



# Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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*Sharing God's love with our neighbors,  
inviting them to share in the joy of Jesus Christ.*

## ARTICLE

I was at Buffalo Mountain Camp for Pastor's Licensing School during the Blizzard of '93. It snowed more on that occasion than what we just experienced, but it was gone much sooner. I have never seen snow stick around like it did last week. It was frustrating to have our mobility and access limited and even more so for those who lost power.

On the one hand, I love a good snow. It seems to quiet the world and there is a sense of peace as it falls. Plus, it is beautiful. On the other, it can be very stressful. Our driveway is steep and I was still using my 4 X 4 even after most of the rest had melted.

As challenging as it might be, a weather event like we just experienced is also a nice reminder of the power of Mother Nature. And to be clear, when I speak of her, I speak of God's wondrous creation.

We are surrounded by many great human-made inventions and technology every day. I rely on computers and phones and so on more than I care to admit. I hate when they are out of commission for any reason. It is a humbling matter to see that for all of humanity's accomplishments, we are still subject to capricious variations in cold fronts, atmospheric pressure and simple precipitation.

I find it humbling but also strangely comforting. This is merely the power of God's creation... not even close to the limit of the Power of God. That power is beyond not only our achievements but even our comprehension. This Awesome God is the one who loves us, provides for us and offers us eternal life. I rest assured He is able to fulfill all His promises.

*Steve*

## BRAINSTORMING SESSION

We will gather this Saturday February 3 at 9:00 a.m. for our second annual brainstorming session. Several good ideas came from last year's meeting so I am looking forward to what may be developed this time.

We will meet in the Chapel classroom so that I may send a Zoom link for those who may want to join us online.

## FINANCE MEETING

Monday evening February 5 at 7:00 PM in the library.

## CALENDARS

We are sorry the 2024 Bookwalter calendars have not been made available yet, but we are working to get them completed asap.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday falls on February 14<sup>th</sup> this year, so there is another little holiday going on for some. Yet, we will still have a brief imposition of the ashes service at 6:30 PM before Bible study.



Thanks to Ondrej Paska (See Matthew 14:24-33) 01-04-20  
**PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH STRONGER IN THE WINTER**

## RESURRECTION '24

We are thankful our youth were able to safely attend this special event and have an uplifting spiritual experience. They all thank everyone who helped support them in any way to make the trip happen.

Here are just a few photos from the weekend.

