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

Columbus Symphony Orchestra concert, Thursday, July 11, 7pm. Rossen Milanov conducts this concert that celebrates nature and art. What better way to enjoy a summer evening than with Baroque favorites and Strauss waltzes! Tickets are $25 and may be purchased at the door.

General Conference Issue Resources. Visit our website, www.powellumc.org, and scroll down to "Resources on General Conference" to find articles, videos, and other information related to responses and developments in the United Methodist Church following the results of the Special General Conference earlier this year. As our denomination continues to discern a pathway forward related to issues that connect to the LGBTQ+ community and all of us, these resources connect us to the conversation in the West Ohio Conference and throughout the UMC.

New Hearing Assistance System. Just a reminder that a new system known as "The Loop" is now installed in our sanctuary. If you wear hearing aids, talk to your audiologist to find out if your aids have both a T (picks up no background noise) and an MT program (both microphone & T-coil program). The Loop is made possible by Julie Lothes and her family, in loving memory of her father, Bob Maddox.

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

***Sign Up for the Next New Member Series.** If you would like to learn more about PowellUMC 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.

***The Shack,** our summer "finding God in fiction" read begins Wednesday, July 10 at 7pm and continues for four weeks. Calling all Young Adults and others who want to discuss faith and listen for how others experience God. Bring your own book. Facilitated by Kim La Rue and Mackenzie Callahan. Register online or contact callahan.191@gmail.com for more information.

Summer Web-based Bible Study on Galatians, Wednesdays, 8pm, July 17, 24, 31, and Aug 7. Pastor Larry is using resources from our bishop, Gregory Palmer. Galatians was written in a time of turmoil. As we face significant tension over division in our nation and church today, Paul's letter reminds us of the transformative power of grace. Take part in the live stream or view the recordings of each session. To register, go to powellumc.org or contact larrybrown@powellumc.org.

I am Loved, a study of 1 John, begins for Women on July 18 at 7pm. Wendy Blight shares a message for every woman who craves to truly understand, walk confidently in, and live out God's unconditional, extravagant, lavish love. Join this class for lively discussion. Kristina MacKenzie and Kim La Rue facilitating. Register at powellumc.org or contact mackenzie.kristina@yahoo.com.

***Wonder what challenges a person returning to the community after incarceration faces?** 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 For more information contact sandyhuber@powellumc.org or Heidi McDowell at heidilmcd@yahoo.com

Letters from a Skeptic, Tuesday nights, beginning July 9, from 6:30-8pm. Many of us face doubts or questions about God and Christianity at some point during our lives. These doubts can serve as substantial barriers to a relationship with God and becoming a follower of Christ. This must-read approaches all of the "big questions" through a series of correspondence between a skeptic father (Ed Boyd) and son (Dr. Greg Boyd, pastor and theologian). This 6-week-study is open to high school youth and adults and is facilitated by Hannah Ewald and Matt Utt. Contact hannahewald@powellumc.org.

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, 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.

Serve with the youth at Church for All People, Wednesday, July 17, 9:30am-2pm. Youth and adults are invited to this day of service. We will travel downtown to explore and serve in the many ministries at Church for All People. Contact hannahewald@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

Today's Communion Offering: PIN's School Shoes Program. Your giving and PIN's partnership with Payless Shoe Corporation will provide Delaware County children in families of low to moderate income with $25 gift cards to purchase new shoes to starts school year. PIN (People in Need of Delaware, Inc.) helps Delaware County families with immediate needs, often connecting them with available community resources.

Powell Community Blood Drive, THIS Tuesday, July 9, 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.

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.

11th Annual Used Book Sale. Beginning on July 28, the book box will be in the Main Hall to receive your donations to the Used Book Sale. Save all you beach reads, best sellers and children books for this year's sale. 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 with questions or for more information.

Food Pantry Items of the Month: Boxed Dinners (such as tuna or hamburger helper). 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. Those who enjoy reading are invited to join this small group. Contact Joy Waldron at jkw71550@columbus.rr.com or 614-975-8626.

Alpine Wonders and Oberammergau Passion Play Trip, Sep. 14-22, 2020, is nearly full. If experiencing this every ten year special event is on your bucket list, register online at http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/pp20091420z42011#.XQ00zFJK3cs or pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center. Contact sandyhuber@powellumc.org for more information.

*** Childcare or Sunday School scheduled.**
Childcare is available for other adult ministries.
Contact Kim La Rue at kimlarue@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 - 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: "Abraham and Sarah" - Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6
Monthly Bible Verse: "I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing." Genesis 12:12b
Monthly Bible Focus: Families of the Old Testament

Summer Movies - Mark your calendars. Come watch a movie, eat a snack, watch a music video or two, coloring & activity sheets, fun, fellowship and a time of reflection on how the movie relates to our lives today. We are going to learn about some awesome people from the Bible so come and bring a friend. We will be in room 100N in the education wing.
- Sunday, July 14, 12:30-2pm: "Joseph & the King of Dreams"
- Monday, July 22, 6:30 -8pm: "The Prince of Egypt" (we will have Cane's Chicken)
- Sunday, July 28, 12:30-1:30pm: "Veggie Tales: Josh and the Big Wall"
- Monday, Aug. 5, 6:30-8pm: "Veggie Tales: Jonah"
- 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 even you in school this fall 2019? Then bring your backback 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.

***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 believes in the simple but revolutionary idea that remarkable things happen when moms come together, face to face. That's why MOPS rallies women to come together in their own neighborhoods and 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.

Youth Ministries (6th—12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, hannahewald@powellumc.org

Youth Sunday School is not meeting today. Enjoy worship as a family!

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Serve at Church for All People, Wednesday July 17, 9:30am-2pm. We invite youth AND adults to join us on this day of service! Contact Hannah if you plan on attending. We will carpool from the PUMC parking lot to travel downtown.

Delaware Lake Clean-Up, Saturday July 20, 8:30-11am. The Olentangy Watershed Alliance is celebrating its 20th Anniversary by hosting a cleanup at Delaware Lake. Canoes and kayaks will be available to volunteers on a first-come first-serve basis to help clean up, launching from the Delaware State Park Beach. Great opportunity for families to serve together!

Next Summer Bonfire is on Sunday, July 21, 6:30-8:30pm. Be on the lookout for more details. We hope to see you there!

Music and Worship Arts

Rachel Parfenchuk, rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org

Summer Choir, July 14. Interested in singing with the choir? Come give it a try! The Chancel Choir will meet in the choir room at 8:45am on July 14 to prepare the anthem for that day. All who are interested are encouraged to come and sing.