

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

A Way Forward: Awareness & Education on the UMC Special General Conference, Sunday, Jan. 20, 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 20th we will learn about the issues and proposals coming from the leadership of the church and how these may impact local congregations. All are invited and for more information contact Pastors Larry or Katya.

Church Staffing Announcement. Jody Hepp, our Music Ministries Director, has announced she will be leaving our ministry team due to increased duties in her full-time teaching job. Jody has served on our team since 2015 and we are grateful for what she has shared with us over the years. With this announcement comes the posting of this staff opening. Those interested in knowing more about our Music Director position should contact larrybrown@powellumc.org. A position description is available upon request. Thank you for holding Jody and our search process in your prayers.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Undecorating the Church, TODAY at 12:30pm. There are trees to take down and decorations to be packed. There are roles for families with children, as well as adults and youth who like to work from ladders. The project is coordinated by Mark Koenig and Sarah Schnulo. No need to sign up, simply come!

Serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware, THIS Tuesday, Jan. 8, 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. Contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org to serve.

Food Prep Night for a Community Meal, Thursday, Feb 14, 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, Friday, Feb 15, 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.

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

***Tuesday Night Woman's Bible Study**, begins THIS Tuesday, 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. Register online.

Tuesday Morning Group invites everyone to a presentation on the work of **Kairos Prison Ministry** which our congregation supports with prayers, donations and cookies, January 8, 10am. Gillian Anantharaman will share how this ministry impacts the lives of all those touched by incarceration through the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus.

10:45 Sunday School Class, begins TODAY, studying Adam Hamilton's newest book *Simon Peter; flawed but Faithful Disciple*. Find similarities between ourselves and Simon Peter's shortcomings as well as his courage and determination. Register at powellumc.org/adultministries/Sundayschool.

***Love Wins, a book by Rob Bell**, is the topic for the Thursday Morning Group beginning Jan. 24 at 10am. All are welcome to join us to take in the fact that "Jesus' story is first and foremost about the love of God for every single one of us." powellumc.org/adultministries/smallgroupsandstudies to register.

Telling

Sharing our stories of God's activity in our lives

***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 Sundays: Jan. 27 (6:30-8pm), Feb. 10 (6:30-8pm) and Feb. 17 (6-8pm). Childcare will be available. Sign up at the Welcome Center or register at powellumc.org/adultministries/newmemberseries.

Finding God in Best Sellers group meets at 9:30am at Scramblers, 3980 Presidential Pkwy, Powell. The book for Feb. 6 is *Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell*, by Robert Dugoni; the book for March 6 is *A Brilliant Death*, by Robin Yocum. 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.

Card-making Class, THIS Tuesday, Jan. 8, 7pm. Kaylin Masonbrink will supply patterns and materials. Whether you are a seasoned card-maker or a novice, come join the fun. You must reserve your spot by contacting masonbrink@juno.com or register online at powellumc.org/adultministries/upcomingevents. Suggested donation is \$10 for materials.

All Women are invited to Morning Glory Circle, Monday, Jan. 14, 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. Mickey Jones will give a presentation on mental Health. Contact Beverly Avers, BAvers@insight.rr.com, for more information.

***Women's H2O class**, begins Friday, Jan. 18 at 9:30am with the book *You are Free* by Rebekah Lyons. God has plans for something specific if we have ears to hear the still small voice. In the author's vulnerable voice, there is a prophetic call for women to become who they've already been designed to be. For more information, contact Betsy Effinger, beetles121@gmail.com. Register at powellumc.org/adultministries/upcomingevents.

When God Doesn't Fix it, by singer/author Laura Story, begins Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7pm in the Thursday evening Women's group. Examine the twists and turns that took place in the lives of the author, many of the heroes of the faith, and in our own lives. See how God uses crises, flaws and brokenness to impact people and situations around us for good. Sign up online and contact Kristina MacKenzie, mackenzie.kristina@yahoo.com for more information.

