

Welcome to Powell United Methodist Church!

If you are new to the church, we invite you to visit the Welcome Center.

Our response to God reflects the truth that Christ is alive in us and is always relevant, inclusive, creative, and generous.

Special Announcements

Experience God and the People of Haiti on a Mission Trip with HUT Outreach, our mission host, July 20-27. Amy Sarver, a member of our church, along with her friend, started this non-profit organization that shares God's love with the people of Haiti with nutrition, education, and healthcare. Hut Outreach will provide a hands on experience for our congregation to build relationships, be in community and work alongside the Haitian church community. The trip will be led by Pastor Katya Brodbeck and Amy Sarver. All interested are invited to attend the informational meeting **Monday, Feb 19 at 6:30pm**. For more information, contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org. To learn more about Hut Outreach visit hutoutreach.org.

As we journey through Lent, our worship altar will change to reflect how we are changing. Through the next six weeks, look for the what's added to the altar to mark the progress we make toward the celebration of Easter. Like all religious art, the altar is designed to draw us closer to God, encouraging us to reflect on our humanness and the holiness of Christ's sacrifice for us.

The Lenten Devotional booklets, which are created for your use, are in the Main Hall today. Please pick one up. Members of our congregation write these devotions each year. They are inspiring and encouraging. The theme of the booklet this year is "God's Love."

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

A Disaster Recovery Mission Trip to WV is scheduled for April 29-May 5. An information and planning meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27, 7pm. All who are interested in knowing more about this trip to provide help and hope for a community severely effected by the June 2016 flood are invited. The trip will provide time for work, reflection and relationship building. Although rebuilding skills are important, the desire to offer a caring presence is just as important. Contact sandyhuber@powellumc.org for more information.

First Tuesdays at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware, Tuesday, March 6, 5:30-9pm. Join others building community and serving those in need as you welcome customers, provide assistance, sort donations and serve a meal. Carpooling is available. To serve, contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Serve with Family Promise, March 18-25. Help support Delaware County families who are currently without homes. In addition to providing meals and spending the night as a host, families, couples, and individuals are needed to spend a few hours on Saturday and Sunday at the facility, 39 N. Washington Street, Delaware. Your support will help families achieve lasting independence. To serve, contact Karen Baesman, kbaesman@baesman.com.

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

Upper Room Devotion groups meet Mondays, 8:45-9:45am, facilitated by Pat Parren, patparren@yahoo.com, or 11:30am-12:30pm, facilitated by Bev Avers, bavers@insight.rr.com. Discussions each week will be based on the previous Wednesday's devotional in the *Upper Room* devotional book.

Finding God in Best Sellers group meets at 9:30am at Scramblers, 3980 Presidential Pkwy, Powell. The book for March 7 is *Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate; the book for April 4 is *The Girl With Seven Names*, by Hyeonseo Lee. Those who enjoy reading are invited to join this small group. For information, contact Joy Waldron at 614-975-8626 or jkw71550@columbus.rr.com.

Do you have an American flag that is torn, faded, and ready to be retired? There is a box in the Main Hall where you can place your flag for Boy Scout Troop 488. They will retire the flag properly. The collection box will be in the Main Hall until Sunday, Feb. 25.

*** Childcare or Sunday School scheduled.**
Childcare is available for other adult ministries.
Contact Kim La Rue at kimlarue@powellumc.org

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

Communion Offering for February: Good Works, Inc., a ministry in southeast Ohio with whom Powell UMC partners. Your giving brings hope to people who often feel excluded as it provides materials for work days, food for a community meal and support of various emerging needs. Learn more about Good Works, go to <http://good-works.net/>.

Fundraising Walk with Our Congregation's Mission Partner, Good Works in Athens, Ohio, Feb. 24, 8:30am-1:00pm. This educational and inspirational walk experience focuses on helping adults and children of all ages better understand poverty and homelessness in Appalachian Ohio. It also raises money for the Good Works Timothy House, the only shelter assisting people who experience homelessness in eight rural southeast Ohio counties. To learn more about Good Works and the Walk, visit <http://www.goodworkswalk.net>.

Food Pantry Item of the Month: Canned Beef Stew. Purchase some extra items when you shop, and drop them – along with any other items of your choice – in the church's mission carts. Your donations make a big difference for Delaware County families and individuals who visit People In Need's choice food pantry.

Telling

Sharing our stories of God's activity in our lives

*Church-wide Lenten Study classes begin this week! The book is *Restored: Finding Redemption in our Mess* by Tom Berlin. Please sign up at the book cart in the Main Hall or online so that your facilitator can send you specific information about your class. Books are still available in the Main Hall. It's not too late to be part of a Lenten small group study.

Sundays, beginning **Feb. 18, at 9:30 or 10:45**

Tuesdays, beginning **Feb. 20, at 10am or 7pm**

Wednesdays, beginning **Feb. 21, 8pm webcast**

Thursdays, beginning **Feb. 22 at 6:30pm** for young adults and others or **7pm** for women

Fridays, beginning **Feb. 23, at 9:30** for women

W.H.A.T. I.F?! (Women Having Adventures Together In Faith!) is hosting the second annual paint night on Monday, Feb. 26, 6:30pm, in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$25/person. All supplies are provided and artistic skills are not required. Check or cash will be collected at the door but please reserve a spot by emailing knissenbaum@earthlink.net. Space is limited to 50.

