

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 generative.

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. This is a Ministry of All In Community in response to the incarceration crisis in Ohio.

Congregation Discussion, Sunday, Aug. 11, at 6:30pm, a conversation on suicide led 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, Heather Guthrie and Ellen Thomas. 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 for more information.

***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.

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

The Summer Web-based Bible Study on Galatians is underway. If you aren't connecting with us live each Wednesday evening, you can watch the four recorded sessions. Visit our church website, www.powellumc.org, and scroll down the page to find the link. If you'd like to participate in the remaining LIVE webcasts, contact larrybrown@powellumc.org for more information.

Intertwined with Jesus, written by our own Beverly Avers, a retired Elder in the United Methodist Church, is on sale in the Main Hall TODAY! This is Bev's second book and she is excited to share it with her church family. She will accept donations for her book and you can designate to either UMCOR or RIC (Riverview International Center, to help with refugees living around Ohio State with resumes, tutoring, job search, etc.).

Prayer Walk, THIS Thursday, Aug. 8, 7pm at The Farm at Harvest Hills, 670 Hills Miller Road, Delaware. We will start out by praying for each other as a group and then spread out individually across the farm. Bring your old shoes and talk and listen to God as you walk the farm. Need a ride? Meet us in the East PUMC parking lot at 6:25pm. For more information contact Kim La Rue, kimlarue@powellumc.org, or Karen Curren, kawooster@gmail.com.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study 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 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. For more information contact sandyhuber@powellumc.org or Heidi McDowell at 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.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware, THIS Tuesday, Aug. 6, 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.

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

Communion Offering Today: Habitat for Humanity. Your giving will help build the walls of a Habitat for Humanity home for a deserving partner in Delaware County. In addition to funds, prayers and labor will help build adequate and basic housing for qualifying families. The ultimate goal of Habitat for Humanity is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the face of the Earth.

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

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 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 or contact Joy Waldron at jkw71550@columbus.rr.com.

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.

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 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.

Save the Date, The Aspire Women's Tour, Sunday, Oct. 13, 5pm-8pm, featuring author Barb Roose. Enjoy an evening full of laughter, learning, stories and music. One night, three hours, just for women at Central College Presbyterian Church, 975 S. Sunbury Road, Westerville. Ticket information coming soon.

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: David & Samuel - 1 Samuel 16: 1-23

Summer Movies - Mark your calendars. Come watch a movie, eat a snack, watch a music video or two, enjoy coloring & activity sheets, fun, fellowship and a time of reflection on how the movie relates to our lives today. Come and bring a friend. We will be in room 100N.

- Tomorrow, Aug. 5, 6:30-8pm: "Veggie Tales: Jonah." We will have Cane's Chicken. Please RSVP to Rebecca so we have enough food.
- Sunday, Aug. 11, 12:30 - 2pm: "Veggie Tales: Heroes of the Bible (David, Esther & Daniel)"

Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, Aug. 11 at all services (8:15, 9:30 & 11am). Is your child, youth, or are you in school this fall 2019? Then bring your backpack to church! We are aware of the stresses, anxiety and the feeling of being overwhelmed at school. We will pray over your child for this upcoming school year and each person will receive a special "Blessed backpack" tag to place on his/her backpack as a reminder that Powell UMC is praying for each of them this school year. This is a wonderful tradition and way to begin the new school year.

Children in Missions: (August & September) Collecting "NEW SOCKS" for People in Need of Delaware County. Please put them in the Bins in the preschool or education hallway. Our goal is to collect 500 pairs of NEW SOCKS!

***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 rallies women to 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.

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 be 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
Sundays, October 6th through November 24: Pageant Rehearsals

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.

Baking Day at Ronald McDonald House, Monday, Aug. 12, 1-3pm. Calling all bakers! Sign up with a friend to bake a treat for families at the RMH that they can take with them on their way to the hospital. We will bake onsite at the RMH in downtown Columbus. Spots are limited, sign up with Hannah.

Bonfire at the Bode's. Join us for a bonfire on Sunday, August 18th, 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Bode's house in Powell. All are welcome. Contact 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/>.

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