

Spirit Messenger

Bloomfield & Drakesville
United Methodist Church

January 2025



COMMUNITY MEALS AT THE QUAD

01/08-Pancakes and Sausage
01/15-Chicken & Noodles
01/22-Spaghetti
01/29-Breakfast Casserole
02/05-Chili
02/12-Baked Potato Bar

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

We had a soup supper following the Caroling. We served Chili soup and crackers. We also served some of the Christmas Cookies that the children had decorated earlier in the day. We sent the Carolers with soup, crackers, and cookies to be given to the shut-ins.

BUMC CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Jessica is currently working on finishing all 2024 contribution statements for filing your taxes. These will be finished before the end of the month. When they are complete, she will send out an email with instructions on how to view your statement. If you do not receive an email, that means that she does not have a current email address on file for you. If you need your copy printed out or mailed to you, please email or call the office and we would be happy to get that for you. Thank you!

DRAKESVILLE UWF

On December 2nd, we hosted a Blood Drive. We attended the BUWF Luncheon on December 4th at the Quad. On December 9th we helped PIE wrap Christmas presents at the Elementary School. December 14th we had the Deer Hunter's Breakfast at the Church. December 15th was the Church's annual Caroling event, the UWF provided gift bags with various items in it to present to the shut-ins who were caroled. December 17th we provided 9 dozen cookies to the Rainbow and Friends Christmas Program.

BLOOMFIELD UWF - 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

Bloomfield United Methodist Women in Faith had a busy year meeting regularly, serving in mission, participating in Golden Valley UWF District activities, assisting with the kitchen remodeling project, and fundraising. Each one of these activities provided wonderful opportunities for Christian fellowship!

Regular meetings were held as scheduled, and programs were provided by Helen Schroeder, Elaine VonBon, Penny Warren, Linda Rowe, and Carol Tade.

In April, Elaine VonBon, Teresa Mathews, and Penny Warren volunteered at Families Forward. UWFaith members worked at the Quad every Saturday morning distributing diapers and food. A total of 434 families were served in 2024. Meals Made Easy, funded by a Carma Mohler grant, provided meal boxes to 75 families. This project was also staffed and supported by UWFaith members. A "Be Bold" grant of \$1000 was received and will be used to fund a community baby shower in the spring of 2025. Unit money was used to make items for Midwest Mission. Carolyn Scott purchased denim for school kits and cut 62 bags which were then sewn by Amy Tyson, Carolyn Scott, Linda Lite, Beth Sullivan, Jane Bigsby, and Becky Shively. Elaine VonBon and Carol Tade purchased items to assemble 30 personal dignity kits for Midwest Mission.

Caring Creations, an ecumenical sub-group of UWFaith, met monthly and held two workdays. Plastic mats were crocheted from plastic yarn and donated to Families Forward and the Blessing Soup kitchen. Baby hats and blankets were donated to Blank Children's Hospital, crocheted and knitted scarves were taken to Marshalltown Veterans Home, and 104 shopping bags made from tee shirts were given to Families Forward. Members participated in the following GV District events: Mission Day Apart in Wilton, the Soul Care Retreat at Crooked Creek Christian Camp, and the GV District Annual meeting in DeWitt. Linda Lite and Lynn Roberts made quilt blocks for altar cloths and wall hangings displayed at Mission U. Local Unit members served as GV District

officers. Patsy Dent was elected as Program Resource Coordinator and Penny Warren completed her 2nd year as President.

Prior to the kitchen demolition, the women gathered to pack the kitchen. They assisted with painting, cleaning following completion of the project, and unpacking and sorting kitchen items. Designated funds saved from the sale of cookbooks in the 80's, were finally used to purchase new kitchen utensils, cookware, and dishcloths/towels.

Fundraising projects were used to support mission giving. The spring rummage sale, summer tourism meal, and the fall sale of ham balls were the main money-making projects. In November, the Executive Committee voted to send donations to Midwest Mission in Pawnee, IL, Bloomfield Senior Center, the City of Bloomfield to support those that need assistance with utilities, and the activity funds of Bloomfield Care Center and Mulberry Place. - Well done, ladies!!

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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Emily Bowersox 01/15

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

BLOOMFIELD UWF

In December the UWFaith awarded Andy Summers the Special Recognition Award. This award has been given for over 60 years to recognize women and men who have donated their time and talent to serve the church. Since joining the church, Andy has been a leader. He has served on committees/boards of the church, and led remodel/construction of the kitchen, as well as other church maintenance projects. He is the director of the Praise Band, sings in the church choir, and serves as a “resident technology expert”. Andy, thank you for your unwavering service to the church!

The next meeting of UWFaith will be held on February 5, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Becky Ford and Elaine VonBon will be hostesses. Penny Warren will give a program on the US Indian Boarding Schools. Pledges are due during the month of February. UWFaith members are asked to give any amount they can to support the missions of Bloomfield UWFaith.

The 2025 Program Books will be available at the February meeting.

The UWFaith Executive Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, in the Chapel at BUMC. The budget for 2025, the program booklet, the community baby shower, and the diaper depot schedule will be discussed. All officers are expected to attend. Thank you!