The Morning Glory Spring Tea is Sunday, March 18, 3pm, in Fellowship Hall. Come hear Amy Sarver, co-founder of HUT Outreach, as she shares about this non-profit organization and how they share God's love with the people of Haiti through healthcare, nutrition and education. Join us for this free event and enjoy an afternoon of food and special teas, fellowship and faith with the ladies of Powell UMC. Contact Mickey Jones for more information, djones15@columbus.rr.com.

Music and Worship Arts

Jody Hepp, jodyhepp@powellumc.org

Attention 5th-12th Graders! Would you like to do something fun? Learn something new? Make new friends and make beautiful music for your church family? You are invited to check out the youth handbell program. Practices are Sunday afternoons and performances are once a month during the school year. There are two more performance dates before the end of the season, so come and give it a try. Contact Debbie Thresher, crossxx77@yahoo.com, for more information.

Caring Ministries

Are You Experiencing a "Winter" in Your Life? The winter weather can be symbolic of what may sometimes happen in life. Little difficulties build up like slush, making us slip and slide, causing every decision to seem treacherous. We can wonder, "Is God even there?" Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential Christian care, giving you the emotional and spiritual support you need to make it through a winter in your life. To learn more about how a Stephen Minister can help you or someone you know, contact stephenministry@powellumc.org.

Children's Ministries (Infant—5th grade)

Children's Ministries Director, rebeccabrownlee@powellumc.org

Sunday Morning Ministry Opportunities (*An age appropriate Bible lesson is offered to all children*)

Nursery

- Infant - 5 years old (*not in Kindergarten*)
- Available at all worship services (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 am)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (*Children MUST be toilet trained to attend Sunday School Classes*)

- Preschool - Room 103N
- 2nd & 3rd Grade - Room 109N
- Kindergarten & 1st Grade - Room 110N
- 4th & 5th Grade - Room 100N

11:00 a.m. Sunday School (*Children MUST be toilet trained to attend Sunday School Classes*)

- Preschool through 5th grade - Room 100N

Sunday School Lesson: "The Four Friends" - Mark 2: 1-12

Sunday School Monthly Focus: Jesus shows God's power.

Monthly Bible Verse: "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!" Mark 4: 41

Fill Easter Eggs with Candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Pick up the empty eggs in the Main Hall from Feb. 25-March 11 and fill them with wrapped candy.

Veggie Tales Easter Movie, "An Easter Carol," Sunday, March 4, 3-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come together to watch a movie with friends and snacks. Parents are invited to stay and put Easter Eggs together for the Easter Egg hunt or fill them with candy. The more helpers, the better!

Powell Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 24, 10am, at the Village Green Park in downtown Powell.

Children's Palm Parade, Sunday, March 25, during the 9:30 and 11am worship services.

VBS Online Registration is Open. Register today, www.powellumc.org/vbs-info-registration.html, as spots are limited. Children preschool - 6th grade (register for the grade going into)

- Evening VBS: Sunday, June 3 - Thursday, June 7, 5:30-8pm
- Morning VBS: Monday, June 4 - Friday, June 8, 9am - 12pm
- Youth and adult volunteer register is also open

Children's Music:

Cherub choir (age 3-kindergarten), meets today, 10:35-10:55am in room 108N.

Children's choir (1st—5th grade), meets 10:35am in the choir room.

Joyful Ringers (grades 3-5), no rehearsal today.

Youth Ministries (6th—12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, joshuaslone@powellumc.org

Youth Sunday School meets today, 9:30-10:30 am. Middle School in room 102N and High School in room 101N. Contact Josh with middle school questions and Matt Utt, ohio.mutt@gmail.com, or Drew Thiele, thiele.drew@gmail.com, with high school questions.

Confirmation meets Sunday, March 4, 12:30-2:30pm in rooms 101N/102N.

"Girls of Grace" Bible Study, led by Youth Leaders, Mallory and Kayla. Open to all girls 6th-12th grade. Next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7-8pm. Email malloryslone@gmail.com with questions.

G.Y.M. (God's Young Men) Bible Study, led by Drew Thiele and Joshua Slone. Open to all boys 6th-12th grade. Next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7-8pm. E-mail thiele.drew@gmail.com or joshuaslone@powellumc.org with questions.

Nerf Wars, Friday, Feb. 23, 6pm-midnight. Bring your Nerf weapon of choice and stay for the extreme challenges! Dinner provided.

Upcoming Events - stay tuned for more information!

- Scavenger Hunt, March 18
- Smash Night, April 29
- Mess Fest, May 20

Youth Music: Middle School Choir (grades 6-8), meets 10:35-10:55am in room 102N
Glorybells (grades 6-8), no rehearsal today
Alleluia Bells (grades 9-12), no rehearsal today

MUSIC OPPORTUNITY: Please consider participating in the Middle School choir (10:30 am in the Middle School Sunday school room) for the production of *I Can Only Imagine* on Confirmation Sunday. If you are in Confirmation, this counts towards your requirements. Contact Lori Kipfer, lorikipfer@columbus.rr.com, or Matt Utt, ohio.mutt@gmail.com, if interested.