

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

Update on Yearly Mission Project - Watoto Read. Our yearly mission project to build classrooms for the education efforts among refugee children in Chad, Africa has been wonderfully successful. Our initial goal for the year was \$10,000, enough to build 1 classroom. We quickly met that total and moved our goal to \$20,000. We are pleased to announce that we have surpassed the new goal and our project total stands at just over \$20,323. Thank you to all who have contributed, and we know God will bless the work being done in Chad on behalf of some of the world's most challenged people.

Service of Comfort and Healing, Dec. 2, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall. If you are struggling with loss or hardship this holiday season, come and find God's light and hope through this time together. A time to let God speak to our sadness through reading of scripture. A time to sing together. A time to light candles and be anointed with healing oil. A time to create a craft and be surrounded by the loving community in God's presence. Come as you are to enter into God's heart to find peace and hope.

Scholarship Program Underway. 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. Secure an application through 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.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Decorate the Church for Christmas, TODAY, beginning at 2pm. There are wreaths to hang, garlands to deck, and trees to decorate. This is a family-friendly serving opportunity, so bring your children and youth. No need to sign up, just come.

Wrapping Gifts, Sunday, Dec 2, 12:30pm, church basement. Love wrapping? Come for a few hours to sort and wrap the gifts that will come from the PIN Angel Tree. Wrapping paper, scissors, and pizza will be included. All the gifts will brighten the holiday season for Delaware families.

First Tuesdays at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 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.

PIN Holiday Clearing House, Delaware County. Join Pastor Katya on Wednesday, Dec. 5th, 9am- 12pm, or pick a time that works for you, Dec. 3-7, 9am-3pm to sort through the gift items. The program provides new toys, gifts and food to Delaware County families with children and senior or disabled homebound residents. Contact Terry Troutman, Tazmantet@yahoo.com or (740) 972-8908.

Christmas Card Drop for Persons in Prison. Drop by the table in the Main Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 11, anytime between 5:30-8:30pm to share hope, love and joy with someone who is incarcerated. For many, it will be the only piece of mail received all year. Christmas cards, addresses, stamps and ideas for things to say will be available. This expression of God's tenderness is provided through All in Community. For more information contact sandyhuber@powellumc.org.

Music and Worship Arts

Jody Hepp, jodyhepp@powellumc.org

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 Music: **Glorybells** (6th-8th grade), no rehearsal today.
Alleluia Bells (9th-12th grade), no rehearsal today.

Christmas Jam Night is back THIS Wednesday, Nov. 28, 7pm in Fellowship Hall. We'll jam out to some Christmas classics, carols and more. Bring your instrument or voice and jam with us. Professional or beginner, youth or adult, you are welcome! Contact Matt Utt, ohio.mutt@gmail.com.

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 Dec. 5 is *The Day the World Came to Town*, by Jim Defede; the book for Jan. 2 is *The Good Pilot*, by Alexander McCall Smith. Those who enjoy reading are invited to join this small group. For information, contact Joy Waldron at 614-975-8626 or ikw71550@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 TODAY, 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.

Ladies Night Christmas Party, Thursday, Dec. 13, 7pm. You are invited for an evening of fellowship and Christmas celebration. Bring 5 of the same, unwrapped gifts (\$5-10) & either a dessert (last name A-M) or an appetizer (N-Z) to share. RSVP to StaciHood@powellumc.org.

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

Be an Angel: Take a Tag from the Tree. Purchase the item and return it to the church no later than Sunday, Dec. 2 to make Christmas brighter for many children identified by People In Need, Delaware County. The opportunities to give include clothing items, shoes and toys along with other fun gifts. Items should be returned unwrapped under the tree in the Main Hall.

Altar Flowers adorn the altar and help make each Sunday unique and special. If you would like to give flowers in honor or memory of someone special in 2019, sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office, 614-847-3703. The flowers are yours to take following the 11am worship service. Each arrangement is \$45 and it provided by Fireside Floral & Gifts.

The Morning Glory Candy Sale is today in the Main Hall. All proceeds go to Patches of Light, an organization that offers financial support to families of seriously ill children.

Cookie Bakers Needed! Sign up today in the Main Hall to bake cookies for the 6th annual Lily Circle Cookie Walk. Many home made cookies are needed to make the sale a success. This year's Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, Dec. 8, 8am-12pm. All proceeds benefit missions. Email Kelly Brown with any questions, kfb914@gmail.com.

Bethlehem on Broad Food Boxes are available at the display in the Main Hall. For those not familiar with this program, various churches in the Franklin County area collect food boxes to be distributed at Broad Street UMC's Bethlehem on Broad Program. It is a complete holiday experience for over 1200 less fortunate families in the area. The filled boxes are to be returned to the church by Thursday, Dec. 13. Contact Terry DeWitt, 614-581-3012.

New Giving App "GivePlus" is a free giving app that makes giving easy. Download the app in Apple store or Google play, put the name of our church in the search box, and click on it. You can create an account for recurring donations or simply give to a fund of your choice when it pops up. With questions, contact Debbie Wenner, office@powellumc.org.

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.

***Tuesday Night Woman's Bible Study,** begins Jan. 8, 6:30-8pm. Walk through the book of Leviticus with an awesome group of ladies, reading, learning and being in fellowship in God's Word. The only book needed is a Bible. Not sure Leviticus sounds fun? It is with the right group of ladies! It is recommended to read Genesis & Exodus before class begins. The facilitator is Rebecca Brownlee, rebeccabrownlee@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 through 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: Watching a Christmas movie to prepare our hearts for the season.

Thanks to all who filled Operation Christmas Child Boxes. We collected 283 boxes to brighten the lives of children all over the world.

All are invited to attend the Children's Christmas Pageant, Saturday, Dec. 1, 2pm. Come and support your church friends as they share what the meaning of Christmas is all about. This is the perfect way to start the Christmas season.

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 Caroling, Dec. 16, 1:30pm at Powell Senior Living Center. Come and sing Christmas Carols with the residents and then frost, decorate and eat Christmas cookies. This is a wonderful way to spread some Christmas cheer to others. All are invited.

Family Christmas Eve Services, Dec. 24 at 2pm & 4pm. Children retell the story of Jesus' birth in reading scripture, ringing bells, singing and dressing up as the Nativity Scene Animals. Sign up online (scripture reading parts are limited). All are invited to participate. One Rehearsal to pick up your costume and run through scripture readings, Dec. 23. More information online.

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. 27, 6:30pm and will meet every second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Matt Utt and Drew Thiele are facilitating.

"Girls of Grace" Bible Study is open to all girls 6th-12th grade. Meets Tuesday, Nov. 27, 6:30pm and will meet every second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Hannah is facilitating.

Youth Bulletin Board. The PUMC youth are crafting their own vision statement and we need your help! Check out the youth bulletin board in front of rooms 101N/102N. Post-its are displayed in front of the board for you to write your ideas to help us brainstorm vision statements.

Kalahari registration is open. Registration forms can be found on the youth table in the Main Hall. Kalahari is Jan. 4-6, 2019. Contact Hannah with any questions.

Caring Ministries

Are You Experiencing the Holidays Blues? The joy of the holidays can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. But help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the holidays and as long as your need persists. If you or someone you know is hurting, let us know, stephenministry@powellumc.org.

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