

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

Respond to the Tornados in the Dayton Area with your Giving! West Ohio Disaster Response Team is fiercely working to support and help those who have been affected by the tornados. 100% of your giving will go to that effort. Envelopes marked "UMCOR" are available in the pew pockets for your use. Thank you for your response to God and your neighbor in need.

General Conference Issue Resources. Visit our website, www.powellumc.org, and scroll down to "Resources on General Conference" to find articles, videos, and other information related to responses and developments in the United Methodist Church following the results of the Special General Conference earlier this year. As our denomination continues to discern a pathway forward related to issues that connect to the LGBTQ+ community and all of us, these resources connect us to the conversation in the West Ohio Conference and throughout the UMC.

New Hearing Assistance System. Just a reminder that a new system known as "The Loop" is now installed in our sanctuary. If you wear hearing aids, you will need to find out if they have the wireless receiver called a T-coil or Telecoil. The T-coil program is accessed by pushing a button on the hearing aid and needs to be activated by your audiologist. Talk to your audiologist to find out if your aids have both a T (picks up no background noise) and an MT program (both microphone & T-coil program). The Loop is made possible by Julie Lothes and her family, in loving memory of her father, Bob Maddox.

Save the date for the Columbus Symphony Orchestra concert, Thursday, July 11, 7pm. Powell UMC is again hosting one of the summer concerts in the sanctuary. More details coming soon.

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

***Sign Up for the Next New Member Series.** If you would like to learn more about PowellUMC 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: Aug. 25, (6:30-8pm), Sep. 8 (6:30-8pm) and Sep. 15 (6-8pm). Childcare is available. Email kimlarue@powellumc.org.

***The Shack,** our summer "finding God in fiction" read begins Wednesday, July 10 at 7pm and continues for four weeks. Calling all Young Adults and others who want to discuss faith and listen for how others experience God. Facilitated by Kim La Rue and Mackenzie Callahan. Register online or contact callahan.191@gmail.com for more information.

Announcing a Summer Web-based Bible Study, Wednesdays, 8pm, July 17, 24, 31, and Aug 7. Pastor Larry will host a study on the book of Galatians, connecting to resources offered by our bishop, Gregory Palmer. Paul wrote to the Galatians in a time of turmoil. As we face significant tension over division in our nation and church today, Paul's letter reminds us of the transformative power of grace. Participants can take part in the live stream or view the recordings of each session. To register, go to powellumc.org or contact Pastor Larry, larrybrown@powellumc.org.

***I am Loved,** a study of 1 John, begins for Women on July 18 at 7pm. Wendy Blight shares a message for every woman who craves to truly understand, walk confidently in, and live out God's unconditional, extravagant, lavish love. Join us this summer to meet new friends and have lively discussion. Kristina MacKenzie & Kim La Rue facilitating. Register at powellumc.org or contact mackenzie.kristina@yahoo.com.

Wonder what a returning citizen faces and how you can make a difference? The Cost of Poverty: Reentry Simulation, Sunday, Sep. 22, 2:00-5:30 pm, will give participants a glimpse into the lives of returning citizens and families and capture roles that the church and community can play in restoring individuals to successful life. This simulation is sponsored by PUMC's All in Community ministry in response to the current incarceration crisis. For more information contact sandyhuber@powellumc.org or heidilmcd@yahoo.com. Register online at powellumc.org.

Letters from a Skeptic, Tuesday nights, beginning July 9, from 6:30-8pm. Many of us face doubts or questions about God and Christianity at some point during our lives. We all have friends, family, and work colleagues who struggle with doubts, which can serve as substantial barriers to a relationship with God and becoming a follower of Christ. This must-read approaches all of the "big questions" through a series of correspondence between a skeptic father (Ed Boyd) and son (Dr. Greg Boyd, pastor and theologian). This 6-week-study is open to youth and adults and is facilitated by Hannah Ewald and Matt Utt. Contact hannahewald@powellumc.org for more information.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware, THIS Tuesday, July 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. To serve, contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Serve with the youth at Church for All People, Wednesday, July 17, 9:30am-2pm. Youth and adults are invited to this day of service. We will travel downtown to explore and serve in the many ministries at Church for All People. Contact hannahewald@powellumc.org.

