!!

The Big Bloomers are back!! During the month of February, we will be filling up the big bloomers with undies, socks, and other comfy undergarments for our friends at Crowell Home. Bloomers will be located in the east entryway during the week and by the sanctuary on Sunday. We are collecting new men's and women's under garments of all sizes: boxers, briefs, athletic socks, compression socks, extra fuzzy socks— anything you would like to donate, we will find a good home for. If it's easier to donate money, write the check to the church & write Undy Sunday on the memo line. Thanks!
NOW Committee, Aaron Matson

Blair First UMC
Middle High School Youth
6th to 8th Grade
Never Ending - Christmas Party
Rescheduled For
Sunday, February 5, 2023.
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

*Come join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Bring some friends!
We will dine on pizza & snacks, play some games,*

We will also play a
White Elephant
Gift Exchange Game.

White Elephant Gift Exchange Instructions:
Bring one wrapped gift. Gifts may be "gag" in form or just something from home that is not needed anymore. Or it could be a gift received last Christmas that you would like to "regift."
The possibilities are endless! If you must purchase a gift, please do not spend more than \$10.

RSVP to Pastor Gina by January 29th by
Texting or Calling - 620-794-1345
Or emailing - ginagile@gmail.com



Please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office no later than **February 19**. Extra forms will be placed at the Information Station. Names of those to be honored will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

How many (\$10.50 each) _____

Check or cash enclosed _____

Please **PRINT** names as you wish them to appear in the bulletin:

IN HONOR _____

IN MEMORY _____

FROM _____





February 2023

First United Methodist Church

Office Hours– M-Th 9am-3pm

Office Email: office@blairumc.org

Church Office: 402.426.2165

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->

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30-7:30 PM CONNECT for Youth, Children and Confirmation 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	2 5:30 PM TOPS	3 Office Closed	4
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