RAINBOWS & FRIENDS

Happy New Year! Rainbows and Friends thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas season. We focused on Jesus' Birthday and The Nativity as our main themes in all classrooms. The Promise Room (2,3s) and The Sunshine Room shared a fun interactive program that had a fun twist on The Twelve Days of Christmas. It was a delight to see the families sing along with the students. The students also enjoyed making special gifts to take home and share with their families. handmade ornaments and nativity scenes we hope will be enjoyed for years to come.

For January we are going to focus on how God made us all unique and special just like each

snowflake is distinctly different so are our fingerprints. We'll also be memorizing the teaching of Jesus from Matthew 7:12 "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." We appreciate all of your prayers and support.

Rainbows and Friends Christian Preschool and Childcare is a non-denominational, non-profit faith-based organization. We are licensed through the state of Iowa and accept families who need Child Care Assistance. We have also entered into a new building agreement involving a rental fee which is covered for 2025 by the Methodist Endowment fund. Future funding is an area of concern for us and we ask you to pray for God's guidance and provision for our ministry in the future.

We do welcome volunteers to read stories and spend time with students in our classroom. We would just need to do a little bit of paperwork to get started. Let us know if you're interested by emailing us at r.friends1213@gmail.com We also welcome donations to help fund our food program..did you know that less than \$60 could cover the milk that we need for several weeks. Any amount can make a huge difference in our expenses. We are grateful for the support the community has already shown and hope to continue to minister for many years. Blessings - Tracy Emmons - Director

CARING CREATIONS

The next meeting of Caring Creations will be held on Thursday, January 23, from 9:00-10:30 am, at the Quad. Bring crocheting/knitting projects and join in for a time of mission work, fellowship, and refreshments.

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 01/20, 2/14, and 2/17

**JANUARY
QUAD MENU**

01/08/2025
PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, & FRUIT SALAD

01/15/2025
**CHICKEN AND NOODLES,
MASHED POTATOES, & GREEN BEANS**

01/22/2025
**SPAGHETTI, BREAD & BUTTER SANDWICHES,
& GREEN BEANS**

01/29/2025
BREAKFAST CASSEROLE & FRUIT SALAD

**DUMC
January Events**

8
January **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
9:00 AM**

11
January **MEN'S COFFEE
9:00 AM**

15
January **AD BOARD MEETING
6:30 PM**

27
January **BLOOD DRIVE
2:00-7:00 PM**

**BUMC
events**

10AM Kid's Church
SUNDAYS

6PM Women's Bible Study
MONDAYS

6PM Choir Practice
THURSDAYS

6PM "We Are Not Saints"
AA Meeting
THURSDAYS

7PM Praise Team Practice
THURSDAYS

View all upcoming Events at:
<http://www.bloomfieldmethodistchurch.org/calendar.html>

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WORSHIP SERVICES

DRAKESVILLE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
9 AM

&

BLOOMFIELD UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 AM

**THE QUAD
Events**

 Coffee with the Guys *Saturdays* 8AM

 Community Supper *Wednesdays* 5:30PM

 Diaper Depot *Saturdays* 9AM

View All Upcoming Events At:
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**January-May 2025
BUMC Worship Volunteers**

Date	Usher/Greeter	Fellowship	Communion
01/05/25	Becky and Stan Shively	Cassie Plowman & Scott Shively	Garl & Shala Norman
01/12/25	John & Helen Schroeder	Andy & Brandy Summers	
01/19/25	Stan & Diana McClure	Katie & Aislin Bryant	
01/26/25	Rachel Stoltzmann & Neil Kirkhart	Luke & Danielle Whitacre	
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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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

* The Quad * 202 S Madison St * TheQuadBUMC@gmail.com * (641)242-3174 *

January

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

Jan 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	Office Closed		New Year's Day	6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice		8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes,
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	7pm - Women's Bible Study		5pm - Community Meal 5pm - Community Meal	National Day of Mourning for 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice		8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - DUMC Men's Breakfast 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes,
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship 11:45am - One Board Meeting	6:30pm - Historical Preservation 7pm - Women's Bible Study		5pm - Community Meal 5pm - Community Meal 6:30pm - AD Board	5pm - Family Supper 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice	7:45am - High Five Friday	8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes, 12pm - Reserved
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	Inauguration Day (regional) Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed 7pm - Women's Bible Study		5pm - Community Meal 5pm - Community Meal	6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice		8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes,
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	2pm - Blood Drive 7pm - Women's Bible Study		5pm - Community Meal 5pm - Community Meal	9am - Caring Creations 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice		

February

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Feb 2025 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 9am - 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 5pm - Community Meal	6 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice	7	8 9am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - DUMC Men's Breakfast 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes,
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16 9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	17 Office Closed President's Day 7pm - Women's Bible Study	18	19 5pm - Community Meal 5pm - Community Meal 8:30pm - AD Board	20 5pm - Family Supper 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice	21	22 9am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes,
23 9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	24 7pm - Women's Bible Study	25	26 5pm - Community Meal 5pm - Community Meal	27 9am - Caring Creations 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice	28	1