

# *Spirit Messenger*

Bloomfield & Drakesville  
United Methodist Church

March 2024

# EASTER SUNDAY

Invite Your Friends!

**Holy Week** is recognized as the time between Palm Sunday and Easter. It is traditionally marked with two worship services, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Maundy Thursday is a very special day focused on that first communion Jesus held with his disciples. Good Friday is the day we remember the sacrifice made by Jesus up to and including his death on the cross. This year, **Maundy Thursday worship** will be at **The Quad at 6pm**. **Good Friday worship** will take place at **Bloomfield UMC at 6pm**.

## Drakesville United Methodist Church

Sonrise Service- 7am

Breakfast- 7:30am

Egg Hunt- 8:15am

\*Easter Service- 9am

## Bloomfield United Methodist Church

\*Easter Service- 10:30am

\*Bibles will be presented to  
K-1<sup>st</sup> Graders & 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Graders  
during 9am & 1030am services

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## MARCH/APRIL QUAD MEALS

03/06 - Chicken Casserole  
03/13 - Breakfast Casserole  
03/20 - Goulash  
03/27 - Sloppy Joes  
04/03 - Vegetable Beef Soup  
04/10 - Spaghetti  
04/17 - Super Nachos  
04/24 - Chili

## DUMC

March is the month that typically aligns with the season of Lent, in which we are called to repent and spiritually prepare for the celebration of Easter and Christ's resurrection. Acts 2:38, And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

## CARING CREATIONS

Caring Creations will be meeting on Thursday, February 29, 9:00-10:30 at the Quad. The March meeting will be a workday scheduled for March 27, from 10:00-2:00. Lunch will be served.

**Donations of used tee-shirt (sizes, M, L, XL) are needed to make bags that will be donated to Families Forever (Bidwell Riverside) in Des Moines.** There is no sewing involved. Bring scissors to help with this project or to cut strips of plastic bags for crocheting mats. Come and enjoy the fellowship and lunch!

## FOOD & DIAPER MINISTRY

Each Saturday morning from 9:00-11:00 the Quad is open to provide food (perishable/nonperishable) and diapers/wipes to those that need assistance. If you would like to volunteer, contact the church office or Penny Warren (641-680-3304). You are assigned to work in pairs, so call a friend (or we can find one for you) and volunteer. This month we have served between 8 to 13 families each Saturday.

## COMMUNITY FOOD BOXES

Food and hygiene items are needed for the boxes. The following items are needed: toilet paper, laundry and dish soap, crackers, cereal, and soup. **All donations are welcome.**

## BUMC UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith met on Wednesday, February 7, at the Fellowship Hall. Valentine refreshments were served by Patsy Dent and Nancy Plowman and the program on "Living Water" was presented by Helen Schroeder.

The next meeting of UWF will be on March 6, at 8:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Carol Tade and Linda Lite are hostesses and the program on Red Bird Mission will be presented by Elaine VonBon. Red Bird, located in the mountains of Kentucky, addresses such needs as education, health, and housing. All women are invited to attend.

Fifteen new books from the UWFaith reading list have been purchased are available in the church library. Anyone may checkout the books by signing the card inside the book and placing it in the recipe box on the shelf.

## DRAKESVILLE UWF

Drakesville United Women in Faith delivered hygiene supplies to Middle and High School students in February.



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## **DUMC MISSIONS**

DUMC's missions committee has decided to try something a little different this year and ask for a mission offering on only the first Sunday of each month. This offering can be placed in a special envelope marked "missions" and then placed in the offering plate. These will be in the pews next to the regular offering envelopes. The first month of each quarter will be given to the Blessings Box. The second month of each quarter will go to the Lord's Cupboard. The 3rd month's offering will rotate between different recipients quarterly. On the 3rd Sunday of each month, we will place a large box in the entryway. This will be for a collection of paper goods for our Blessings Box. We ask each family to consider bringing a donation such as paper towels, toilet paper, soap, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, etc. to help fill the Drakesville Blessings Box. Currently, the ladies of the United Women of Faith have been filling this need on their own. Please call Susie Warner at 515-321-9112 if you have any questions.

## **MEALS MADE EASY**

The Meals Made Easy Project will serve its first meal on Saturday, March 2, from 11:00-12:00 at the Quad. Money from the Carma Mohler grant is being used to provide simple recipes and ingredients to enable families to make nutritious meals from food available at the Quad. Meals for March will be as follows: 3/2/24 chicken and noodles and 3/30 breakfast casserole. The meal is also open to anyone who wants to stop for lunch. If you would like to be involved with this project, please contact Rachel Stoltzmann or Penny Warren.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Tucker Bowersox 03/7  
Jessica Wortmann 03/17  
Vince Tyson 03/29

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

## **BUMC SILENT PRAYER TIME**

In response to the Advent Bible Study led by Bishop Kennetha, a prayer group has been formed. Each Sunday morning from 9:45-10:00 there is a time of silent prayer held in the church library to pray for the church, pastor, community, and the world. A time of silence may include reading scripture, studying devotionals, using a prayer journal, or praying with prayer beads. All are encouraged to join for a time of silent prayer and reflection.

James 5:16 "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

## **BUMC CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

If you have not received your 2023 contribution statement, please contact the BUMC office at [bloomfieldunitedmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:bloomfieldunitedmethodist@gmail.com), and Jessica will assist you!

