

Weekly Communique

February 2, 2025



Blair First United Methodist Church

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You shall love the
Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,

Deuteronomy 6:5



For the Month of February

We will be collecting new under garments and comfy clothes for men and women, socks, t-shirts and monetary gifts to benefit the Residents of Crowell Home
Donate in the
"Drop your Drawers" Display

Change for Change

January collection to benefit
"Human Relations Special Offering"
\$641.04

February Change for Change
will benefit
**Jeanette Hunt Blair
Animal Shelter**



Jeanette Hunt
BLAIR ANIMAL SHELTER

Early Response Team (ERT) trainings

Come learn where United Methodists are involved, what is a disaster, how do we prepare for a disaster, what we can do when a disaster strikes, how the disaster response plan is activated, and how to be a caring presence in communities facing disaster recover.

April 26, First UMC Omaha register here <https://go-reg.brtapp.com/ERTOmaha042625>

June 21, First UMC Norfolk register here <https://go-reg.brtapp.com/ERTNorfolk06212025>

If anyone is interested in taking the training for ERT Susan Poling is interested in carpooling for the event.

You can reach her at (402) 215-1138

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Next Week's Calendar (pg. 2)

Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

Sunday, February 2, 9:30 AM, Worship

(Live Stream and In-Person).

Rev. Doug Griger

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

PK-5th Grade students are dismissed from

Worship to their classrooms after Children's Time.

Youth meet in the Youth Room after Change for Change.

Nursery is available.

Coffee Fellowship

Following Worship in Fellowship Hall.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Those Serving This Sunday, February 2nd

Music Leadership – Allison Matson

Chapel Choir/Song Leader – Glenn Coates

Audio/Visual:

Online Worship Team Coordinator – Gabe Goeken

Cameras and Screens – Layla Kern, Mia Kern

Soundboard and Soundcheck – Kevin Fleming

Connections Team:

Leader: Joan Bryant

Volunteer: Todd and Carol Hanson

Communion Stewards: Marcia Hall and Mary Stewart

Communion Celebrant: Olivia Bacon

Coffee Fellowship: Missy and Kevin Wiemer

Flowers: Celebrating Jon and Mary Stewart's 51st

Wedding Anniversary

Acolytes: Blakelee and Rhett Fischer

Nursery: Samantha Geise

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.

We are collecting toiletries for Joseph's Coat:

We have an ongoing collection of travel size toiletries that we donate throughout the year. See our website for more information.

Please contact the office if you are needing help changing your online giving. We will be happy to assist.



Please friend Danielle Jensen's Family Ministries Facebook page for Youth and Children's Ministry updates. Danielle Jensen, Education@blairumc.org 402-427-3106



"Church Has Left The Building"
Sunday, April 27
More Info to Come!

Sunday School

9:30am-10:30am

2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23

PreK-6th grade will sing during worship on 2/16.

Practice will be held during Sunday School.

Connect

6:30pm-7:30pm

2/5, 2/19, 2/26. **No Connect on 2/12**

Connect will be on hiatus during Lent and will resume on 4/23.



Thank you for making a difference!

We are grateful for your support and for your belief in us. We simply could not do what we do without amazing people like you.

Wishing you all the best in 2025!



Denise Cada, Strategic Director

Announcements



Reminder: When inclement weather closes the Blair Public Schools the Church Office will be closed and all activities will be cancelled. Announcements will be made on Facebook and WOWT, Channel 6.

Prayer Shawls for High School Seniors

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is making plans to create prayer shawls for the 2025 High School Seniors or other graduates of higher learning. Please contact Monica Hirschert: 402.812.4277 or Donna Lange: 402.426.3394 with your seniors name. This gift is optional and is made in the colors of choice.

Upcoming Lenten Study

Mondays at 6:30 pm - March 10, and concluding on April 14

Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing. Led by Rev. Doug.

The story of Jesus's death is not something we just read: we think about it, and we experience it; we hear the taunts of the soldiers, the priests, and the passersby even as we hear the famous "seven last words" from the cross.

Each Gospel has its own story to tell, all the witnesses have their own memories, and every reader comes away with a new insight. The witnesses at the Crucifixion watch Jesus die, and we watch with them, and we watch them. And we come away transformed.

Sign up near the church office or call the office 402-426-2165. Book cost: \$11-14.

This Week at Blair 1st...

Sunday, February 2nd: 9:30AM: Worship with Holy Communion

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

6:00 PM: Cribbage - FH. **6:00 PM:** Men's Book Club - P

Monday, February 3rd:

6:30 PM: "Pursuing God" Bible Study - P. Starting the book of John, chapters 1-8

Tuesday, February 4th: 9:30 AM Faithful Bookworms - P

7:00 PM: N.O.W. Core Team - P

Wednesday, February 5th: 9:30 AM United Methodist Women - P

6:00 PM: Celebration Bells - S

6:30-7:30 PM: CONNECT - LL

7:00 PM: Chancel Choir - S

Thursday, February 6th: 5:30 PM: T.O.P.S. - FH

Friday, February 7th: Office Closed

S = Sanctuary

P = Parlor

LL = Lower Level

FH = Fellowship Hall