

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

Next Sunday Our Clocks Change. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 4. Remember to **fall backward one hour** as you go to bed Saturday night.

The Way Forward: Awareness & Education on the UMC Special General Conference, TONIGHT, 6:30pm. For decades our denomination, like many others, has struggled with issues related to sexual orientation and lifestyle. In recent years, the divergence of positions related to these matters has threatened to split the church. In response, a special General Conference of the UMC has been called for Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis to propose A Way Forward. On the 28th we will learn about the issues and proposals coming from the leadership of the church and how these may impact local congregations. For more information contact Pastors Larry or Katya.

United Methodists Responding to Hurricane Relief Efforts. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is at work in the areas of Florida, as well as other southern territories, devastated by Hurricane Michael. Our special offerings go directly to the relief efforts, providing support, emergency needs and hope. Should you decide to give an additional offering to this cause, please use the special envelop provided and/or indicate on the memo line of your check, "hurricane relief." Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Scholarship Program Underway. We are pleased to announce that applications are now being received for the Marg and Bob Heffelfinger Scholarship Endowment Fund. This award is open to students who are members of our church and are currently enrolled in higher education institutions. Graduating high school seniors will be able to apply in the Spring of 2019. Inquire or secure an application through our church office, office@powellumc.org, or pick one up at the Welcome Center. Applications must be returned to the church office by Sunday, Dec. 2. The award will be announced by mid-December.

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

Join our Church-wide Advent Study, as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. You are invited to participate in a four-session Advent Study, *Home for Christmas*. This study brings inspiring stories of hope and second chances to a beautiful season. Included will be scripture lessons and tales of those who reflect on the themes with love and longing. Among the classes available will be one facilitated by Pastor Larry on Monday evenings Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10 and 17. A live webcast will also be available each Wednesday. Visit the display in the Main Hall to purchase a book and to sign up.

***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 Tuesdays: Nov. 6 (6:30-8pm), Nov. 13 (6:30-8pm) and Nov. 27 (6-8pm). Childcare will be available. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact kimlarue@powellumc.org.

All in Community, a Powell UMC ministry team responding to Ohio's incarceration crisis, invites the congregation to learn about Issue 1 that will be on the November 6 ballot. The display in the Main Hall provides information on Issue 1 and arguments for voting "yes" and "no." You can watch a video of Bishop Palmer's press conference supporting the issue, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiKqP9UDXhA>, or google search "Bishop Palmer Issue 1."

Music and Worship Arts

Jody Hepp, jodyhepp@powellumc.org

Children's Music: Cherub choir (age 3-kindergarten), no rehearsal today.

Children's choir (1st-5th grade), no rehearsal today.

Joyful Ringers (3rd-5th grade), no rehearsal today.

Youth Music: Glorybells (6th-8th grade), no rehearsal today.

Alleluia Bells (9th-12th grade), no rehearsal today.

Telling

Sharing our stories of God's activity in our lives

Finding God in Best Sellers group meets at 9:30am at Scramblers, 3980 Presidential Pkwy, Powell. The book for Nov. 7 is *Carnegie's Maid*, by Marie Benedict; the book for Dec. 5 is *The World Came to Town*, by Jim Defede. 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.

***Adult Bible Class,** Sundays, 9:30am in the Conference Room. The class is studying the Epistle of James. For more information, contact Chuck Klein, klein.7@osu.edu.

***10:45 Sunday School Class,** begins Nov. 18, studying *The Gift of the Nutcracker* by Matt Rawle. This takes the old, old story of Jesus' birth and helps us experience it through the imagination of Clara and the story of the Nutcracker ballet. All are welcome to join for this four-week Advent study. Contact Kathy Perry, katharineaperry@gmail.com.

Missions Newsletter will come out monthly with updates and upcoming opportunities to serve and give locally and globally. If you would like to subscribe, contact Pastor Katya, katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Save the Date for the Ladies Night Christmas Party, Thursday, Dec. 13, 7pm. Women are invited for an evening of fellowship, fun and Christmas celebration. More information is coming soon.

