

# 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

**Do you know someone who is incarcerated who would appreciate a letter of encouragement?** Nineteen members of PUMC have been trained and are committed to writing letters of hope to persons who are incarcerated. If you have a friend or family member who would appreciate correspondence as a church family friend, contact [sandyhuber@powellumc.org](mailto:sandyhuber@powellumc.org). This is a Ministry of All In Community in response to the incarceration crisis in Ohio.

**Congregation Discussion, TONIGHT** at 6:30pm in Room 101N, a conversation on suicide hosted by the youth ministry leadership team. We know that our community and families have been deeply impacted by suicide, both recently and in the past. This discussion will be led by two of our church members who are mental health counselors, Dr. Heather Guthrie, psychologist, and Ellen Thomas, LSW and counselor in mental health and wellness. We invite youth and parents to join us for this conversation as we grieve the loss of loved ones and navigate this challenge that is ever so present in our community. This is a safe space for discussion and questions. Contact [hannahewald@powellumc.org](mailto:hannahewald@powellumc.org)

**\*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: Aug. 25, (6:30-8pm), Sep. 8 (6:30-8pm) and Sep. 15 (6-8pm). Childcare is available. Email [kimlarue@powellumc.org](mailto:kimlarue@powellumc.org).

## Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

**Women's H20** - All women are invited to the Women's H20 group on Friday mornings at 9:30am beginning August 23. Childcare is available. The book *Everybody Always* is the topic of discussion for this season. What happens when we stop worrying about a challenging world full of difficult people and instead simply love everybody? The author's story-telling and real life experience loving people will hold your interest and nudge you into action. Register online and contact Betsy Effinger [beetles121@gmail.com](mailto:beetles121@gmail.com) for more information.

**Disciple Bible Studies in 24 weeks** will begin this autumn. If you have wanted to dig into Bible study or have done a Disciple class and want to get back into it, please contact [kimlarue@powellumc.org](mailto:kimlarue@powellumc.org) for more information.

**Summer Reading 2019** ends on Aug. 25th. Drop off your reading log at the Adult Ministries table to redeem your prizes. Contact [stachhood@powellumc.org](mailto:stachhood@powellumc.org) for more information.

**Tuesday Women's Bible Group** will study The Four Gospels (beginning with Matthew) on Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30pm. Join in the good news of Jesus reading the Four Gospels. Learning and being in fellowship in God's word. All you need is a Bible. Contact Rebecca Brownlee [rebeccabrownlee@powellumc.org](mailto:rebeccabrownlee@powellumc.org) for more information.

**\*Wonder what challenges a person faces returning to the community after incarceration?** Wonder how you can make a difference? The Cost of Poverty: Reentry Simulation, Sunday, Sep. 22, 2-5:30 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. Register online at [www.powellumc.org/upcomingevents](http://www.powellumc.org/upcomingevents). For more information contact [sandyhuber@powellumc.org](mailto:sandyhuber@powellumc.org) or Heidi McDowell at [heidilmcd@yahoo.com](mailto:heidilmcd@yahoo.com).

## Caring Ministries

**Summertime Stress Slowing You Down?** We like to think of summer as being relaxing and enjoyable. 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 we 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 or someone you know needs a Stephen Minister, contact us at [stephenministry@powellumc.org](mailto:stephenministry@powellumc.org).

## Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

**Serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware**, Tuesday, Sept. 3, 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](mailto:katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org).

**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](mailto:sandyhuber@powellumc.org) to indicate your interest.

## 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. We are now selling cashew nuts, in addition to our other products, so be sure to visit the table in the Main Hall **TODAY**. All proceeds go to the Common Ground Free Store.

**Watoto Read Fundraising Gala to Support Refugee Children** in Chad, Africa, will take place on September 13, 6-9pm, La Novana, 154 Hamilton Rd, Gahanna, OH. This delightful evening will include dinner with authentic African food, African dance and drum, silent and live auction. Proceeds will benefit a community education center in Chad and will offer a science academy, computers, a library, a sewing center, and a community gathering space. The tickets are \$55 and can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/watoto-read-2019-dinner-gala-event-tickets-621271035>

**Visit the All In Community Table in the Main Hall** for two ways to support men reentering the community from incarceration.

- Pick up a Welcome Home bag, fill it and return it. It will be given to men through the Delaware County Reentry Coalition.
- Take a tag from the tree to provide nonperishable nutritious food items for men who often miss scheduled halfway house meals due to long hours of work and transportation. The food will be distributed by Damascus, a nonprofit which links businesses and returning citizens with second chance hiring opportunities.

These opportunities to give are provided by All In Community, a PUMC ministry responding to Ohio's incarceration crisis. For more information, contact [sandyhuber@powellumc.org](mailto:sandyhuber@powellumc.org)

**The Book Box has arrived!** Drop off your used books in the Main Hall for the 11th Annual Used Book Sale. Books of all kinds, including best sellers and children's books, are needed to make this year's sale on Oct. 5th a success. 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](mailto:kawooster@gmail.com) for more information.

