

Weekly Communique



Week of: October 17th

Words of Encouragement by Joleene Rewerts Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Acts 6: 2-4

² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

We all have gifts or special interests to be shared in our home, our community, our job, with our friends, and with our church.

In Matthew 4:18-22, James, his brother John, Andrew and Simon were the first Disciples to be chosen. They were not in a hypnotic trance. They knew what kind of work Jesus was doing and they were willing to follow him. They knew following him would change their lives. Remember, they didn’t give Jesus responses like. “Hey Jesus, I need to check with my calendar and see if I’m not busy, or “Did you check with Tom down the road, he may be available to go with you?” No, these men went “at once, immediately” with Jesus. Left their home, family and went with him for some intense training. So, when we are invited to help out, we need to look at the examples of the disciples and do it at once.



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Blair First United Methodist Church

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP Full Calendar of events may be found on our website.

October 17: 9:30 AM - In-Person with Live Streaming. Message: Joleene Rewerts. Sunday School 9:30 AM, students will begin in Worship in the Sanctuary and be dismissed after the Children’s Message. Coffee Fellowship following Worship.

Sermon Title: *Change Agent*
Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22,
& Acts 6:2-4



October 24: 9:30 AM - In-Person with Live Streaming. Message: Ben Larsen. Sunday School 9:30 AM, students will begin in Worship in the Sanctuary and be dismissed after the Children’s Message. Coffee Fellowship following Worship.

See Page 2 for Weekly Happenings. Visit the Website for more in depth information. www.blairumc.org

Weekly Communique may be found on the counter in the narthex, back of the sanctuary and the Information Station.

Weekly Communique ~

Children, Youth, Information, Connections

Camp Fontanelle Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch

Open Every Saturday & Sunday thru October 31st

Enjoy the Fall Activities at Camp Fontanelle while supporting the camp. Location: 9677 County Road 3, Fontanelle, NE (2 miles south of highway 91 in Washington Co.)

Activities Include - 9 Acre Corn Maze /Pumpkin Patch/Zipline/
Food, Laser Tag/ Pedal Karts/Petting Barn/ Bounce House/Corn Pit/
Special Events/Fire Pits/ Hay Rack Rides & More!

October 17th & 24th - "Search for Treats"

2:00-4:00 PM

Special Event - October 22nd & 23rd - "Scary Maze".

7:00-10:00 PM

Annual Conference

All are welcome to attend this years Annual Conference where we present our yearly reports to the Missouri River District. This years meeting is Sunday, November 21st @ 2:00 PM and is hosted by Clair Memorial UMC, 5544 Ames Ave. in Omaha.

Sunday School

After a short Children's Message all Sunday School children and youth will dismiss to their Sunday School rooms with their teachers. PreK-1st grade upstairs in the classroom behind the sanctuary. 2nd-5th grade will be downstairs in the classroom on the left near the Chapel. 6th, 7th & 8th Meet in the Youth Room.

We are in Need of More Sunday School Teachers

Please contact Ashley Bacon at 402-307-0519 or education@blairumc.org if you're called to be a teacher.

Line-up of preachers:

October 24 & October 31: Ben Larsen.

Ben Larsen and his family have been active members of our church for many years. Ben was quite active as youth. Ben preached as a youth and has preached as a young adult since graduating high school and college. Ben lives in Lincoln with his wife Alesha.

November 7: Rev. Clark Christian.

Pastor Clark is a retired UMC pastor, he and his wife, Mary Nan, are active members of Blair First UMC. Pastor Clark and Mary Nan have been very active in our mission and outreach ministries.

Weekly Happenings

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

Sunday, October 17: 6:00 - Men's Book Club at Russ Foust's.

Monday, October 18: 7:00 PM - Forgiveness Bible Study,
(Parlor).

Tuesday, October 19: 7:15 PM - Children's Ministry Meeting.
(Parlor)

Wednesday, October 20: Confirmation Online; 7:00 PM - Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Thursday, October 21: (Trustees & Finance postponed until October 26th) ; 7:00 PM -TOPS (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, October 22: Office Closed.

Ways to Serve . . .

Volunteers are Needed for the Corn Maze at Camp Fontanelle

Dates Need: "Search for Treats"

October 17th & 24th , times on link.

"Scary Maze" Volunteers need to be 18+

October 22nd & 23rd, times on link.

Volunteer using link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0845a5aa2da6fe3-corn>

Donations of Candy are also being accepted and may be dropped off in the Church Office.

All Church Recycling Center Date:

November 13, 8 am-Noon.

Serving at Coffee Fellowship

If you are enjoying the return of Coffee Fellowship please consider being a volunteer as it can only happen with your help to serve and clean up.

When: Check website for dates needed.

What: Brew Coffee, Serve and Clean-Up
Sign Up can be found at the link below.

Sign Up Church Recycling & Serving Coffee Fellowship

<https://www.blairumc.org/volunteer>

Pecans for Sale: UMW is selling 16 oz. bags of Pecans for \$9. Find them in the Fellowship Hall or Church Office.