

The glory of Easter is with us as we gather today!

We welcome you to our Easter celebration and to Powell United Methodist Church. If you are visiting with us, please stop by our Welcome Center for information about our church. We invite you to move to the center of the pews to provide more seating as others arrive. We give thanks to God for the gift of eternal life, and it is good that you are here to share in our Easter praise and worship!

Special Announcements

Our 2018 Special Mission Project is Underway. Our congregation is supporting Watoto Read for the year 2018 and our goal is \$10,000. "Watoto" is Swahili for "children." Our project will help build classrooms in Chad, Africa, to enable children there to receive education. Our total, thus far, is \$7,060. We are off to a great start. Use the designated envelopes in the pew pockets to share your gift, and thank you for sharing the love of Christ with those who are desperately in need.

Large Print Bulletins and Hymnals are available. Please see an usher if you would like a copy of today's order of service for 8:15 or 9:30 in large print or a hymnal.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Common Ground Free Store provides an opportunity for servant volunteers to prepare and serve meals, sort donations, and assist shoppers as part of a group on the first Tuesday of every month. All ages can serve. The next opportunity to serve is this Tuesday, April 3, 5:30-9pm.

Ministries with Good Works, a non-profit organization in Southern Ohio are committed to creating and sustaining a community of hope with and for people who are struggling with poverty and homelessness in rural Appalachia. There are many opportunities to serve: Community Meal, April 13; Men's Work Day, Sep 29; Family Overnight Retreat, Nov. 9, 10. For all these upcoming opportunities, contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. On Aug. 25, all of the walls for a Habitat home will be built in Powell UMC's parking lot. People of all ages and all abilities are invited to participate. To sign up, contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Experience God and the People of Haiti on a Mission Trip with HUT Outreach, our mission host, July 21-28. Hut Outreach is a non-profit organization that shares God's love with the people of Haiti through 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. All interested are invited to attend the informational and organizational meeting, April 4 at 7pm. April 4th is also the deadline for a commitment to go on the trip. With questions and to sign up, contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Serve with Family Promise, June 17-24, 39 N. Washington Street, Delaware. Help support Delaware County families who are currently without homes. Provide a meal, spend the night as a host, and spend time with families. Your support will help families achieve lasting independence. To serve, contact Karen Baesman, kbaesman@baesman.com.

Caring Ministries

Spring may have arrived, but life can still seem cold and dreary for those who have suffered a loss or experienced a crisis. Our Stephen Ministers are trained to help people through the winters of life, providing emotional and spiritual support during tough times. If you or someone you know could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one Christian care of a Stephen Minister, contact stephenministry@powellumc.org. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.

All God's Children is a resource for parents, grandparents, former spouses and other close relatives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. Contact Marty Traver for more information, courtdoc@aol.com or 614-987-5015.

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

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

***Sign Up for the Next New Member Series.** If you would like to learn more about Powell UMC and how you can better respond to the reality of God by taking steps on the pathways of knowing, serving, giving, and telling, come to a three-session series on these three Tuesdays: April 17 (6:30-8pm), April 24 (6:30-8pm), and May 1 (6-8pm). Childcare will be available. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact kimlarue@powellumc.org.

Experience the Passion Play in Oberammergau and explore Alpine wonders with Deacon Sandy and Brian Huber, Sep. 14-20, 2020. The passion play in Oberammergau is the most famous in the world and takes place only every ten years. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center or email sandyhuber@powellumc.org to indicate interest in the trip or to get more information.

New Studies are beginning after Easter. Classes and small groups are ongoing and relevant, and help connect faith and life in this world. They are offered on a variety of days and times. Pick one that interests you and join us! Childcare is available.

For more information about studies and membership, contact kimlarue@powellumc.org.

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

Give Ingredients For Community Meal to help provide a healthy dinner for hungry people who participate in a weekly community meal that is called Friday Night Life, sponsored by Good Works in Athens, Ohio. To be a part of the meal, take a tag(s) from the tree in the Main Hall, purchase the item(s) and return them to the church kitchen by Wednesday, April 11.