## **BUMC MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

The Women's Bible Study meets each night at 7:00 pm in the Chapel at the church. For six weeks we are studying, *Acts: Awakening to God in Everyday Life*. This video and discussion study is open to all women. Bring your Bible and join in for a time of study, prayer, reflection, and fellowship.

## **BUMC CHURCH CENTER**

Please join our church family on the app, Church Center! You can download the app from the app store, or you can use the website: <https://the-bloomfield-united-methodist-church.churchcenter.com/home>

Through this website, you can create your own profile and view other profiles in the church directory. You can choose what information you would like to share with others and keep everything up to date. You can view your contribution statements at any time, and you can give to the church if you would like to. This is the best way to keep us up to date with your mailing preferences and contact information.

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## **BUMC GIVING**

We would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of 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 Jessica Wortmann via text at 641-242-3174 or call at

641-664-3206. If you feel called to give financially, we have been working on making it easier for you. 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

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## **Winter/Spring HOURS**

Drakesville Worship Service: Sundays @ 9:00 am

Bloomfield Worship Service: Sundays @ 10:30 am

The BUMC office hours are Mondays-Thursdays 8:30-3:30 PM.

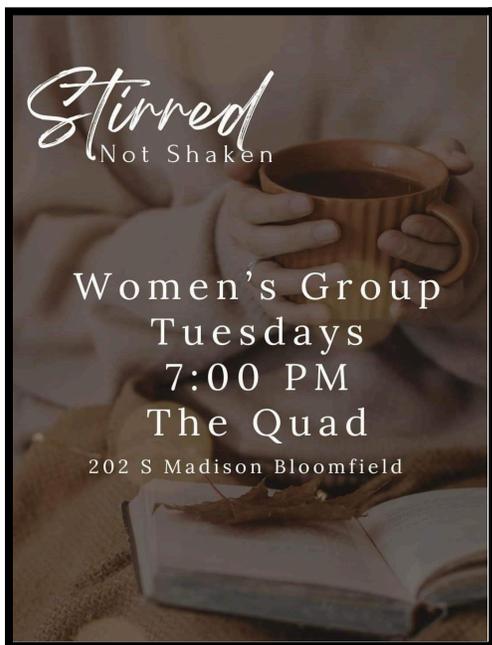
The BUMC Office will be closed on March 7-13, 29 and April 1.

**MARCH 2024 - APRIL 2024  
BUMC Worship Volunteers**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Communion</b>
3/3/2024	Kala Mulder & Boys	Steve & Pasty Dent	Joe & Nancy Plowman
3/10/2024	Dianne Park Teresa Mathews	Becky & Sam Ford	
3/17/2024	Tony & Kim Burton	Nancy Squire Julie Griffin	
3/24/2024	Mark & Penny Warren	Scott Shively Cassie Plowman	
3/31/2024	Easter		
4/7/2024	Yvonne & Sid Maxwell	Penny & Mark Warren	Michelle Grove Brandy Summers
4/14/2024	Katie & Aislin Bryant	Joe & Nancy Plowman	
4/21/2024	Alan Janssen Jerry Kincart	Luke & Danielle Whitacre	
4/28/2024	Garl Norman Shala Garcia	Elaine & Robert VonBon	

\*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!



## MEALS MADE EASY

Join us for a hot meal on select Saturdays from 11am-12pm immediately following our diaper & grocery distribution.

After the meal, take home the ingredients to prepare it yourself!

PLUS, enter to win kitchen supplies if you dine with us or take home a meal kit!

**UPCOMING SATURDAYS**  
11am-12pm

**March 2**  
Chicken & Noodles

**March 30**  
Breakfast Casserole

Project funded by the UMC  
Carma Mohler Grant

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**Worship**  
10:30 am

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**Worship**  
9:00 am

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# March

BUMC Website, DUMC, Quad Website

Mar 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
						8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes, 11am - Meals Made easy
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship 1pm - Reserved	7pm - Women's Bible Study	7pm - Stirred, Not Shaken	9am - UWF Meeting 5pm - Community Meal	Office Closed 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice		8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - DUMC Men's Breakfast 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes, 1pm - Reserved
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship 11:30am - One Board Meeting 5pm - Community Soup Supper	7pm - Women's Bible Study	7pm - Stirred, Not Shaken	5pm - Community Meal	6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice 6:30pm - AD Board Meeting DUMC		8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes,
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	7pm - Women's Bible Study	7pm - Stirred, Not Shaken	5pm - Community Meal	9am - Caring Creations 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice 6pm - Maundy Thursday	OFFICE CLOSED 6pm - Good Friday Service	8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes, 11am - Meals Made easy
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# April

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Apr 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Easter 7am - Sunrise Service & Breakfast 8:15am - DUMC Egg Hunt 9am - DUMC Worship 10:30am - BUMC Worship	1 OFFICE CLOSED 7pm - Women's Bible Study	2 7pm - Stirred, Not Shaken	3 9am - UWF Meeting 5pm - Community Meal	4 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice	5	6 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes, 1pm - Reserved
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21 9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	22 7pm - Women's Bible Study	23 7pm - Stirred, Not Shaken	24 5pm - Community Meal	25 9am - Caring Creations 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Choir Practice	26	27 8am - Coffee with the Guys 9am - FREE Diapers, Wipes,
28 9am - DUMC Worship 10:15am - Adult Sunday School 10:30am - BUMC Worship	29 7pm - Women's Bible Study	30 7pm - Stirred, Not Shaken	1	2	3	4