

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

***Sign up for the next New Member Series**, which begins TODAY. 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: Feb. 4 (4-5:30pm), Feb. 11 (6:30-8pm), and Feb. 18 (6-8pm). Childcare will be available. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Note the time change for today's session - 4-5:30pm.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7pm, a service with imposition of ashes and prayer for healing on the first day of Lent to mark the beginning of preparation for the understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ.

Join the Refit Revolution, Tuesdays, 7pm in Fellowship Hall. Refit is a fitness *community* whose vision is to create a fitness experience that changes people from the inside out, and this vision is accomplished by focusing on the heart as a muscle AND soul. People don't have to get *fit* in order to be *fit* at REFIT®- workouts are designed for every *body* regardless of age, shape, size or ability. Each session is led by trained instructors and a \$5 donation is suggested. Contact Heidi McDowell, heidimcd@yahoo.com, for information.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

First Tuesdays at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware, THIS Tuesday, Feb. 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.

Food Prep for Community Meal, THIS Thursday, Feb. 8, 6-8pm, church kitchen. Come to an evening of chopping, mixing, socializing and serving God as we prepare a healthy meal for a local community in Athens. Bring your cutting board and your smile. katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Serve at a Community Meal THIS Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, 2pm-9pm, Good Works, Athens. Meet in the parking lot of the church, drive to the Athens area to serve and participate in the community meal that is called Friday Night Life. This is a place of sharing food and fellowship where people come from all walks of life. Contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

A Disaster Recovery Mission Trip to WV is scheduled for April 29-May 5. An information and planning meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27, 7pm. All who are interested in knowing more about this trip to provide help and hope for a community severely effected by the June 2016 flood are invited. The trip will provide time for work, reflection and relationship building. Although rebuilding skills are important, the desire to offer a caring presence is just as important. Contact sandyhuber@powellumc.org for more information.

Family Promise of Delaware County express their gratitude for our congregation's partnership. In 2017 our church volunteered 244 hours, served 418 individual meals, and donated \$1,953. The volunteer hours and meals combined with food supplies produced a value of \$5,679. Our service and faithfulness made an immense impact for the homeless families in our community through Family Promise. In 2017, Family Promise served 60 families, which totaled 189 individuals including 110 children. 35 families exited the program to permanent housing! Thank you!

Experience God and The people of Haiti on A Mission Trip with HUT Outreach, our mission host, July 20-27. HUT Outreach is a non-profit organization that shares God's love with the people of Haiti with nutrition, education, & healthcare and will provide a missional opportunity for our congregation to build relationships and community, visit HUT Outreach friends and team members in their homes, be a part of Haitian church community and work alongside them. All interested are invited to attend the first informational meeting **Monday, Feb. 19 at 6:30pm**. For more information contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org or Amy Sarver, amelia_blue@yahoo.com. To learn more about HUT Outreach, visit hutoutreach.org or find it on Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/pg/hutoutreach/about/?ref=page_internal.

Attention 5th-12th Graders! Would you like to do something fun? Learn something new? Make new friends and make beautiful music for your church family? You are invited to check out the youth handbell program. Practices are Sunday afternoons and performances are once a month during the school year. There are two more performance dates before the end of the season, so come and give it a try. Contact Debbie Thresher, crossxx77@yahoo.com, for more information.

Telling

Sharing our stories of God's activity in our lives

***Church-wide Lenten Study** invites your participation in *Restored: Finding Redemption in our Mess* by Tom Berlin. The study invites our honesty about the ways our lives are not all they should be and to discover how a renewed relationship with God can create hope and deeper faithfulness. Sign up for your preferred study at the Adult Ministry Table or online at powellumc.org.

Sundays, beginning **Feb. 18, at 9:30 or 10:45**

Tuesdays, beginning **Feb. 20, at 10am, 12:30pm, or 7pm**

Wednesdays, beginning **Feb. 21, 8pm webcast**

Thursdays, beginning **Feb. 22 at 6:30pm** for young adults and others or **7pm** for women

Fridays, beginning **Feb. 23, at 9:30** for women

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

UMW Lily Circle Chili Sale will be Sunday, Feb. 4 after all church services. The cost will be \$8.00/quart and \$4.00/pint. All profits will benefit missions. Enjoy some chili at your Super Bowl party!