Thank you to Kroger Plus Card Holders who choose PUMC as the recipient for the Community Rewards Program. Powell UMC received over \$1,000 during the last 12 months from individuals who registered their card. As of April 1, all Kroger Plus Card holders must renew their charitable designation. If you would like to establish a charitable designation for the first time, visit the "Giving" page of our website, click "Kroger Plus Card" and follow the instructions. For help, contact Pat Parren at 614-738-0038.

Garage Sale, Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21, 9am-2pm; Preview Night on Thursday, April 19, 6-8pm with a \$5 admission. Donations can be dropped off April 16-18, 9am-4pm and 6-8pm, and April 19, 9am-2pm. Call Betty McCoy at 614-505-3834 or 832-477-8424, for pick-up of large items. Pick up a yard sign in the Main Hall TODAY to display in your yard. All proceeds go to missions.

Food Pantry Item of the Month: Canned Vegetables. 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

Music and Performing Arts Opportunities.

- * Adult Chancel Choir
- * Adult Handbells
- * Special Music
- * Life Connections Praise Band

For more information about music groups, contact jodyhepp@powellumc.org.

The Tuesday Morning Group (TMG), a small group for seniors, has three guests coming in April. Our topics are: understanding the Amish Culture (April 3), What it is like to do "street preaching" in Columbus (April 10), and preparing your family for your death (April 17). TMG meets from 10-11:30am in room 101. We invite you to join us for any or all of these sessions.

Ongoing Adult Groups provide fellowship, learning, and support for the Christian journey. New participants are always welcome.

- * Quilting and Needlework Groups
- * Men's Group
- * Young Adult Groups
- * Senior Groups
- * Women's Circles and Groups
- * Bible and Book Studies

Adult Sunday School Classes meet at 9:30am and 10:45am.

For more information about adult groups, contact kimlarue@powellumc.org.

Children's Ministries (Infant–5th grade)

Children's Ministries Director, rebeccabrownlee@powellumc.org

Easter Sunday School Opportunities. We have Sunday school today at 9:30 and 11am. Worship and fellowship with your classmates in Sunday School!

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 Tomb is Empty" - Luke 24: 1-12

Sunday School Monthly Focus: Go and tell about Jesus.

Monthly Bible Verse: "He began to teach about Jesus in the synagoges. 'He is God's son,' he declared." Acts 9:20

Church Camp. What are your children and youth doing this summer? How about church camp? Church camp is important - so important that our church is offering \$100 towards the cost of a full week camp in the West Ohio Conference to each camper who is a member or actively participates at PUMC. Let us help your child build friendships and grow closer to God at camp this summer. For more information about the \$100 discount, contact rebeccabrownlee@powellumc.org.

L.E.A.P. (Leadership Encouragement And Praise). Children 2nd - 5th grade are invited to LEAP out of the building and take their love of Jesus and fellowship outside the church walls. Mark your calendars for April 28 at 2pm. We will be going to Powell Senior Living to play games, color, and fellowship with the residents. This is a wonderful opportunity to shine Jesus' light to others. Afterward, we will get some ice cream. Parents - we ask that you join your child in this opportunity to serve others with kindness and fellowship. More details are to come.

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 registration is also open

Children's Music:

- Cherub choir** (age 3-kindergarten), no rehearsal today
- Children's choir** (grades 1-5), no rehearsal today
- 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, April 8, 12:30-2:30pm in rooms 101N/102N. Confirmation Sunday is April 22 during the 9:30 worship service.

"Girls of Grace" Bible Study, led by Youth Leaders, Mallory and Kayla. Open to all girls 6th-12th grade. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 3, 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, April 3, 7-8pm. E-mail thiele.drew@gmail.com or joshuaslone@powellumc.org with questions.

Smash Night, April 29, 12:30-2:30pm. Need to release some stress with busy schedules and finals looming? Come join us for an afternoon of smashin' and talking about "damaged goods" in the Bible. If you can donate any old electronics, appliances, etc. please contact Josh.

Upcoming Event - Mess Fest, May 20. Stay tuned for more details.

Youth Music: Middle School Choir (grades 6-8), no rehearsal today
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. Contact Lori Kipfer, lorikipfer@columbus.rr.com if interested.