**The Common Ground Free Store's annual fundraiser**, Fashions & Fixins, Aug. 24, 6:00-9:00 pm at The Homestead of Radnor, 2866 State Rt. 203, Radnor, Ohio. Come celebrate the free store with dinner, live music, a strolling magician, fashion show with stories, and silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased online at [www.commongroundfreestore.org](http://www.commongroundfreestore.org) or contact Joy Waldron at [jkw71550@columbus.rr.com](mailto:jkw71550@columbus.rr.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 Aug. 7 is *Magic Hour*, by Kristin Hannah; the book for Sep. 4 is *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, by Heath Morris. Those who enjoy reading are invited to join this small group. Contact Joy Waldron at [jkw71550@columbus.rr.com](mailto:jkw71550@columbus.rr.com) or 614-975-8626.

**\*Embracing Emergence Christianity**, Thursday mornings at 10am, beginning Aug. 15. This historical examination of Christianity and culture, by Phyllis Tickle, points out the 500 - year - cycles that we are finishing and beginning now. Join us for this fascinating, high-level look at the ups and downs of our history. Facilitated by Kim La Rue. Register online at [powellumc.org/adults/classesandstudies](http://powellumc.org/adults/classesandstudies).

## Children's Ministries (Infant-5th grade)

Children's Ministries Director, [rebeccabrownlee@powellumc.org](mailto: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.

**Blessing of the Backpacks, TODAY**, Aug. 11 at all services (8:15, 9:30 & 11am). Is your child, youth, or even you in school this fall 2019? Bring your backpack up to get a blessing tag. Even if you forgot your backpack come up and be blessed and get a tag!

**Children in Missions:** (August & September) Collecting new socks for People In Need of Delaware County & Underwear (any size) for Common Ground Free Store. Please put them in the Bins in the preschool or education hallway. Our goal is to collect 500 pairs of new socks and underwear combined.

**Upcoming Dates, Mark your calendar:**

August 18th: We split back up at 9:30am Sunday School

Bible camp & Presentation: Children 2nd-5th grade are invited to participate in Bible Camp and presented a Bible during worship service. Register for BOTH ONLINE today!

Saturday, Sept 28, 9:30-11:30am: Bible Camp & Breakfast (all children 2nd-5th grade)

Come and learn how to use your Bibles.

Sunday, September 29, at all services: Children are presented their New Bibles

(You do not need to attend Bible camp to receive your Bible).

-Christmas Pageant is Sunday, December 7th at 2pm. Mark your calendars!

ONLINE Registration coming soon.

Sunday, Sept 22, 3-4pm (3rd-5th graders): Christmas pageant auditions

Sunday, October 6th through November 24: Pageant Rehearsals

## Youth Ministries (6th-12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, [hannahewald@powellumc.org](mailto:hannahewald@powellumc.org)

**Youth Sunday School** is not meeting today. Enjoy worship as a family as we bless backpacks and pray over a new school year!

**Baking Day at Ronald McDonald House**, is TOMORROW, Aug. 12, 1-3pm. Calling all bakers! Must sign up with Hannah, spots are limited! We will meet in the church parking lot and drive down to RMH to bake onsite.

**Bonfire at the Bode's**. Join us for a bonfire on Sunday, Aug 18th, 6:30-8:30pm at the Bode's house in Powell. All are welcome. Contact [hannahewald@powellumc.org](mailto:hannahewald@powellumc.org) for details.

**Fall Retreat**. Mark your calendars for this year's fall retreat, Sep. 13-16 at Camp Wesley in Bellefontaine, OH. Registration cost is \$100 and registration is now live on our youth page, <http://www.powellumc.org/youth-events/>.

## Music and Worship Arts

Rachel Parfenchuk, [rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org](mailto:rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org)

**Adult Music**

**Chancel Choir** will have their first rehearsal for the year on Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00 pm. Our first Sunday singing will be on September 8th. All are welcome and new faces are encouraged!

**Celebration Ringers:** Practice begins Wednesday, Sept. 4th, 6-7pm 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.

Practices for these begin on Sunday, Sept. 22nd.

**Children's Music**

**Cherub choir** (age 3-kindergarten), no rehearsal today. Practices will resume soon. Keep a look out.

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

Practice begins on Aug. 25th.

**Joyful Ringers** (3rd-5th grade) 4:15-5:00pm in bell room. Practice begins on Sunday, Sept. 22nd.

**\* Childcare or Sunday School scheduled.  
Childcare is available for other adult ministries.  
Contact Kim La Rue at [kimlarue@powellumc.org](mailto:kimlarue@powellumc.org)**