

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

Holy Week Worship Offerings. You are invited to continue to be in community as we journey with Jesus from the upper room to the cross, to the tomb and to the garden.

- **Holy Thursday** Worship and Communion, April 18, 7pm
- **Good Friday** Worship, April 19, 7pm
- **Easter Sunrise** Worship Service, April 21, 6:45am. This will be an interactive worship experience, led by youth. The service will begin outside in front of the red doors on the East Side. Dress for the weather.
- **Easter Celebration** Worship, April 21, 8:15am, 9:30am, and 11:00am.

"An American Tapestry," Concert by the Delaware Community Chorus, directed by Joshua Brodbeck, Sunday, May 5, 3pm, Sanctuary. This concert will celebrate American composers and will be sure to entertain audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Songs will be woven together through narration, and the choir will be joined by instrumental backing and soloists for select pieces. Tickets are \$15 & available online at Eventbrite, delawarechorus.com, or at the door.

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

Experience Holy Saturday at a Silent Retreat led by Katya Brodbeck & Kim La Rue, April 20, 9am-12pm. Come to experience God's loving and healing presence through a time of intentional silence and prayer. The retreat will begin with a short Taize service in the prayer chapel. During the hours of the retreat, the sanctuary, the stations of the cross, the outside labyrinth, and the prayer chapel will be available to walk around and be in prayer. A time of reflection in community at the end will be provided. Register at powellumc.org. Contact kimlarue@powellumc.org or katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org with questions.

***Simon Peter; Flawed but Faithful Disciple,** by Adam Hamilton, will be offered on two different days and times. The Tuesday Morning Group (TMG) will begin April 16 at 10am, facilitated by Dave Woodyard, davewoodyard@powellumc.org. Another class will be offered on Wednesdays, beginning April 24 at 7pm, and will be facilitated by David Holliday, dvhlldy@yahoo.com. Peter was just an ordinary guy who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today. Sign up at powellumc.org for either class. You can order your book there too.

***The 10:45 Sunday School class** will start *Reckless Love* by Tom Berlin on April 28. Please join this class for fellowship and conversation around Jesus' greatest commandment. Many of us hope to learn to be better family, friends, leaders, and neighbors by finding a deeper relationship with God, what if becoming a better neighbor leads you to that deeper love of God? For more information, contact katharineaperry@gmail.com. Register at powellumc.org and order your book there too.

Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living, Thursdays at 10am beginning May 2. This short three-week study explores the essence of Methodism in easy to remember ways. Following this study, beginning June 6, we'll look at the life of Martin Luther in *A New Reformation* by Rob Fuquay. We'll take a close look at the life and times of the famous reformer of the church and determine what we can do in our own time to embrace the idea of reform-ation. All are welcome to join us for either or both of these studies. Register online at powellumc.org. Facilitated by Kim La Rue.

Determined: Living Like Jesus in Every Moment by Heather Dixon, will be our study for Women on Thursday nights at 7pm, beginning May 2. Join us as we discover how to make every moment count and live with joy instead of apathy. Register online at powellumc.org. Facilitated by Kristina MacKenzie & Kim La Rue.

Become a HOPE Letter Writer encouraging and mentoring incarcerated men and women who anticipate release and return to Delaware County. Best practices do's and don'ts will be shared at an informative HOPE Letter Writing training on Tuesday, May 21, 7-8:30 pm. This intentional ministry will be coordinated by Powell UMC's All In Community group responding to the incarceration crisis in Ohio. Contact sandyhuber@powellumc.org for more information.

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

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. Take home some delicious Fair Trade coffee today. **H.U.T. Outreach** will also be selling their products to support Haiti. Visit the table in the Main Hall TODAY. All proceeds go to support missions.

Save the date and save your books for the Used Book sale on October 5. The Lily Circle will be hosting the 11th Annual Used Book Sale again in October. Please hold on to any books that you would like to donate until the collection box arrives in July. Any questions please contact Karen Curren at 614-735-1065 or at kawooster@gmail.com.

