

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.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Sunday morning serving. Each Sunday there are 30 folks who give of their time to create a hospitable environment in our church. If you would like to help with coffee & treats, ushering or greeting, please contact kimlarue@powellumc.org. This offering of ourselves and creating a welcoming space is vitally important to visitors and our congregation members alike. Please consider becoming part of this team by serving one time a month.

Early Response Team Training will take place THIS Saturday, Aug. 18, 8:30am-4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at the church. The training will provide you with the knowledge and skills that are needed in crises situations. This training will enable you to go and be with people within 4-6 weeks after a disaster happens. After going through the training and background check, you will receive an UMCOR badge that is recognized by FEMA. The cost is \$40, lunch included. Please contact KatyaBrodbeck@powellumc.org, and register online, <https://www.westohioumc.org/equip/mission-and-justice/conference/event/ert-powell-united-methodist-church>.

Habitat for Humanity Walls Build: Saturday, Aug. 25, begins at 8:30am with breakfast and 9am worship in Fellowship Hall. No previous experience needed; no age limitations. Trained crew leaders will guide the process. Water and snacks will be available throughout the morning as all the walls for a Habitat for Humanity home will be built. Celebrate with lunch beginning at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up to serve online or at the table display in the Main Hall. For more information, contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Save the Dates to serve and be out with the Good Works community in Athens, OH this Fall. For more information and questions, contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

- Men's Serving Day, Sat, Oct 6, 8am-4pm
- Community Meal, Friday, Nov 9, 2pm-9pm
- Overnight Work Retreat, Nov 9 and 10

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

Peace & Justice group believes in fair wages for all farmers and offers a variety of products that both support and empower farmers and consumers. Visit the table in the Main Hall **TODAY**. All proceeds go to support missions.

Promise Jewelry is made by women in Haiti and available for sale in the Main Hall today. This jewelry making endeavor is a hope in the midst of difficult times. The women are earning money to take care of their families, but more than the money is the fellowship. Support the women in Haiti by purchasing the jewelry items. For more information, contact Amy Sarver, amelia_blue@yahoo.com.

Silent Auction to Support Habitat for Humanity, Aug. 25, 8am-12pm and Aug. 26, 8am-12:30pm. Offer items, talents, services, gift certificates, and experiences to benefit a Habitat for Humanity home. For more information, contact Wendy Tyree, Lwtyree@aol.com.

The Book Box is here to prepare for the 10th Annual Used Book Sale on **Oct. 6**. The book box is located by the Welcome Center entrance and is for gently used books that you no longer need at home. These books will be sold at the Used Book Sale in October. Contact Mary Linn Hoffmann at 740-548-7757 or mlinn@insight.rr.com with questions.

A Golf Event to Support Watoto Read, our 2018 mission project, the mission of reaching refugee children Africa, September 29, Brent Tree Club, Sunbury OH. Cost is \$100 per golfer and includes prizes, auction, and dinner. Tiger Woods Foundation has provided a hole flag signed by Tiger from the 2008 US Open which he won. To register, go to watotoread.com.

Food Pantry Items of the Month: Cereal. 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.

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

Summer Online Study Underway: Recordings for the webcast series on Frederick Buechner's book, *A Crazy, Holy Grace*, are on our website at www.powellumc.org. Go to the adults tab and select "Studies and Small Groups" to locate the videos. For more information contact larrybrown@powellumc.org.

Save the Date, The Aspire Women's Tour, Oct. 14, 5pm-8pm, featuring author Melissa Spoelstra. An evening full of laughter, learning, stories & music. One night. Three hours. Just for women. Please join us, right here at PUMC. Set aside time for you! See the table in the Main Hall.

Women's H2O, a class for all ages, begins Aug. 17 at 9:30 with the study "Christianity & World Religions" by Adam Hamilton. In our world of diversity understanding and respecting our neighbors of other faiths is critical. Contact the facilitator, Betsy Effinger, for this small group study, beetles121@gmail.com.

Elijah, Spiritual Stamina in Every Season, begins Thursday Sep. 6, 7pm. This class for women is perfect as we deal with many different seasons in our lives. This discussion will help us think about things from new perspectives and affirm our worth as Christian disciples. Kristina MacKenzie, mackenzie.kristina@yahoo.com and Kim La Rue are leading.

Disciple III Fast Track begins Wednesday, Sep. 5 at 7pm. If you have completed Disciple I, join us for "Remember Who You Are" and study the Old Testament Prophets and the Letters of Paul. Jeff Firkins and Kim La Rue leading. For more information, contact kimlarue@powellumc.org.

Telling

Sharing our stories of God's activity in our lives

Pastor's Weekly Bible Study to Begin. The new season of our Pastor's Bible Study will begin on Wednesday, Sep. 5, at 6pm in room 108. Each week participants will reflect on the preaching passage for the coming Sunday. All are invited to come together in a spirit of shared learning and discussion. For more information, contact Pastor Larry.

"I believe in the church," an evening of inspiration, worship, testimony, and sharing with our Bishop, Gregory V. Palmer, Sep. 11 at Indian Run UMC, 6pm-8:30pm. In the light of the upcoming decisions about the future of the United Methodist Church connected to social issues, we are invited to spend time with our bishop reflecting on the past, present and the future of the church. Registration is required for dinner and to receive printed materials. To register go to <https://westohioumc.org>.

