

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

Next Sunday Our Clocks Change. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 3. Remember to **fall backward one hour** as you go to bed Saturday night.

***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: Nov. 3, (6:30-8pm), Nov. 10 (6:30-8pm) and Nov. 17 (6-8pm). Childcare is available. Email kimlarue@powellumc.org.

Announcing our Congregational Advent Study: *Light of the World* with Amy-Jill Levine, author, professor, and biblical scholar. All adults are invited to participate in a 4 week small group or on-line webcast experience, as we connect the birth stories of Jesus with Old Testament traditions. This is a rich and challenging study that will bring deeper meaning to our preparation for Christ's birth. Study books and sign-up times will be available starting next week. Prepare now to participate.

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

Discernment Retreats. Have you ever felt like God was nudging you or calling you to something, but you didn't know what? A new opportunity is coming soon just for you. Facilitated by Kim La Rue and provided through the West Ohio Annual Conference, Discernment Retreats will encourage and assist in this process of listening to God. The cost is \$25 per participant and you can register on the West Ohio Conference website, <https://www.westohioumc.org/conference/laity-discernment-retreats>. If you have questions, contact Kim La Rue, kimlarue@powellumc.org.

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

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

Give Ingredients for a Good Works Community Meal, Friday Night Life, that PUMC serves and sponsors. Grab a tag or two off the tree in the Main Hall, purchase the items at the store, and bring them back to the church kitchen no later than, **Nov 13**. Thank you for supporting a community affected by deep poverty.

Food Pantry Items of the Month: Canned Fruit. 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.

Music and Worship Arts

Rachel Parfenchuk, rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org

Children's Music: **Cherub choir** (age 3-kindergarten), meets 10:35-10:55am in room 108N.
Children's choir (grades 1-5), meets 10:35-10:55am 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.

Caring Ministries

Next Sunday: Pick Up Christmas Cards to Mail to Persons in Prison. Be a part of a combined effort to send Christmas cards full of joy and love to people who are in prison. Pick up a packet of 10 cards, write a note on each and drop the cards in the mailbox. Everything you need will be provided. Contact sandyhuber@powellumc.org for more information.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Serve at the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio, Nov. 2, 9am-12pm, 118 S. Yale Ave., Columbus, 43222. Come and build furniture for families and individuals struggling with poverty and other severe life challenges. No skills required. Children 5th grade and older are welcome to come and work under their parents supervision. Sign up at powellumc.org. Visit the Furniture Bank website for more opportunities to give/serve, furniturebankcoh.org.

Serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware, NEXT Tuesday, Nov. 5, 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.

Good Works Serving Opportunities in November. Register at powellumc.org/serving. Email KatyaBrodbeck@powellumc.org with questions.

- Cooking food for the Good Works community meal, Thursday, Nov. 14, 6-8pm
- Serving at the Good Works community meal, Friday Night Life, Nov 15, 2-9pm, carpool from PUMC to Plains, OH. Experience God's gifts through serving people from all walks of life. Arrive at Plains UMC, set up and serve the food with the community, have time to reflect on the experience and drive back to PUMC or an option to stay overnight for the Serving Retreat.
- Overnight/Day Serving Retreat at Good Works, Athens, OH, Nov 15-16. Share Christ's love with those who experiences poverty and loneliness by serving in a variety of projects (raking leaves, mowing lawns, sharing in conversation) led by Good Works staff. Register at powellumc.org. Informational/organizational meeting is Monday, Oct. 28 at 7pm.

Beginning in November, the Common Ground Free Store will also open its doors on Monday evenings from 6:00-8:30pm. Additional volunteers and food providers are needed for this extra day. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Jill Ignaszewski at 740-417-1285 or email her at volunteer@commongroundfreestore.org.

The Missions Newsletter comes out monthly now! If you would like to be up-to-date on all the opportunities for serving, giving, and being in mission in our community and beyond, sign up for the missions newsletter by emailing katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Sort and Wrap the Angel Tree gifts, Dec. 1, 12-2pm, church basement. Scissors, wrapping paper, and a bite to eat will be provided. Bring your own water bottles. To sign up, please go to Powellumc.org/upcomingevents and use the Sign Up Genius button.

Telling

Sharing our stories of God's activity in our lives

Book Sale Update, The Lily Circle would like to thank you for all your used book donations and support of the 11th Annual Used Book Sale. Proceeds of \$3,811.52 will be used towards missions! Save your books for next year's sale.