Give Ingredients for a community meal to help provide a healthy dinner for hungry people who participate in a weekly community meal that is called Friday Night Life sponsored by Good Works in Athens, Ohio. To be a part of the meal, take a tag(s) from the tree in the Main Hall, purchase the item(s) and return them to the church kitchen by Wednesday, Feb 7.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Benefits Habitat for Humanity, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5-7pm. Everyone is invited to this *Mardi Gras* themed evening before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Pancakes, sausages, fruit, coffee, tea, milk and juice will be served. No reservations are needed; donations accepted. All proceeds will be used to build the walls for a Habitat for Humanity home in Delaware county. To help with this meal by preparing, cooking, serving, cleaning up or donating a food item, sign up in the main Hall or contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Food Pantry Item of the Month: Canned Beef Stew. 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.

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

An Evening On Domestic Violence with Denise Kontras, an advocate, speaker and author, THIS Monday, Feb 5, 6:30-7:30pm, room 100N. Denise is the Training Coordinator for the Ohio Domestic Violence Network and a member of the Ohio Faith-Based Task Force to develop policy for training faith leaders and their communities about best practices and responses for domestic violence victims. This is a continuing education event for Stephen Ministers that is open for the congregation. All are welcome.

"IF" Women's Webcast Retreat, Friday, Feb. 9 (6-9pm) and Saturday, Feb. 10 (9am-4pm) at the home of Megan Rockey. What IF we followed God with perseverance instead of insecurity? We will look at one of Paul's letters to Timothy as he reminded him of the power and responsibility of sharing the gospel. Contact kimlarue@powellumc.org for registration.

Caring Ministries

Are You Experiencing a "Winter" in Your Life? The winter weather can be symbolic of what may sometimes happen in life. Little difficulties build up like slush, making us slip and slide, causing every decision to seem treacherous. We can wonder, "Is God even there?" Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential Christian care, giving you the emotional and spiritual support you need to make it through a winter in your life. To learn more about how a Stephen Minister can help you or someone you know, contact stephenministry@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 - Room 103N
- 2nd & 3rd Grade - Room 109N
- Kindergarten & 1st Grade - Room 110N
- 4th & 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: "Jesus Walks on Water" - John 6: 16-25

Sunday School Monthly Focus: Jesus shows God's power.

Monthly Bible Verse: "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!" Mark 4: 41

A Loving Heart Movie Time, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and watch Veggie Tales, "Silly Thing Called Love." This is a time for fellowship, fun, a craft, snacks and a movie. Learn about loving your neighbor, your family and God! Parents are invited to stay and put Easter Eggs together for the Easter Egg hunt.

Veggie Tales Easter Movie, "An Easter Carol," Sunday, March 4, 3-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come together to watch a movie with friends and snacks. Parents are invited to stay and put Easter Eggs together for the Easter Egg hunt or fill them with candy. The more helpers, the better!

Fill Easter Eggs with Candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. Pick up the empty eggs in the Main Hall from Feb. 25-March 11 and fill them with wrapped candy.

Powell Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 24, 10am, at the Village Green Park in downtown Powell.

Children's Palm Parade, Sunday, March 25, during the 9:30 and 11am worship services.

VBS Online Registration is Open. Register today, www.powellumc.org/vbs-info-registration.html, as spots are limited. Children preschool - 6th grade (register for the grade going into)

- Evening VBS: Sunday, June 3 - Thursday, June 7, 5:30-8pm
- Morning VBS: Monday, June 4 - Friday, June 8, 9am - 12pm
- Youth and adult volunteer register is also open

Children's Music:

Cherub choir (age 3-kindergarten), meets today, 10:35-10:55am in room 108N.

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

Joyful Ringers (grades 3-5), no rehearsal today.

Youth Ministries (6th—12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, joshuaslone@powellumc.org

Youth Sunday School meets today, 9:30-10:30 am. Middle School in room 102N and High School in room 101N. Contact Josh with middle school questions and Matt Utt, ohio.mutt@gmail.com, or Drew Thiele, thiele.drew@gmail.com, with high school questions.

"Girls of Grace" Bible Study, led by Youth Leaders, Mallory and Kayla. Open to all girls 6th-12th grade. Next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7-8pm. Email malloryslone@gmail.com with questions.

G.Y.M. (God's Young Men) Bible Study, led by Drew Thiele and Joshua Slone. Open to all boys 6th-12th grade. Next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 6, 7-8pm. E-mail thiele.drew@gmail.com or joshuaslone@powellumc.org with questions.

Upcoming Events - stay tuned for more information!

- Nerf War, Feb. 23, 6pm-midnight
- Scavenger Hunt, March 18
- Smash Night, April 29
- Mess Fest, May 20

Confirmation meets TODAY, 12:30-2:30pm in rooms 101N/102N.

Youth Music: Middle School Choir (grades 6-8), meets 10:35-10:55am in room 102N
Glorybells (grades 6-8), no rehearsal today
Alleluia Bells (grades 9-12), no rehearsal today

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