

Spirit Messenger

Bloomfield & Drakesville
United Methodist Church

February 2025



ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

For the Love of...

Pete Francos!!!

That is a weird inside joke for Katie and I. If you worked for Sears at the North Grand Mall in the late 1990's, you might get it too. Pete was a co-worker and friend of ours during that time. Most of us that worked there were college students and all of us had fun working together. We worked and joked around ridiculously hard. That meant frustration and comedy would often collide, sometimes on the sales floor. That is where it happened.

A group of us were unboxing and installing TVs and VCRs onto the display wall in Electronics. Maybe you are not aware of or remember televisions in the late 90's, but these were very heavy and black boxes that were meant to sit on shelves or tables. They also tended to be heavier towards the screen. They also make a very loud "POP!" if dropped from the third-tier shelf of the display wall.

It was like the entire population of the mall was surrounding us when a co-worker yelled "For the love of... Pete Francos!!! What the... heck just happened!!!!" The obvious attempt to avoid offending the crowd led to an eruption of laughter and a phrase that stuck. So much so that Aislin has even said "For the love of Pete Francos" when helping me set up camp last summer.

But what about that offensive word that is being replaced? What about "For the love of God"? Why is that offensive to shout or utter during those frustrating or scary moments?

Some would say it is using the Lord's name in vain and that it is explicitly warned against in the Ten Commandments. I can see that. I can also see it as a prayer. A cry for help and expression of our inner selves that is so hard to translate into words. It seems to come out as a shout to those around us and our Creator that something has or needs to happen urgently.

It is very appropriate in many cases. Not just appropriate, but centering.

Why are you doing what you are doing? Why are you even willing to be in this situation where you are uttering these words? Hopefully, you are there for the reason we should be anywhere, doing anything... for the love of God.

Love God with all your heart, mind, and strength; and love your neighbor as you love yourself. That is the greatest commandment. All the others rest on these. We do all that we do for the love of God and Pete. Creator and neighbor.

If we do it without love or for any other purpose, we are probably a little off-center.

That is also when we clean up the mess and unbox another TV. We don't stop building; we get a little more help and a lot more mindfulness. Mindful and grateful that the best of it is, God is with us!

Blessings! - Pastor Thom

COMMUNITY MEALS AT THE QUAD

- 02/05-Chili
- 02/12-Baked Potato Bar
- 02/19-Biscuits & Gravy
- 02/26-Chicken Casserole
- 03/05-Vegetable Beef Soup
- 03/12-Goulash

BUMC CLEANING SERVICE

Bloomfield United Methodist Church is currently looking for bids to clean the church on Sundays following our weekly service. For more information or to submit your bid, contact our office via email: bloomfieldunitedmethodist@gmail.com, Text: 641-242-3174, or phone: 641-664-3206.

DUMC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The Drakesville Activities Committee members are busy planning for the Valentine's Day dinner on February 15th. Please check out Facebook for the details on this. There is a flyer at BUMC and the Quad with more information

DRAKESVILLE UWF

The DUWF will be providing hygiene and snacks to the Middle School and High School in January. Also we will provide the Elementary School Nurse with the clothing needs that she has for emergencies for the kids.

BUMC CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Hi everyone! Jessica has been working hard to get all the contribution Statements Emailed out for 2024. You should have received an email with information on how to access it on 01/31/25. If you did not, please contact the office. If you would prefer a printed copy, please call during office hours.

BLOOMFIELD UWF

On Wednesday, February 5, UWFaith will meet in the Fellowship Hall at church at 9:00 am. Hostesses are Becky Ford and Elaine VonBon. The Program will be presented by Penny Warren. All women of the church are invited to attend. Plans will be made for the Community Baby Shower sponsored by the UWFaith Conference Be Bold Grant. More information will follow in the March newsletter. The 2025 Program Booklets are completed and will be distributed at the meeting.

CARING CREATIONS

Caring Creations will meet on Thursday, February 27, from 9:00-10:30. Old (no longer used) t-shirts are needed to make shopping bags for Families Forward. Please donate any Tee-shirts you no longer wear that are free of holes or stains for this project. They can be left in the containers in the church entrance. Thank you for helping support this ministry.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kala Mulder 02/17

Lennon Bowersox 02/20

If you would like your Birthday Celebrated in our Newsletter, please contact the BUMC office.

PRAYER CHAIN

We are looking for individuals that would like to be a part of our prayer chain. This is a wonderful ministry that you can do from the comfort of your home. When a prayer request is made, you will receive a text specifying the person and general nature of the prayer (illness, surgery, loss). Please consider texting the church office @ (641)242-3174 to become part of this ministry. Also, if you or a family member are in need of prayer, please notify the church office so that the prayer chain can be initiated.

BUMC GIVING

We would like to take a moment to thank you for the ways you have supported our Church. From volunteering, to financial support, to being present

on Sunday mornings, to your thoughts and prayers over the years; we could not be where we are today without you. As we strive to be the best that we can be for our community, know that you are a huge part of our successes. If you would like to volunteer at the church or the Quad, please contact us via text at 641-242-3174 or call at 641-664-3206. If you feel called to give financially, here are the ways we currently have available: Sunday Morning offering, Mailing your givings, Scanning this QR Code, Texting any amount to 84321, or visiting:



<https://the-bloomfield-united-methodist-church.churchcenter.com/giving>

Thank you for all of your support!

