



Weekly Communique

November 24, 2024



Blair First United Methodist Church

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“Light of the World”

By Amy-Jill Levine

Led by Rev. Doug

Mondays @ 6:30

November 25,

December 2, 9, & 16

If you are participating in the class, bring your Bible and read the introduction and Chapter 1 before the first session, November 25th.

Cost for the book \$10.50.
Sign up near the Church Office

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Next Week's Calendar (pg. 2)

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

Sunday, November 24: 9:30 AM, Worship
(Live Stream and In-Person).

Rev. Doug Griger

9:30 AM: Sunday School. PreK-12th Grade

Students are dismissed from
Worship to their classrooms after Children's Time.

Coffee Fellowship

Following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

Scripture: Joel 2:21-27; Matthew 6:25-33

Message: "Thankful People"



Festival of Trees

**Last day to bid
End of Worship:**

Sunday, November 24

Change for Change
November collection will benefit
United Methodist Student Day Offering

Those Serving This Sunday, November 24

Music Leadership – Allison Matson

Chancel Choir / Song Leader – Glenn Coates

Audio/Visual:

Online Worship Team Coordinator – Gabe Goeken

Cameras and Screens – Mia Kern

Soundboard and Soundcheck – Kevin Fleming

Connections Team:

Leader: Dick Goeken

Volunteers: Grabowski Family

Flowers: From Kim and Brenda Quick

Coffee Fellowship: Rich and Marty Buckingham

Acolytes: Joel and Owen Matson

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. Poinsettias will decorate the church Christmas Eve.

We are collecting toiletries

for Joseph's Coat: We have an ongoing collection of travel size toiletries that we donate throughout the year. Visit the link to see the list: [Volunteer/Serve/ Blair First United M \(blairumc.org\)](http://Volunteer/Serve/Blair First United M (blairumc.org))

Announcements



We will be collecting money for gift cards until November 27th. You can drop your donation in the offering box on Sunday, mail it or stop by the office with it. Please mark your envelope/ check with "College Student Gift Cards" so it gets to the correct place. Thanks for your support! Diane Highfill highfill5@me.com

Please like our new Facebook page "Blair First United Methodist Church"



- the one with the picture of our Stained Glass Window. Our Facebook account with the bobble head John Wesley will be going away soon.

PLEASE NOTE: Live Streaming will still be broadcast

on fumc.blair.5 until our new page is 60 days old (mid-December).



Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

The holiday season is fast approaching and once again it is time to order Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary.

Please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office no later than December 1st. Or call or email the office – 402-426-2165 or office@blairumc.org.

Names of those to be honored will be listed in the December 24th bulletin.

How many (\$11.00 each) _____

Check or cash enclosed _____

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

IN HONOR OF

IN MEMORY OF

FROM



Greetings, Blair First Family,

Over the years, our congregation has come together to remind the people of our community that there are United Methodists who love and care for them and appreciate the sacrifice of the holiday time to work and care for others.

As you begin your holiday baking, please consider baking an extra dozen or two to share. (Although we enjoy frosted cookies, they don't transport well). To accomplish this project we will need:

C - Cookies to be brought to the church by noon, Sunday, December 22.

H - Help. We're asking for your help in providing goodies to share and for help to package the plates for delivery. If you're interested please call Margaret Hanson, 402-426-2282 or Linda Harkey, 402-426-1971.

R - Reconnaissance, helping us gather information where people will be working Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

I - Information for cookie delivery - (what door to deliver, how many employees, etc.)

S - Silence is golden. We want to surprise them with our love.

T - Transportation from you to deliver cookies on your way home after the 5:00 Christmas Eve Service. There will be clear instructions for delivery.

We plan to deliver to the hospital, ER, nursing homes, motels, water treatment plant and law enforcement. If you know of other suggestions please let Margaret or Linda know.

We're asking for your help, and thanking you in advance for your consideration in helping to share Christ at Christmas.