Food Pantry Item of the Month: Canned Meat and Fish. 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.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware, Tuesday, May 7, 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.

Learn About Acolyting for your Child at a meeting with Pastor Katya on either Thursday, May 2 at 7pm or Thursday, May 30 at 7pm, in the Sanctuary. Children in 2nd grade and older and their parents are invited to come to one of the meetings to learn about acolyting in worship: lighting the candles and assisting worship leaders. Please sign up online or by letting Katya know, katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

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 Tuesdays: April 23, (6:30-8pm), April 30 (6:30-8pm) and May 7 (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 May 1 is *Varina*, by Charles Frazier; the book for June 5 is *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens. Those who enjoy reading are invited to join this small group. Contact Joy Waldron at 614-975-8626 or jkw71550@columbus.rr.com.

W.H.A.T. IF (Women Having Adventures Together In Faith) will go zip lining at Zip Zone on either Sunday, May 5 or Sunday, June 2. Let Kathy Nissenbaum, knissenbaum@earthlink.net, know which date works best for you by Thursday, April 18.

The Spring Tea is Sunday, May 19, 3pm, in Fellowship Hall. Come hear Jackie Prine as she shares her story of how she came to lead Kairos Retreats at The Ohio Reformatory for Women. Enjoy an afternoon of food and special teas, fellowship and faith with the ladies of Powell UMC. Contact Mickey Jones for more information, djones15@columbus.rr.com.

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, grief, disappointment, 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. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, contact stephenministry@powellumc.org. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

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

Children Walking with Jesus, Wednesday, April 17, 6:30-8:30pm. This is a guided tour of our Stations of the Cross for children with Ms. Rebecca. We will learn about and walk the different stations, and create a craft to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us. We will have serious discussion so an adult must be present with the child. Register at powellumc.org. Space is limited.

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!

Children & Families in Missions & Partnering with PUMC Preschool. Save your pennies - they will make a difference! Bring in your pennies, coins, & dollars to the collection locations in the Sunday school classrooms and the Children's Tables in the Main Hall & Education Wing. The money is being collected for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to fight blood cancers. Collection will be April 1-28. All ages can help one penny at a time.

How Can You Serve VBS?

- 1) Pray
- 2) Volunteer (paper sign ups at the table in the Main Hall)
- 3) Take a tag from the tree in the Main Hall and purchase a gift card. Return gift cards to the main office, collection plate or give them to Ms. Rebecca on Sundays. Mark VBS on the gift cards.

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.

"Girls of Grace" Bible Study is open to all girls 6th-12th grade. Meets Tuesday, April 23, 6:30pm and will meet every second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Hannah is facilitating.

G.Y.M. (God's Young Men) Bible Study, open to all boys 6th-12th grade. Meets Tuesday, April 23, 6:30pm and will meet every second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Matt Utt and Drew Thiele are facilitating.

30-Hour Famine. Get hungry for justice! In just 30 hours, 7,000 kids will die of hunger-related causes. The question is: will you care enough to let their hunger move you to action? Inspired by the love of God, you can join the fight to keep kids alive and to give food to all who go hungry. PUMC's 30-Hour Famine is **Friday, May 17, 6 pm-May 18, 6:30 pm**. We will have three Bible studies leading up to the famine. For details about the Bible studies, see below.

Just Hunger Bible Study, 6-7:30pm on Tuesdays April 30, May 7, and May 14. These Pre-Famine Bible studies will allow us to spend intentional time getting our hearts and minds ready for the 30 Hour Famine experience. A follow-up Bible study will be held Tuesday, May 21 at 6pm. Our goal is to grow our own hunger for God and God's kingdom as we learn more about what the Bible has to say about injustice.

Music and Worship Arts

Rachel Parfenchuk, rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org

Children's Music: Cherub choir (age 3-kindergarten), no rehearsal today. Practices will resume in the fall.

Children's choir (1st-5th grade), meets 10:35am in the choir room.