Tuesday Morning Group (TMG) will have a guest speaker on Nov. 12th at 10:00 am. Elizabeth Sammons will discuss her historical novel about interfaith struggles in the 1st century connecting it to our current-day issues with interfaith understanding and tolerance. Contact Dave Woodyard, davewoodyard@powellumc.org for more information.

***Pastor's Weekly Bible Study** meets at 6pm in room 108N. Each week participants will reflect on the preaching passage for the coming Sunday. All are invited to come together in a spirit of shared learning and discussion. For more information, contact Pastor Larry, LarryBrown@powellumc.org.

Finding God in Best Sellers group meets at 9:30am at Scramblers, 3980 Presidential Pkwy, Powell. The book for Nov. 6 is *The Alice Network*, by Kate Quinn; the book for Dec. 4 is *The Essay*, by Robin Yocum. Those who enjoy reading are invited to join this small group. Contact Joy Waldron at jkw71550@columbus.rr.com or 614-975-8626.

Women's Paint Night is back! Monday, Nov 18, 6:30-9:00pm. We'll be painting a seasonal picture, \$25 per person. Bring a friend! This event is sponsored by W.H.A.T. I.F., Women Having Adventures In Faith. Register online or contact Barb Munn for more information, gmunnn@columbus.rr.com.

* 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 - 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: "The Ten Commandments" - Exodus 19:1-20:21

Christmas Pageant Information. It is not too late to register your child, preschool-5th grade, on-line to participate in this wonderful annual event.

- Sundays, through Dec. 1: Pageant Rehearsals in the Sanctuary. All children from 2-3pm and only speaking parts from 3-4pm
- Friday, Dec 6: Dress Rehearsal: 5:30-6pm cast & family dinner; 6-7:30pm running the show
- Saturday, Dec 7: Performance at 2pm. Invite all your friends and family to this wonderful way to begin the Christmas Season

Spreading Love One Family to Another. Your family is invited to partner with Children's Ministries to share the love of Christ and purchase Christmas gifts for children whose parent is incarcerated. We can help these children experience God's love in their life. If you would like more information, please contact Heidi McDowell, Staci Hood or Rebecca Brownlee.

Operation Christmas Child, Oct. 24- Nov. 7. Take an empty shoe box and fill it with gifts and love for a child around the world. The children's mission tables are filled with information about this mission opportunity. Do not forget the \$9 for shipping - if paid online your family can track where the shoebox goes! PUMC families can serve families all over the world, sharing Christ's love!

Upcoming Events & Dates to Mark on your Calendar:

- Casual Christmas: Sunday, Dec. 15, 4:30-6:30pm
- Gingerbread House Making & Decorating at Powell Senior Living: Date to be determined
- "Cookies & Carols" at Powell Senior Living: Date to be determined
- Family Christmas Eve Services: Dec. 24, 2pm & 4pm - registration is open online for scripture reading. Register today!

Youth Ministries (6th–12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, hannahewald@powellumc.org

Youth Sunday School meets today, 9:30am. High School in room 101N and Middle School in room 102N. Breakfast is provided, all are welcome!

Girls of Grace and God's Young Men (G.Y.M.) will continue to meet through the year on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm. For more information, contact Matt Utt, ohio.mutt@gmail.com, or Hannah, hannahewald@powellumc.org. Bring a friend, all are welcome!

Serve at the Furniture Bank, Nov. 2, 9am-12pm. Youth and parents are invited to serve at the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio. PUMC will be building and painting. For more information about the Furniture Bank, go to our Mission Page. Contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org to sign up.

Movie Night, Friday, Nov. 8, 7pm. Join us in the basement to watch "Inside Out" on the big screen. Bring a friend and your favorite movie snack! RSVP to Hannah.

Free Suicide Prevention Workshop Sunday, Nov. 17, 5:30-7:30pm, Stonybrook UMC. There continues to be an increase in teen suicide. As of 2017, suicide is the second leading cause of death in ages 12-24, and for every completed suicide there are 100-200 attempts. Hannah is working alongside other clergy members of the West Ohio Conference to bring awareness of how to identify and prevent suicide in teens. Open to youth, parents, those working with youth. Find more information by picking up a postcard for the event on the youth table in the Main Hall. Register at <https://www.powellumc.org/youth-events/>. Contact Hannah if you are interested in carpooling.

Christmas Eve youth service. If your child feels called to participate in the youth Christmas Eve service please contact Hannah. Anyone can be involved in this service., whether it be serving as a greeter, usher, liturgist or musician. All are welcome and encouraged.