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

Give Ingredients for a Community Meal, Friday Night Life. Grab a tag or two off the giving tree in the Main Hall, pick the items up at the store, and bring them back to the church kitchen by Nov. 7. Your giving will support a healthy meal for those affected by poverty in the Athens County Area and the ministry of Good Works, one of our mission partners. For questions, contact Pastor Katya, katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Angel Tree for People in Need: adopt a family this Christmas! Families and small groups at our church are invited to adopt children from one family before we put the Angel Tree up to support families in Delaware during the holiday season. The gifts include: one toy and one clothing item and do NOT need to be wrapped. Instructions and specific gift suggestions will be given upon the receiving of the family. The deadline to sign up for a family is **Oct 29**. The Angel Tree will go up on Nov. 5th. To sign up and with questions, contact Pastor Katya, katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Food Prep Night for a Community Meal Thursday, Nov. 8, 6-8pm, church kitchen. Love cooking and helping others? Come to an evening of chopping, mixing, socializing and serving God as we prepare a healthy meal for a local community in Athens, OH. Bring your cutting board and your smile. Contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Serve at a Community Meal on Friday, Nov. 9, 2pm-9pm, Good Works, Athens, OH. Meet at the parking lot of the church, drive to the Athens area to serve and participate in the community meal that is called Friday Night Life. This is a place of sharing food and fellowship where people come from all walks of life. Register at powellumc.org or contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Good Works - A Mission Day Experience with an Overnight option, Nov 9 and 10, Athens, OH. Experience a day-long mission trip with people affected by poverty under the leadership of Good Works, that is committed to bring hope to those in need. Arrive on Friday night or Saturday, serve all day on Saturday, reflect on the experience and go home after having dinner. The serving projects vary on the skills that people on the team bring. Usually the projects include cleaning homes, raking leaves, doing minor repairs under the supervision of a Good Works staff member. Cost is \$30 for overnight and \$15 for food. Register at powellumc.org or contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

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

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.

Children's Christmas Pageant. Rehearsals are in the sanctuary, Sundays through Nov. 25. All cast, 2:00-3:00pm; speaking and nativity scene roles, 3:00-4:00pm.
- Dress Rehearsal: Friday, Nov. 30, 6:00-8:00pm. There will be a family potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall from 5:30-6:00pm. Look for sign ups to bring a food item soon.
- Performance: Saturday, Dec. 1 at 2:00pm. Child care is provided.

Operation Christmas Child. The boxes are OUT! Grab a box and set of instructions to fill your box. This is an awesome way to get your whole family involved with giving to others. There is a coloring sheet in your packet to fill out and include in your box to make it personal to the child receiving the box. The shipping cost is \$9 per box. Put a check in the box or pay online. When you pay online your family is able to track the location of the box, so cool! Open your hearts, open a box and share the love of Christ with children around the world. Return filled boxes by Nov. 18.

A Thankful Heart, Sunday, Nov. 11, 12:30-1:45pm for preschool-5th grade. Learn what it means to have a thankful heart. We will have crafts, music, food, Bible, and fellowship. Sign up online.

Save the Date, "A Casual Christmas," Sunday, Dec. 9. This is a wonderful, relaxed family evening. Come as you are. ALL are invited to this wonderful event!

- 4:30-5:15pm: In the Sanctuary, come and enjoy the bells perform seasonal Christmas favorites
- 5:15-6:30pm: In the Fellowship Hall, come as a family to enjoy Christmas crafts, snacks and the Cherub Choir and Youth Praise Group singing Christmas carols

Children's & Nursery Sunday School Registration. Please register your child(ren) online or fill out a paper registration form. ALL families are being asked to register their child(ren) even if they have done it in the past! Thank you! Register online, powell.breezechms.com/form/30b7c1.

Youth Ministries (6th—12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, hannahewald@powellumc.org

Youth Sunday School meets today at 9:30am, high school in room 101N and middle school in room 102N.

G.Y.M. (God's Young Men) Bible Study, open to all boys 6th-12th grade. Meets Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6:30pm and will meet every second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Matt Utt and Drew Theiele are facilitating.

"Girls of Grace" Bible Study is open to all girls 6th-12th grade. Meets Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6:30pm and will meet every second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Hannah is facilitating.

Tour the Ronald McDonald House, Saturday, Nov. 10 at 11am. We will bring homemade fleece blankets and pop tabs to donate. If your youth is interested in the tour and/or making blankets, contact Hannah.

The Pop Machine is in business. Head down to the back entrance by the kitchen to grab a cold pop. All proceeds support the Youth Program.

Caring Ministries

Are You Stressed? Discouraged? Feeling Down? You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, contact stephenministry@powellumc.org.