

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

Our Advent Banners are now in the Sanctuary, representing different aspects of the Christmas story and the foreshadowing of Jesus the Good Shepherd. The banners are the work of several members of our congregation. An informational brochure of the full story of our Advent banners is at the Welcome desk. May they draw us closer to God in this season of waiting.

Service of Comfort and Healing, TONIGHT, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall. If you are struggling with loss or hardship this holiday season, come and find God's light and hope through this time together. A time to let God speak to our sadness through reading of scripture. A time to sing together and light candles. A time to create a craft and be surrounded by a loving community in God's presence. Come as you are to enter into God's heart to find peace and hope.

Scholarship Program Underway. Applications are due to the church office TODAY for the Marg and Bob Heffelfinger Scholarship Endowment Fund. The award will be announced by mid-December.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Serve with Family Promise, Dec.16-23. Help support Delaware County families who are currently without homes. In addition to providing meals and spending the night as a host, families, couples and individuals are needed to spend a few hours on Saturday and Sunday at the facility, 39 N. Washington Street, Delaware. Your support will help families achieve lasting independence. To serve, contact Betsy Effinger, beetles121@gmail.com.

First Tuesdays at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware, THIS Tuesday, Dec. 4, 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.

PIN Holiday Clearing House, Delaware County. Join Pastor Katya on Wednesday, Dec. 5th, 9am- 12pm, or pick a time that works for you, Dec. 3-7, 9am-3pm to sort through the gift items. The program provides new toys, gifts and food to Delaware County families with children and senior or disabled homebound residents. Contact Terry Troutman, Tazmantet@yahoo.com or (740) 972-8908.

Christmas Card Drop for Persons in Prison. Drop by the table in the Main Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 11, anytime between 5:30-8:30pm to share hope, love and joy with someone who is incarcerated. For many, it will be the only piece of mail received all year. Christmas cards, addresses, stamps and ideas for things to say will be available. This expression of God's tenderness is provided through All in Community. For more information contact sandyhuber@powellumc.org.

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

***Join our Church-wide Advent Study**, *Home for Christmas*, as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. Classes are Monday through Friday and a live webcast will also be available each Wednesday. Visit the display in the Main Hall to purchase a book and to sign up.

***Tuesday Night Woman's Bible Study**, begins Jan. 8, 6:30-8pm. Walk through the book of Leviticus with an awesome group of ladies, reading, learning and being in fellowship in God's Word. The only book needed is a Bible. Not sure Leviticus sounds fun? It is with the right group of ladies! It is recommended to read Genesis & Exodus before class begins. The facilitator is Rebecca Brownlee, rebeccabrownlee@powellumc.org.

Welcome New Members

We Celebrate Receiving New Members today during the 9:30am worship service. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome them!

Alyssa Ashbaugh
Jeff Bernard
Pon Burchfield

Hannah Ewald
Cheryl Eyster (Licensed Local Paster)
Gordon Foss

Pat Foss
Mary Palmer
Mary Zwangler

Telling

Sharing our stories of God's activity in our lives

Fourth Annual Quilt Display, sponsored by Connecting Threads, will be Saturday, Dec. 8, 8:30am to 12pm in Fellowship Hall. More than 50 quilts will be on display and you are invited to come and view these beautiful reflections of the people in our community. For the first time, there will be a table of small, handmade items for sale with 100% of the proceeds going to H.U.T. Outreach to help defray the costs of the March 2019 mission trip. If you are interested in displaying a quilt for this event, please contact Nancy Tela, nancyrжела@gmail.com.

***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: Jan. 27 (6:30-8pm), Feb. 10 (6:30-8pm) and Feb. 17 (6-8pm). Childcare will be available. Sign up at the Welcome Center or contact kimlarue@powellumc.org.

Ladies Night Christmas Party, Thursday, Dec. 13, 7pm. You are invited for an evening of fellowship and Christmas celebration. Bring 5 of the same, unwrapped gifts (\$5-10) & either a dessert (last name A-M) or an appetizer (N-Z) to share. RSVP to StaciHood@powellumc.org.

Morning Glory Circle will meet TOMORROW, 9:30am, in the kitchen to make candy. Bring your Christmas gift for the senior resident at the nursing home. Contact Bev Avers, bavers@insight.rr.com, with questions.

