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# *Spirit Messenger*

Bloomfield & Drakesville  
United Methodist Church

February 2026



## LOVE

Love.

It's just a four-letter word, but there are a few four-letter words out there that punch above the weight class. This one is supposed to be the strongest of them all. Is it?

In a time where we are alerted to manipulative practices like gaslighting, love-bombing, and passive aggressiveness it has become harder and harder to not be suspicious when someone is genuinely loving, kind, and caring. Especially when it appears to have no self-serving advantage or it is counter to our own current mental and emotional state. It can often be easier to assume potential harm than accept love.

Unless you are already "in love". You know the person, the one who has that awesome or new person in their life. That person with a hobby, band, or interest that they can't stop talking about. That one who bubbles with blind joy while you

glare over your coffee cup. He's on meds, she's drunk, they are... all of the excuses we run through as we sip.

It's just love. You can't ever hide it either. When you are in love, it just glows from you. Don't you remember? Has it been that long? Why? How can you be in love again? Isn't that just for the young and naive?

I don't believe so. I believe our faith calls us to live a life in love. I believe that four letter word is the whole reason we have Jesus. This February, you are invited to explore this call and faith with me as we look at being more "in love". I don't think there is an more important time, place, or people than here, now, and with you.

In Love and Blessings!

P Thom

## PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!

We are inviting you to complete the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), an online instrument that will help leaders gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping the leaders of Bloomfield and Drakesville United Methodist Churches as they make decisions about the future of Bloomfield and Drakesville United Methodist Churches.

In a few days, you will receive an email with a unique link to the CAT. Beginning February 15th, we are asking you to go online by clicking on the link provided and tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers.

If you need a paper copy, please come to the office, and we will provide one for you.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions, and experiences. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

If you have questions, please contact Bruce Jones, Pat Perry, Dianne Park, or Natalie Bolin.

Many thanks,  
The local CAT Coordination team: Bruce Jones, Pat Perry, Dianne Park, and Natalie Bolin

## 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.



**BLOOMFIELD UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**February  
Community Meals**

**02-04**  
Baked Potato Bar

**02-11**  
Chicken & Noodles

**02-18**  
Biscuits & Gravy

**02-25**  
Chicken Casserole

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**      **401 E NORTH STREET**  
**5:00 PM - 6:00PM**      **BLOOMFIELD, IA**

## DUMC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Drakesville Activities Committee are planning a Mid-Winter Celebration on February 7th. There will be a meal followed by music & entertainment provided by Joe and Lori King.



**Midwinter Celebration  
Dinner & Music**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
**DINNER 5:30 PM**

**Music follows by Joe and Lori King**

Dinner Menu: Pork Loin-Cheesy Potatoes-  
Green Beans or Corn, Roll, Dessert  
Free Will Offering / Love Offering for music

RSVP by February 1 to  
**Pam Whitacre / 641-777-4889**

**All are Welcome**

**Drakesville United Methodist Church**  
210 N. Madison, Drakesville

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## **WANTED: UNINTED WOMEN OF FAITH**

**Positions Open:** Young Women, Middle-aged Women, Retired Women, Single Women, Married Women, Employed Women, Homemakers, and Newcomers.

**Physical Qualifications:** Must have a desire to share talent & ideas with others. Have sufficient vision to see the needs of women and children in the community and in the world.

**Experience:** No applications accepted from persons who do not wish to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.

**Salary:** Blessings of the Lord.

**Hours:** 1 ½ to 2 hours a month for Unit and/or Circle meeting, plus as many hours as you can give at various mission projects.

**Vacations:** We don't meet in January, July, or August.

**Retirement:** UWF has something to offer all age groups so you never need to retire. Belonging to United Women of Faith will help you build bridges of love, understanding, healing, communication, and togetherness.

Without U, United Women of Faith is not complete.

Please reach out to Dianne Park or the BUMC Office if you are interested in joining.

**The Purpose:** The organized unit of United Women of Faith shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

## **DRAKESVILLE UWF**

At our January meeting, we discussed several different things we can do for Fundraising. We continue our ongoing projects to provide clothing for our Elementary School Nurses. Also, we continue to donate to the Middle School and High School snacks and hygiene items. The Middle School also requested leggings in different sizes. We are purchasing books from the Reading Programs list for our Children's Library. We continue to provide items for our Blessings Box,

and we are responsible for keeping that filled and purchasing items for it.

Our next meeting will be on February 11th. Linda Perry will provide the Lesson and Mary Jo will present a Response Report.

## **RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

Each month, we will be featuring a recipe from the 1985 Bloomfield United Methodist Church Cookbook, "*Harvest of Recipes*". If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to see featured, please send it to us in an email at [bloomfieldunitedmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:bloomfieldunitedmethodist@gmail.com)

### *County Fair BeefBurgers*

10lbs ground beef	2 onions (chopped)
2 C. Minute Rice	8 tsp. salt
2 C. Tomato juice	1 tsp pepper

Brown ground beef with onion. Drain the grease off. Add remaining ingredients and simmer until rice is soft. This is the beefburger that was served at the Methodist Church stand and enjoyed by hundreds at the county fair. - Pg 285

## **CARING CREATIONS**

Caring Creations met on Jan. 15 with 7 people working on various projects. Two were cutting T-Shirts to make carrying bags for the food pantry in Des Moines. Four were making scarves for the Veterans Home in Marshalltown. One was cutting plastic bags to make strips for the crocheted sleeping mats. Our regular meeting day is on the third Thursday of each month at 9:00 - 10:30. It was decided to have a work day on February 19th. On that day, we will start at 10:00 and go to 2:00. Lunch will be at noon as a potluck with meat provided. The rest can bring what they would like to share with the group. If you cannot come for the entire time, please join us for as long as you can. We have several T-Shirts to cut for the carry bags, so bring scissors. We always have a good time.

BLOOMFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

10:30AM SUNDAYS	<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>
6 PM MONDAYS	<b>WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</b>
5PM WEDNESDAYS	<b>COMMUNITY SUPPER</b>
6PM THURSDAYS	<b>CHOIR PRACTICE</b>
6PM THURSDAYS	<b>"WE ARE NOT SAINTS" AA MEETING</b>
7PM THURSDAYS	<b>PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE</b>
8AM SATURDAYS	<b>MEN'S COFFEE</b>
9AM - 11AM SATURDAYS	<b>DIAPER DEPOT</b>

# Food Bank & DIAPER DEPOT

## Current Needs

Mac & Cheese	Baby Wipes
Mac & Cheese Cups	Laundry Detergent
Canned Beans	Body Wash
Canned Mandarin Oranges	Conditioner
Syrup	Dish Soap
Tooth Paste	Tissues



## OFFICE HOURS REMINDER

If the Davis County Community School District cancels school due to weather, our office hours will be worked remotely.

### Bloomfield United Methodist Church

#### CHURCH SERVICES

Drakesville – 9:00 AM

Bloomfield - 10:30 AM

#### OFFICE HOURS

#### **TUESDAY-FRIDAY**

9am-3pm

\* On canceled and no school days office hours are worked remotely\*

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Text: 641-242-3174

Call: 641-664-3206

Email: [bumc@netins.net](mailto:bumc@netins.net) or

[BloomfieldUnitedMethodist@gmail.com](mailto:BloomfieldUnitedMethodist@gmail.com)

#### IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE

Call/Text Pastor Thom: 515-779-5707

**BUMC Remote office hours on 02/13, 03/06,  
03/12, 03/13**

**February & March  
BUMC Worship Volunteers**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Communion</b>
<b>02/01/26</b>	Carol Tade & Gloria Garner		Carol Tade & Olivia
02/08/26		Sammy & Becky Ford	x
02/15/26		Alma & Andrea	x
02/22/26	Stan & Diana McClure		x
<b>03/01/26</b>	Schroeders		Schroeders
03/08/26	Sammy & Becky Ford		x
03/15/26		Stan & Diana McClure	x
03/22/26			x

\* We have several dates to fill. If you are available, please call or email the office!

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

**February & March  
Diaper Depot & Food Pantry Volunteers**

<b>02/07</b>	<b>Lisa Cook &amp; Julie Griffin</b>	<b>03/14</b>	_____
<b>02/14</b>	<b>Mike &amp; Brenda Johnson</b>	<b>03/21</b>	_____
<b>02/21</b>	<b>Teresa Mathews &amp; Gloria Garner</b>	<b>03/28</b>	_____
<b>02/28</b>	<b>Jayden &amp; Natalie Bolin</b>	<b>04/04</b>	<b>Brenda &amp; Mike Johnson</b>
<b>03/07</b>	<b>Brenda &amp; Mike Johnson</b>	<b>04/11</b>	_____

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Bloomfield, IA 52537

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PO Box 166  
401 E North Street  
Bloomfield, IA 52537

**Call**-641-664-3206

**Text**-641-242-3174

bumc@netins.net

**Worship**  
10:30 am

**Spirit Messenger**

Bloomfield & Drakesville  
United Methodist Parish

**Drakesville United  
Methodist Church**

PO Box 114  
210 N Madison Street  
Drakesville, IA 52552

641-722-3210

Drakesvilleumc22@gmail.com

**Worship**  
9:00 am

# February

BUMC Website **DUMC** Holidays in United States

Feb 2026 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am - DUMC Worship 10:30am - BUMC Worship	2 7pm - Women's Bible Study	3	4 9am - UWF Meeting 5pm - Community Meal	5 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Praise Team Practice	6	7 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - Diaper Depot 5:30pm - Celebration Dinner &
8 9am - DUMC Worship 9am - Kids Crafts & Cookie 10:30am - BUMC Worship	9 7pm - Women's Bible Study	10	11 9am - United Women in Faith 5pm - Community Meal 6pm - One Board Meeting	12 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Praise Team Practice	13 Remote Office Hours	14 Valentine's Day 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - Diaper Depot 9am - United Methodist Men in
15 9am - DUMC Worship 10:30am - BUMC Worship	16 President's Day 7pm - Women's Bible Study	17	18 5pm - Community Meal 6:30pm - AD Board	19 10am - Caring Creations potluck 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Praise Team Practice	20	21 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - Diaper Depot
22 9am - DUMC Worship 10:30am - BUMC Worship	23 7pm - Women's Bible Study	24	25 5pm - Community Meal	26 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Praise Team Practice	27	28 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - Diaper Depot

# March

BUMC Website [DUMC Holidays in United States](#)

Mar 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am - DUMC Worship 10:30am - BUMC Worship	2 7pm - Women's Bible Study	3	4 9am - UWF Meeting 5pm - Community Meal	5 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Praise Team Practice	6 Remote Office Hours	7 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - Diaper Depot
8 Daylight Saving Time starts 9am - DUMC Worship 10:30am - BUMC Worship	9 7pm - Women's Bible Study	10	11 9am - United Women in Faith 5pm - Community Meal	12 Remote Office Hours 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Praise Team Practice	13 Remote Office Hours	14 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - Diaper Depot 9am - United Methodist Men in
15 9am - DUMC Worship 10:30am - BUMC Worship	16 Remote Office Hours 7pm - Women's Bible Study	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 5pm - Community Meal 6:30pm - AD Board	19 9am - Caring Creations 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Praise Team Practice	20	21 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - Diaper Depot
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