Linda Harkey and Margaret Hanson

Weekly Happenings

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

Sunday, November 24: 9:30AM, Worship -

Festival of Trees Silent Bidding ends this Sunday, end of Worship, Nov. 24.

9:30 AM Sunday School (PreK-1st); (2nd - 6th); (7th - 12th) - Nursery available.

11:30 AM: Coffee Fellowship (Fellowship Hall).

6:00 PM: Cribbage (Fellowship Hall).

Monday, November 25: 6:30 PM Advent Study: "Light of the World" begins. (Parlor).

Wednesday, November 27:

No Celebration Bells or Chancel Choir.

No CONNECT

Thursday, November 28: Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed

Friday, November 29: Office Closed.

FAMILY ministry

Upcoming EVENTS



Please friend the Family Ministries Facebook page for Youth and Children's Ministry updates. [Facebook](#)

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

Join **CONNECT** and Sunday School

Sunday School 9:30-10:30am

PreK-1st & 2nd-6th dismiss after Children's Message.

7th-12th dismiss during Change for Change.

Schedule: 11/24, 12/8, 12/15

No Sunday School 12/1, 12/22, & 12/29.

CONNECT Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

PreK-2nd grade & 3rd-5th grade meet downstairs in the Chapel and then split into two groups.

Middle School will meet in the Youth Room.

(9th-12th are also welcome!)

Schedule: 12/4, 12/11

No Connect on 11/27



Christmas Program Practices have begun



BREAKFAST with SANTA

After Worship during Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, December 8th

Serving a pancake breakfast.



Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 PM

Christmas Program Practices:

Sunday School - 12/8 and 12/15

CONNECT Practices - 12/4 and 12/11

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->

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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion, In-Person and Live Streaming. No Sunday School. Coffee Fellowship following worship. 6:00 PM Cribbage (FH)	2 6:30 PM Advent Study: Light of the World (Parlor)	3 9:30 Faithful Bookworms (Parlor)	4 11:30 UMW Potluck @ Mardell Fink's home. 6:00 PM Celebration Bells (Sanctuary) 6:30-7:30 PM CONNECT Children & Youth 7:00 Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	5 5:30 PM TOPS (Fellowship Hall)	6 Office Closed	7
8 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM Worship, In-Person and Live Streaming. 9:30 AM Sunday School. "Breakfast w/ Santa" following worship. 6:00 PM Cribbage (FH)	9 6:30 PM Advent Study: Light of the World (Parlor)	10	11 9:30 AM-3:00 PM WIC (FH) 6:00 PM Celebration Bells (Sanctuary) 6:30-7:30 PM CONNECT Children (Meet in Chapel) & Youth (Youth Room) 7:00 Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	12 5:30 PM TOPS (Fellowship Hall)	13 Office Closed	14 7:30 AM U.M. Men. (@ Decarlo Diner, Modale, Ia. Carpool from church at 7:15 AM)
15 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM . Worship, In-Person and Live Streaming. 9:30 AM Sunday School. Christmas Program Practice following Worship. Coffee Fellowship following Worship 6:00 PM Cribbage in	16 6:30 PM Advent Study: Light of the World (Parlor)	17	18 7:00 PM Christmas Program. Students arrive in the Chapel @ 6:30 PM.	19 5:30 PM TOPS (Fellowship Hall)	120 Office Closed	21
22 4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM . Worship, In-Person and Live Streaming. No Sunday School. Coffee Fellowship following Worship. 6:00 PM Cribbage (FH)	23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed @ Noon Worship Services with Holy Communion 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	25 Christmas Day Office Closed  A Child is Born!	26 5:30 PM TOPS (Fellowship Hall)	27 Office Closed	28
29 9:30 AM, Worship, In-Person and Live Streaming. No Sunday School. Coffee Fellowship, following Worship. 6:00 PM Cribbage in (FH)	30	31  Office Closes @ Noon				