Finding God in Best Sellers group meets at 9:30am at Scramblers, 3980 Presidential Pkwy, Powell. The book for Sep. 5 is *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, by Gail Honeyman; the book for Oct. 3 is *The Great Alone*, by Kristin Hannah. 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.

***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 Sundays: Aug. 26 (6:30-8pm), Sep. 9 (6:30-8pm), and Sep. 16 (6-8pm). Childcare will be available. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact kimlarue@powellumc.org.

Music and Worship Arts

Jody Hepp, jodyhepp@powellumc.org

Summer Choir Set to Sing, NEXT Sunday Aug. 19. All singers are invited to form a summer choir. We'll learn an anthem to share at the 9:30 service and we'll meet in the choir room at 8:45am. For more information contact jodyhepp@powellumc.org.

Attention All Youth Handbell Ringers, practices will begin Sunday, Sep. 23. It's a great way to make new friends and make some beautiful music for our church family. Handbells are open to all youth, third grade through seniors in high school. All are welcome. All you need to be able to do is count to 4 and read colors; we will teach you the rest. Joyful Ringers (grades 3-5) practice from 4:15 to 5pm; Glorybells (grades 6-8) practice from 5-5:45pm; Alleluia Bells (grades 9-12) practice from 5:45-6:30pm. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board by the bell room in the Education hallway. Call Debbie Thresher, 614-846-1456.

Children's Ministries (Infant–5th grade)

Children's Ministries Director, rebeccabrownlee@powellumc.org

Family Worship Today! Children are invited to join their families in worship today. This is a great time to experience worship together as a family, hear the scripture readings, sing the songs and listen to the sermon. Then go home and talk about all the things you experienced in worship together as a family! Children's Bulletin Bags are available to help engage children in the service. The nursery will be open for infants and toddlers up to age 5 (not in kindergarten) from 8:15am to 12:00pm. The Quiet Room is also available at the back of the Sanctuary.

Today is Blessing of the Backpacks! All children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks up on the chancel when they are called. They will be blessed, receive a special tag for their book bags then sit with their families. Did your child forget his or her backpack? No worries - come up without your backpack! We are blessing the children to have an amazing school year, not the backpacks. The tags are just a reminder to the kids that we, the church, are praying for our kids this school year!

Children's Music will begin next Sunday, Aug. 19, 10:35-11am with the choirs. The Cherub Choir (age 3-kindergarten) is led by Karen Baesman and will meet in room 108N and the Children's Choir (grades 1-5) is led by Sherryl Gilsdorf and will meet in the choir room.

Summer Movies! It has been an awesome summer hanging out at church and watching movies together. TODAY is our last summer movie. Come and fellowship with your friends before school starts by watching a movie.

-TODAY, Sunday, August 12th: 1-2:30pm - "Camp New - Dollar Days"

Fall Sunday School begins Sunday, Aug. 19 at 9:30am. Sunday school classes will be split up. Preschool, Kindergarten & 1st Grade, 2nd & 3rd Grade, and 4th & 5th Grade. We split children by grade - not by age. There will be signs posted as to where different classrooms will be. Sunday school at 11am remains all together, Preschool - 5th Grade.

Collecting New Pairs of Socks, plain socks or fun socks, for People In Need (PIN). Drop your donations in the collection bins in the education wing. We need more socks so please consider donating. You can help!

VBS Memory Videos are on sale Today at the Children's Table in the Main Hall and in the Education Wing. This is an awesome way to remember the week of VBS. Cost is \$5 per video.

Bible Camp & Bible Presentation. Children 2nd - 5th grade are invited to: **Bible Camp**, Saturday, Sep. 22, 4pm-6pm (dinner provided). Come and learn about the Bible, how to use it and where to find things
- ALL children are invited to Bible Camp - even if they have attended before
- Register online at powellumc.org - under Children's/Upcoming Events
Bible Presentation, Sunday, Sep. 23, 9:30am & 11am Services
- If children are not able to attend Bible Camp they are still welcome to receive their Bible in Worship
- Register Online at powellumc.org - under Children's/Upcoming Events

Sunday School Leaders. Have you thought it would be awesome to share Christ's love, lessons and stories with children? Come and see if you would like to be a Sunday School Leader. This is an informative meeting to learn about the curriculum, and how easy and wonderful it is to lead Sunday school. The meeting is **TODAY, 1:15-2pm** in the Main Hall (during the Family Movie).

Youth Ministries (6th–12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, hannahewald@powellumc.org

All Youth are invited to attend worship with their family today at 9:30am for Blessing of the Backpacks. Immediately following worship, youth Sunday school will meet in rooms 101N/102N.

PINS Mechanical in Dublin, TODAY, 12:15pm to 4:30pm; \$10 per person, lunch is included at the church. RSVP with Kris Shoaf, krisshoaf@gmail.com.

G.Y.M. (God's Young Men) Bible Study, open to all boys 6th-12th grade. Meets Aug. 21 from 6:30-8pm. Contact Matt Utt, ohio.mutt@gmail.com, for more information.

Fall Retreat. Mark your calendar for Friday, Sep. 14-Monday, Sep. 17 for the annual fall retreat. You can register at www.powellumc.org. Cost is \$100 per person and includes transportation, lodging and food.

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