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

Today's Communion Offering: Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Your giving to this fund makes it possible for the ministerial staff to provide emergency help to local persons in need. Although the assistance can take other forms, it is most often given in the form of a gift card that can be used for food, personal care products or gasoline.

Angel Tree Gifts need to be returned TODAY, Dec. 2, by noon, to be accounted for, delivered and available for distribution to the families.

Altar Flowers adorn the altar and help make each Sunday unique and special. If you would like to give flowers in honor or memory of someone special in 2019, sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office, 614-847-3703. The flowers are yours to take following the 11am worship service. Each arrangement is \$45 and it provided by Fireside Floral & Gifts.

Cookie Bakers Needed! Sign up today in the Main Hall to bake cookies for the 6th annual Lily Circle Cookie Walk. Many home made cookies are needed to make the sale a success. This year's Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, Dec. 8, 8am-12pm. All proceeds benefit missions. Email Kelly Brown with any questions, kfb914@gmail.com.

Bethlehem on Broad Food Boxes are available at the display in the Main Hall. For those not familiar with this program, various churches in the Franklin County area collect food boxes to be distributed at Broad Street UMC's Bethlehem on Broad Program. It is a complete holiday experience for over 1200 less fortunate families in the area. The filled boxes are to be returned to the church by Thursday, Dec. 13. Contact Terry DeWitt, 614-581-3012.

Food Pantry Items of the Month: Diapers (medium & large). 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.

The Morning Glory Candy Sale continues today in the Main Hall. All proceeds go to Patches of Light, an organization that offers financial support to families of seriously ill children.

Music and Worship Arts

Jody Hepp, jodyhepp@powellumc.org

Children's Music: Cherub choir (age 3-kindergarten), meets 10:35-10:55am in room 108N.
Children's choir (1st-5th grade), meets 10:35am in the choir room.
Joyful Ringers (3rd-5th grade), meets 4:15-5pm 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

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
- Kindergarten & 1st Grade - Room 110N
- 2nd & 3rd Grade - Room 109N
- 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: "Elizabeth & Zechariah" - Luke 1:5-25

Sunday School Monthly Focus: Advent with your family.

Thanks to all who filled Operation Christmas Child Boxes. We collected 283 boxes to brighten the lives of children all over the world.

Save the Date, "A Casual Christmas," Sunday, Dec. 9. This is a wonderful, relaxed family evening. Come as you are. ALL are invited to this wonderful event!

- 4:30-5:15pm: In the Sanctuary, come and enjoy the bells perform seasonal Christmas favorites
- 5:15-6:30pm: In the Fellowship Hall, come as a family to enjoy Christmas crafts, snacks and the Cherub Choir and Youth Praise Group singing Christmas carols

Children's Caroling, Dec. 16, 1:30pm at Powell Senior Living Center. Come and sing Christmas Carols with the residents and then frost, decorate and eat Christmas cookies. This is a wonderful way to spread some Christmas cheer to others. All are invited.

Jesus' Birthday Cake, Friday, Dec. 21, 6-8pm. Help cut, wrap and package Jesus' birthday cake to be handed out after the 2pm and 4pm services on Christmas Eve. Adults will work in the kitchen while children watch Christmas movies in the nursery.

Family Christmas Eve Services, Dec. 24 at 2pm & 4pm. Children retell the story of Jesus' birth in reading scripture, ringing bells, singing and dressing up as the Nativity Scene Animals. Sign up online (scripture reading parts are limited). All are invited to participate. One Rehearsal to pick up your costume and run through scripture readings, Dec. 23. More information online.

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.

G.Y.M. (God's Young Men) Bible Study, open to all boys 6th-12th grade. Meets Tuesday, Dec. 11, 6:30pm and will meet every second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Matt Utt and Drew Thiele are facilitating.

"Girls of Grace" Bible Study is open to all girls 6th-12th grade. Meets Tuesday, Dec. 11, 6:30pm and will meet every second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Hannah is facilitating.

Youth Christmas Party is Dec. 16 from 12:30-2pm. We will celebrate Christmas together in Fellowship Hall with fellowship, food, games and movies! Please RSVP to Hannah.

Kalahari registration is open. Registration forms can be found on the youth table in the Main Hall. Kalahari is Jan. 4-6, 2019. Contact Hannah with any questions.

Caring Ministries

Are You Experiencing the Holidays Blues? The joy of the holidays can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. But help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the holidays and as long as your need persists. If you or someone you know is hurting, let us know, stephenministry@powellumc.org.

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