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.

Be a Part of Disaster Recovery in Clendenin WV, Oct. 10-13. This long weekend mission will aid in recovery from flooding that occurred three years ago. Recovery is a long and slow process. An informational planning meeting will be held Tuesday, Sep. 17, 7pm. Contact sandyhuber@powellumc.org to indicate your interest.

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

11th Annual Used Book Sale. Beginning on July 28, the book box will be in the Main Hall to receive your donations to the Used Book Sale. Save all your beach reads, best sellers and children books for this year's sale. Your donations to last year's sale helped raise over \$4,000 for missions! Contact Karen Curren at 614-735-1065 or kawooster@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

Powell Community Blood Drive, Tuesday, July 9, 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.

Food Pantry Items of the Month: Gelatin and Pudding Mixes (regular or sugar free). 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.

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 July 3 is *The Locksmith's Daughter*, by Karen Brooks; the book for Aug. 7 is *Magic Hour*, by Kristin Hannah. Those who enjoy reading are invited to join this small group. Contact Joy Waldron at 614-975-8626 or jkw71550@columbus.rr.com.

Alpine Wonders and Oberammergau Passion Play Trip, Sep. 14-22, 2020, is nearly full. If experiencing this every ten year special event is on your bucket list, register online at <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/pp20091420z42011#.XQ00zFJK3cs> or pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center. Contact sandyhuber@powellumc.org for more information.

Music and Worship Arts

Rachel Parfenchuk, rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org

Youth Vocal Ensemble, July 7. Join the youth vocal ensemble singing at the 8:15 and 9:30 services. Rehearsal will be held in the choir room at 12pm TODAY. No experience required!

Summer Choir, July 14. Interested in singing with the choir? Come give it a try! The Chancel Choir will meet in the choir room at 8:45am on July 14 to prepare the anthem for that day. All who are interested are encouraged to come and sing.

*** 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 - 1st Grade - Room 103N
- 2nd - 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: "Choosing the Seven" - Acts 6:1-7

Monthly Bible Verse: "An abundance of grace was at work among them all." - Acts 4:33b

Monthly Bible Focus: Church Family

Summer Movies Are Back. Be on the lookout for dates. This summer we learn about important characters throughout the Bible (Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Jonah, David, Esther and Daniel). It will be a time of movie, music, food, friendship and fun!

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!

Save the Date: Sunday, Aug. 11 - Blessing of the Backpacks. More details coming soon.

***MOPS REGISTRATION is Open.** Powell UMC is excited to announce that we will be hosting a MOPS group! MOPS (Mothers Of Preschoolers), is a group that gathers and supports moms. MOPS believes in the simple but revolutionary idea that remarkable things happen when moms come together, face to face. That's why MOPS rallies women to come together in their own neighborhoods and help each other through this thing called motherhood, one gathering at a time. The group will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 9:15 - 11:30am beginning on Sep. 4, 2019. Childcare is provided as well as breakfast! Interested? Contact Megan Ricci at mopspumc@gmail.com or Ms. Rebecca. Register at powellumc.org.

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.

Summer Bonfire at the Bode's, TODAY at 6:30pm. Join us for an evening of good hangs, s'mores and music. All are welcome! Text Hannah at 240-529-4486 for the address. We hope to see you there!

Serve at Church for All People, Wednesday, July 17, 9:30am-2pm. We invite youth AND adults to join us on this day of service! We will travel downtown to explore and serve in the many ministries at Church for All People.

Delaware Lake Clean-Up, Saturday July 20, 8:30-11am. The Olentangy Watershed Alliance is celebrating its 20th Anniversary by hosting a cleanup at Delaware Lake. Canoes and kayaks will be available to volunteers on a first-come first-serve basis to help clean up, launching from the Delaware State Park Beach. Great opportunity for families to serve together!

Caring Ministries

Summertime Stress Slowing You Down? We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one confidential Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. If you think that you or anyone else you know needs a Stephen Minister, contact us at stephenministry@powellumc.org.