

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

A Way Forward: Awareness & Education on the UMC Special General Conference. Sunday, Jan. 20, 6:30pm. For decades our denomination, like many others, has struggled with issues related to sexual orientation and lifestyle. In recent years, the divergence of positions related to these matters has threatened to split the church. In response, a special General Conference of the UMC has been called for Feb. 23-26 in St. Louis to propose A Way Forward. On the 20th we will learn about the issues and proposals coming from the leadership of the church and how these may impact local congregations. All are invited and for more information contact Pastors Larry or Katya.

Church Office Hours. The church office will be closed Dec. 25 through Dec. 27, though our staff will be available. Please send an e-mail or leave a voice message for assistance.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

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.

Serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 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. Contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org to serve.

Undecorating the Church, Sunday, Jan. 6 at 12:30pm. There are trees to take down and decorations to be packed. There are roles for families with children, as well as adults and youth who like to work from ladders. The project is coordinated by Mark Koenig and Sarah Schnulo. No need to sign up, simply come!

Food Prep Night for a Community Meal, Thursday, Feb 14, 6-8pm, church kitchen. Love cooking and helping others? Come to an evening of chopping, mixing, socializing and serving God as we prepare a healthy meal for a local community in Athens, OH. Bring your cutting board and your smile. Contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Serve at a Community Meal, Friday, Feb 15, 2pm-9pm, Good Works, Athens, OH. Meet at 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. Register at powellumc.org or contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Music and Worship Arts

Jody Hepp, jodyhepp@powellumc.org

Children's Music: **Cherub choir** (age 3-kindergarten), no rehearsal today.
Children's choir (grades 1-5), meets 10:35am in the choir room.
Joyful Ringers (grades 3-5), no rehearsal today.

Youth Music: **Glorybells** (6th-8th grade), no rehearsal today.
Alleluia Bells (9th-12th grade), no rehearsal today.

Chancel Choir is open to anyone who loves to sing and wants to join in fellowship and song. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Join us at a practice!

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

Telling

Sharing our stories of God's activity in our lives

***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.

Finding God in Best Sellers group meets at 9:30am at Scramblers, 3980 Presidential Pkwy, Powell. The book for Jan. 2 is *The Good Pilot*, by Alexander McCall Smith; the book for Feb. 6 is *Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell*, by Robert Dugoni. Those who enjoy reading are invited to join this small group. For information, contact Joy Waldron at 614-975-8626 or jkw71550@columbus.rr.com.

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

***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. Register online.

SermonLink on Facebook Live. Pastor Larry invites you to join him for 5-10 minutes each Wed. afternoon at 12:45pm to discuss the scripture passage that connects to the preaching the following Sunday. Check out our church's Facebook page for details or simply check in each Wednesday, www.facebook.com/powellumc.org. And if you can't join live, don't worry, you can go back and view the recorded version any time. For questions or to learn more, contact larrybrown@powellumc.org.

Community Bulletin Board, did you know we have a Community Bulletin Board where you can find local opportunities and services, many offered by our own church members? The board is located at the end of the preschool hallway, near the west playground. Check it out!

Tuesday Morning Group invites everyone to a presentation on the work of **Kairos Prison Ministry** which our congregation supports with prayers, donations and cookies, January 8, 10am. Gillian Anantharaman will share how this ministry impacts the lives of all those touched by incarceration through the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus.

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

All end-of-year gifts to the church or to the church Endowment Fund must be received by noon on Monday, Dec. 31 to the church office or postmarked Dec. 31 to be posted to your 2018 giving.

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.

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 is provided by Fireside Floral & Gifts.

Giving App "GivePlus" is a free giving app that makes giving easy. Download the app in Apple Store or Google Play, enter "Powell United Methodist Church" in the search box, and click on it. You can create an account for recurring donations or simply give to a fund of your choice when it pops up. With questions, contact Debbie Wenner, office@powellumc.org.

Powell Community Blood Drive, Tuesday, Jan. 8, 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.

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: "Joseph, Mary & Jesus" - Luke 2:1-20

Sunday School Monthly Focus: Advent with your family.

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. All are invited to participate. TODAY is our ONE rehearsal. Come and get your costume, find out what you do and when. Attending the 2pm Christmas Eve Service - Rehearsal is TODAY at 1pm! Attending the 4pm Christmas Eve Service - Rehearsal is TODAY at 3pm.

L.E.A.P (Leading, Encouraging And Praising), Jan. 20, 1:30 - 2:30pm. Children 2nd-5th grade are invited to play BINGO and Charades with the Residents at Powell Living Center. It will be a wonderful time to be together with a different generation and share some smiles, laughter and fun! Meet at Powell Living Center to share Christ's Light with All.

SAVE the Date. Starting to make summer plans? Remember to put VBS on your family calendar - you will not want to miss it! We are taking an adventure to the continent of Africa. We will ROAR and be reminded "Life is Wild" and "God is Good." The evening session is Sunday, June 2-Thursday, June 6. The morning session is Monday, June 3-Friday, June 7. Registration is coming soon.

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, Jan. 8, 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, Jan. 8, 6:30pm and will meet every second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Hannah is facilitating.

Caring Ministries

Preschool Registration for church members for the 2019-2020 PUMC Preschool year begins Jan. 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop by the preschool office or call 614-847-3773 for more information. We offer classes for children ages 2, 3, 4, and 5 years old. We also offer Kindergarten Enrichment classes for Kindergartners.

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.

All God's Children is a resource for parents, grandparents, former spouses and other close relatives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. For more information, contact Marty Traver, courtdoc@aol.com or 614-987-5015.