

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

Lent is a time of reflection on how faith intersects with the struggles of life. Our Lenten altar will depict the starkness and struggle in various ways. The visual team offers these images to God, who accompanies us through the muck and mire of life and does not leave us there. May we remain steady on our Lenten journey, as the altar design moves toward the hope and the reality of Christ's love for each of us.

Powell Community Easter Egg Hunt Help and Support:

- **Put together matching** Easter Eggs in bags of 100 in room 109N by Sunday, April 7th. Simply stop by alone or with a friend and work on a few bags.
- **Fill Easter Eggs with candy** by picking up a bag with empty eggs located in the Main Hall and returning them by Sunday, April 7th.

New Directory Coming Soon. Your correct address, phone number and e-mail is important. To be sure that your contact information is correct in the new directory, note your present address, phone number and e-mail on the friendship pad or contact the church office at office@powellumc.org.

Have you signed your child up for summer camp yet? Get out your calendars and plan to send your child to church camp through the West or East Ohio UMC conferences. There are a variety of camp locations, dates, and programs from which to choose. If your child attends a week-long program, you are eligible to receive a \$100 rebate on the cost of the camp. Let your child experience church camp this summer!

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Good Works Upcoming Mission Opportunities:

- Meal Prep in the church kitchen, chopping, mixing, and having fellowship, March 28th, 6pm
- Serving at a Good Works Community Meal in Athens County, serving, sharing a meal, and creating relationships, March 29, 2pm-9:30pm
- A work retreat to serve those in need, neighbors helping neighbors, Athens County, overnight option is available, March 29-30

Good Works is a non-profit community of hope dedicated to support those affected by poverty and homelessness. To sign up for any of these serving in mission opportunities, please go to powellumc.org or contact Pastor Katya, katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware, Tuesday, April 2, 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.

Thank you to all who served with Family Promise this week! Your service supported Delaware County families who are currently without homes and helped these families to work toward lasting independence.

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

***H2O Women's Group**, Friday mornings at 9:30am, will begin *What Love Is* by Kelly Minter on April 5. This study on the three little books of 1st, 2nd & 3rd John looks at the heart of Jesus. Join this group to dig into scripture and have lively conversation about real life. Contact Betsy Effinger, beetles121@gmail.com.

Upper Room Devotion groups meet Mondays, 8:45-9:45am, facilitated by Pat Parren, patparren@yahoo.com, or 11:30am-12:45pm, facilitated by Bev Avers, bavers@insight.rr.com. Discussions each week will be based on the previous Wednesday's devotional in the *Upper Room* devotional book.

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

Ernie Haase and Signature Sound Concert to Benefit Watoto Read, Saturday, April 6, 3pm. Enjoy one of the most popular and beloved quartets in all of Southern Gospel music. All the proceeds will go to benefit Watoto Read, a non-profit dedicated to the education of refugee children in Africa. Tickets are \$35 per person and \$60 per couple. To purchase a ticket, go to watotoread.com/concert or call Claudine, 304-612-4168.

Give Ingredients for a Good Works Community Meal. Grab a tag or two off the giving tree in the Main Hall, pick items up at the store, and bring them back to the church kitchen no later than **THIS Wednesday, March 27**. 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.

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.

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.

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 April 3 is *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*, by Mark Sullivan; the book for May 1 is *Varina*, by Charles Frazier. Those who enjoy reading are invited to join this small group. Contact Joy Waldron at 614-975-8626 or jkw71550@columbus.rr.com.

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.

Delaware County Library Book Mobile will be in the east church parking lot THIS Thursday, March 28, from 10:45am-11:45am. All are invited to visit during this time to borrow some books. Contact Linda Franz, DirectorPUMCPreschool@gmail.com, for more information.

Music and Worship Arts

Rachel Parfenchuk, rachelparfenchuk@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), no rehearsal today.

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

Chancel Choir is open to anyone who loves to sing and wants to join in fellowship and song. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Join us at a practice!

*** 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.

VBS Registration for Participants and Volunteers is Open. Register for VBS TODAY. Spots are limited, so don't delay! We are taking an adventure to the continent of Africa to ROAR and be reminded "Life is Wild" & "God is Good." The evening session is June 2-6 (5:30-8pm) and the morning session is June 3-7 (9am - 12pm). Cost is \$30 per child; \$15 per child if a parent volunteers all week long. Scholarships are available if cost is a concern. REGISTER ONLINE!

Family Movie, Sunday, April 7, 1:30 - 2:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will watch "Isodo: Faith & Love" (Where Fun and Faith Take Flight). Parents, we need your hands during the movie to fill Eggs with candy for our Egg Hunt. Bring something comfy for the kids to lay on and a friend. All ages are invited!

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 13, 10am, at Village Green Park in downtown Powell. Come rain, snow or sunshine. Bring your own basket and fill it with eggs. Come early (9am) and help put the eggs in the grass for the kids. All are invited!

Children's Palm Parade, Sunday, April 14, at all services. Children will line up in the Fellowship Hall to receive their palm branch and then will parade in the Sanctuary.

Have you signed your child up for summer camp yet? For more information, look under the Special Announcements section. Contact Rebecca with questions.

Save the Dates:

- March 24-April 7: Easter Eggs Need Filled. Take home a bag of empty eggs and fill them for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- April 17: "Children Walking with Jesus" - a guided tour of the Stations of the Cross for children and families at 6:30pm
- April 21: Easter Sunday (We WILL have Sunday School so come and worship in class)

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. and Girls of Grace will meet as scheduled THIS Tuesday, March 26, from 6:00-8:30pm. To celebrate being on spring break we are extending this time of fellowship with a movie night afterwards! Contact Hannah for more details.

Have you signed your youth up for summer camp yet? For more information, look under the Special Announcements section. Contact Hannah with questions.

Caring Ministries

It's Okay to Be Human. An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. So when you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. Contact stephenministry@powellumc.org to learn more about Stephen Ministry. 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. For more information, contact Marty Traver, courtdoc@aol.com or 614-987-5015.