WINTER HOURS

Drakesville Worship Service: Sundays @ 9:00 am
Bloomfield Worship Service: Sundays @ 10:30 am
The BUMC office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 am-3:00 pm

The BUMC office will be closed on 2/14, and 2/17

February Quad Menu

02-05
Chili & Cornbread

02-12
Baked Potato Bar

02-19
Biscuits & Gravy

02-26
Chicken Casserole

DUMC February Events

2/8/25	2/9/25	2/12/25	2/15/25
9 am	8:30 am	9 am	5:30 PM
United Methodist Men in Faith	Kids Cookie Decorating	United Women in Faith	Valentine Dinner & Fun Night

BUMC events

10AM SUNDAYS Kid's Church

6PM MONDAYS Women's Bible Study

6PM THURSDAYS Choir Practice

6PM THURSDAYS "We Are Not Saints" AA Meeting

7PM THURSDAYS Praise Team Practice

Now Accepting Bids for Cleaning Services

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For More Information or to Submit your bid:

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Feb-May 2025 BUMC Worship Volunteers



WEEKLY MEAL
SEASONAL
WEDNESDAYS 5 - 6:30 PM

DIAPER AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION
TWICE A MONTH
1ST AND 3RD SATURDAYS 9 - 11 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP
9 AM AT DRAKESVILLE UMC
10:30 AM AT BLOOMFIELD UMC

FOR FUTURE EVENTS AND UPDATES
FOLLOW 'THE QUAD' ON FACEBOOK
@THEQUAD641 ON INSTAGRAM

Date	Usher/Greeter	Fellowship	Communion
02/02/25	Becky & Sam Ford	Michelle & Steven Johnson	Dianne Park & Julie Griffin
02/09/25	Brian Gutting & Jerry Kincart	Beth & Mike Kral	
02/16/25	Gloria Garner & JoAnn Augspurger	Jamie & Lisa Warren	
02/23/25	Elaine & Robert VonBon	Will & Natalie Bolin	
03/02/25	Joe & Nancy Plowman	Garl & Shala Norman	John & Helen Schroeder
03/09/25	Steve & Patsy Dent	Sid & Yvonne Maxwell	
03/16/25	Vince & Amy Tyson	Tony & Kim Burton	
03/23/25	Katie & Aislin Bryant	Bob & Carol Tade	
03/30/25	Brandy & Andy Summers	Teresa Mathews & Nancy Squire	
04/06/25	Cassie Plowman & Scott Shively	Julie Griffin & Dianne Park	Will & Natalie Bolin
04/13/25	Luke & Danielle Whitacre	Becky & Sam Ford	
04/20/25	EASTER		
04/27/25	Tony & Kim Burton	Robert & Elaine VonBon	
05/04/25	Garl & Shala Norman	Barb Williams & Barb Gravett	Alan Janssen & Jerry Kincart
05/11/25	Chris & Stephanie Burton	John & Helen Schroeder	
05/18/25	Jamie & Lisa Warren	Vince & Amy Tyson	
05/25/25	Yvonne & Sid Maxwell	Gloria Garner & JoAnn Augspurger	

*If you are unable to help on the date listed, please contact the office ASAP

** If you would like to be added to the next list or as a substitute, please contact the office!

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<p>Bloomfield United Methodist Church</p> <p>PO Box 166 401 E North Street Bloomfield, IA 52537</p> <p>Call-641-664-3206 Text-641-242-3174</p> <p>bumc@netins.net</p> <p>Worship 10:30 am</p>	<p>Spirit Messenger</p> <p>Bloomfield & Drakesville United Methodist Parish</p>	<p>Drakesville United Methodist Church</p> <p>PO Box 114 210 N Madison Street Drakesville, IA 52552</p> <p>641-722-3210</p> <p>Drakesvilleumc22@gmail.com</p> <p>Worship 9:00 am</p>
<p>* The Quad * 202 S Madison St * TheQuadBUMC@gmail.com * (641)242-3174 *</p>		

February

BUMC Website, DUMC, Holidays in United States, Quad Website

Feb 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes,
2 9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	3 7pm - Women's Bible Study	4	5 9am - UWF Meeting 5pm - Community Meal	6 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice	7	8 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - DUMC Men's Breakfast
9 8:30am - Kids Cookies 9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship 11:45am - One Board	10 6:30pm - Historical Preservation 7pm - Women's Bible Study	11	12 9am - UWF 5pm - Community Meal	13 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice	14 Office Closed Valentine's Day	15 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes, 5:30pm - Valentine's Dinner
16 9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	17 Office Closed Presidents' Day 7pm - Women's Bible Study	18	19 5pm - Community Meal 6:30pm - AD Board	20 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice	21	22 8am - Coffee with the Guys
23 9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	24 7pm - Women's Bible Study	25	26 5pm - Community Meal	27 9am - Caring Creations 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice	28	1

March

BUMC Website, DUMC, Holidays in United States, Quad Website

Mar 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26	27	28	1 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes, 11am - Reserved
2 9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	3 7pm - Women's Bible Study	4	5 9am - UWF Meeting 5pm - Community Meal	6 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice	7 Office Closed	8 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - DUMC Men's Breakfast
9 Daylight Saving Time starts 9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	10 6:30pm - Historical Preservation 7pm - Women's Bible Study	11	12 9am - UWF 5pm - Community Meal	13 12:30pm - Office Closed 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice	14 Office Closed	15 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes,
16 9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship 5pm - Community Soup Supper	17 Office Closed St. Patrick's Day 7pm - Women's Bible Study	18	19 5pm - Community Meal 6:30pm - AD Board Meeting	20 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice	21	22 8am - Coffee with the Guys
23 9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	24 7pm - Women's Bible Study	25	26 5pm - Community Meal	27 9am - Caring Creations 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice	28	29 8am - Coffee with the Guys
30 9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	31 7pm - Women's Bible Study	1	2	3	4	5