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

Communion Offering for January: Family Promise. Your giving helps families without a home in Delaware County achieve lasting independence. Family Promise provides housing, meals and support for families who are without homes due to tough times. In addition to financial support, servants from PUMC provide meals and weekend overnight hosting for Family Promise about three times a year. To learn more visit <http://www.familypromise-delawareohio.org/>

Powell Community Blood Drive, THIS Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1-7pm in the Fellowship Hall. One pint of blood can save three lives and the American Red Cross needs your help. To schedule an appointment, call Mary Carlton at 614-971-0303 or the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.

Giving App "GivePlus" is a free giving app that makes giving easy. Download the app in Apple Store or Google Play, enter "Powell United Methodist 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.

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.

The Morning Glory Circle would like to thank you for all of your support with our Candy Sale. We are donating \$2,593.51 to Patches of Light. Patches of Light provides emergency financial support to families with chronically ill children at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Save the date for the Chili Supper, Saturday, Feb. 2, 5-7pm in Fellowship Hall. More details coming soon.

*** 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

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: "Magi Seek a Healer" - Matthew 2:1-12

Monthly Bible Verse: "God heals the broken hearted and bandages their wounds." - Psalm 143:3

Sunday School Monthly Focus: Healing Families

WINTER JAM 2019, Saturday, Jan. 19, 6pm at the Schottenstein Center. Do you find it challenging to find fun and cool activities to do with your children? Mark your calendars for this ALL AGES Christian Music Festival. General admission tickets are \$15 each. This is music that is appropriate for the whole family. Plan to meet up with other church families and attend together.

L.E.A.P (Leading, Encouraging And Praising), Jan. 20, 1:30 - 2:30pm. Children 2nd-5th grade are invited to play BINGO and Charades with the Residents at Powell Living Center. It will be a wonderful time to be together with a different generation and share some smiles, laughter and fun! Meet at Powell Living Center to share Christ's Light with All.

VBS - Save the Date. Starting to make summer plans? Put VBS on your family calendar - you will not want to miss it! We are taking an adventure to the continent of Africa. We will ROAR and be reminded "Life is Wild" and "God is Good." The evening session is Sunday, June 2-Thursday, June 6. The morning session is Monday, June 3-Friday, June 7. Registration is coming soon.

VBS Planning Meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 9:30am and 6:30pm. Are you interested in getting behind the scenes of the fun and chaos of VBS? Then come and be a part of the planning team. It takes a village to pull off our amazing VBS program so the planning begins in January. Come and learn how your time and talents are able to serve VBS. Child care is provided.

Youth Ministries (6th–12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, hannahewald@powellumc.org

Youth Sunday School will not meet TODAY. Plan to worship with your family.

G.Y.M. (God's Young Men) Bible Study, open to all boys 6th-12th grade. Meets Tuesday, Jan. 8, 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, Jan. 8, 6:30pm and will meet every second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Hannah is facilitating.

Winter Jam, Jan. 19 at the Schottenstein Center. Join with the youth leaders to see over 10 incredible artists for just \$15. Contact Hannah for more details.

Caring Ministries

Preschool Registration for church members for the 2019-2020 PUMC Preschool year begins Jan. 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop by the preschool office or call 614-847-3773 for more information. We offer classes for children ages 2, 3, 4, and 5 years old. We also offer Kindergarten Enrichment classes for Kindergartners.

Music and Worship Arts

Jody Hepp, jodyhepp@powellumc.org

Children's Music: Cherub choir (age 3-kindergarten), meets 10:35-10:55am in room 108N.
Children's choir (1st-5th grade), no rehearsal today.
Joyful Ringers (3rd-5th grade), meets 4:15-5pm in the choir room.

Youth Music: Glorybells (grades 6-8), meets 5:00-5:45pm in the choir room
Alleluia Bells (grades 9-12), meets 5:45-6:30pm in the choir room