

# 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.

## Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

**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](mailto:katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org) to serve.

**Undecorating the Church**, NEXT 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](mailto: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](http://powellumc.org) or contact [katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org](mailto:katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org).

## 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](mailto: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.

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

**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](mailto:jkw71550@columbus.rr.com).

**Upper Room Devotion** groups meet Mondays, 8:45-9:45am, facilitated by Pat Parren, [patparren@yahoo.com](mailto:patparren@yahoo.com), or 11:30am-12:45pm, facilitated by Bev Avers, [bavers@insight.rr.com](mailto:bavers@insight.rr.com). Discussions each week will be based on the previous Wednesday's devotional in the *Upper Room* devotional book.

**Card-making Class**, Tuesday, Jan. 8, 7pm. Kaylin Masonbrink will supply patterns and materials. Whether you are a seasoned card-maker or a novice, come join the fun. You must reserve your spot by contacting [masonbrink@juno.com](mailto:masonbrink@juno.com) or register online; go to [powellumc.org/adultministries/upcomingevents](http://powellumc.org/adultministries/upcomingevents). Suggested donation is \$10 for materials.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:larrybrown@powellumc.org).

**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.

**Love Wins, a book by Rob Bell**, is the topic for the Thursday Morning Group beginning Jan. 24 at 10am. All are welcome to join us to take in the fact that "Jesus' story is first and foremost about the love of God for every single one of us." Register online; go to [powellumc.org/adultministries/adultclasses/studies](http://powellumc.org/adultministries/adultclasses/studies).

**10:45 Sunday School Class**, beginning Jan. 6, will be studying Adam Hamilton's newest book *Simon Peter; flawed but Faithful Disciple*. Find similarities between ourselves and Simon Peter's shortcomings as well as his courage and determination. Register online; go to [powellumc.org/adultministries/Sundayschool](http://powellumc.org/adultministries/Sundayschool)

## Music and Worship Arts

Jody Hepp, [jodyhepp@powellumc.org](mailto:jodyhepp@powellumc.org)

**Children's Music: Cherub choir** (age 3-kindergarten), no rehearsal today.  
**Children's choir** (grades 1-5), no rehearsal today.  
**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!

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

Children's Ministries Director, [rebeccabrownlee@powellumc.org](mailto: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)  
- All children, preschool through 5th grade will meet in room 100N

**11:00 a.m. Sunday School** (Children MUST be toilet trained to attend Sunday School Classes)  
- All children, preschool through 5th grade will meet in room 100N

**Sunday School Lesson:** What do we do now that Christmas is over.

**WINTER JAM 2019**, Saturday, Jan. 19, 6pm at the Schottenstein Center. Do you find it challenging to find fun and cool activities to do with your children? Mark your calendars for this ALL AGES Christian Music Festival. General admission tickets are \$15 each. Our children listen to some questionable music these days and this is music that is appropriate for the whole family. An evening of Faith, Family, Music and Fun! Plan to meet up with other church families and attend together.

**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.

**VBS Planning Meeting**, Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 9:30am and 6:30pm. Are you interested in getting behind the scenes of the fun and chaos of VBS? Then come and be a part of the planning team. It takes a village to pull off our amazing VBS program so the planning begins in January. Come and learn how your time and talents are able to serve VBS. Child care is provided.

## Youth Ministries (6th—12th grades)

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

**Youth Sunday School** meets today at 9:30am, high school in room 101N and middle school in room 102N.

**Youth Sunday School** will not Sunday, Jan. 6. Plan to worship with your family.

**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.

**Winter Jam**, Jan. 19 at the Schottenstein Center. Join with the youth leaders to see over 10 incredible artists for just \$15. Contact Hannah for more details.

## 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](mailto:stephenministry@powellumc.org).