

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

You are Invited to the Children's Christmas Pageant, "The Christmas Express," THIS Saturday, Dec. 7, 2pm in the sanctuary. Join our children as they teach us about finding joy in the journey.

Scholarship Program Underway. Applications are now being received for the Marg and Bob Heffelfinger Scholarship Endowment Fund. This award is open to students who are members of our church and are currently enrolled in higher education institutions. Graduating high school seniors will be able to apply in the Spring of 2020. Secure an application through office@powellumc.org or pick one up at the Welcome Center. Applications must be returned to the church office by Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Visit Our Special Resource Page on our website, powellumc.org. Scroll down to "Resources on General Conference" to find articles, videos, and other information related to the United Methodist Church following the issues that connect to the LGBTQ+ community and the actions of General Conference. This resource page includes a statement from our Leadership Board.

Also, some have asked for ways to keep their financial support only with our local church while the UMC sorts out the direction of the denomination on matters of human sexuality. A "Local Church Ministry and Operational Fund" has been established. Use the fund's name to direct giving in this way or contact Pastor Larry for more information on all of these matters.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 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.

People In Need (PIN) Holiday Clearing House, Dec 2-6, 9am-3pm, Delaware Fairgrounds, Coliseum building. Come and sort the toys under the leadership of Terry Troutman, the missions team chair. To sign up, contact Terry, Tazmantet@yahoo.com.

Serve with Family Promise and help support Delaware County families who are currently without homes, Dec. 22-29. 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. Use www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4BAEAC2BAA8-pumc to sign up to serve or contact Betsy Effinger, beetles121@gmail.com.

Caring Ministries

Drop by to Write a Christmas Card to Someone in Prison, Dec. 11, 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm. Everything needed will be provided at a table in the Main Hall. These cards, along with the additional 2600 cards in the hands of other Powell UMC persons and 8000 other persons in Central Ohio, will be dropped into the mail on Dec. 13, flooding Ohio's prisons with Christ's love. For more information, contact sandyhuber@powellumc.org.

Cancer Support Group will meet THIS Wednesday, Dec 4, 7pm. Come to find support and care in a safe place, especially during this time of holidays. All are welcome. For more information, contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

GriefShare, beginning Monday, Jan. 6, 6:45pm, is a 13-week, Christ-centered support group for people who have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend due to death. Space is limited, so register in the Main Hall. Contact Karen Jordan, kkjordankb@gmail.com, and Emily Cunningham, ecunningham517@gmail.com, for more information.

Going Through Difficult Times this Holiday Season? Resources to provide you with prayers and scripture readings, events and worshipful experiences, and tips on how to take care of yourself are available on a display table in the Main Hall. Take a brochure for yourself and your loved ones who are experiencing sadness and loss this season.

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.

Cookie Bakers Needed! Sign up today in the Main Hall to bake Christmas cookies for the 7th annual Lily Circle Cookie Sale. Many homemade cookies are needed to make the sale a success! This year's Cookie Sale will be on Saturday, Dec. 14, 8am-12pm. All proceeds will benefit missions. Email Kelly Brown with any questions, kfb914@gmail.com.

The Morning Glory Candy Sale continues in the Main Hall. All proceeds go to missions.

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 Sunday, Dec. 8. Contact Terry DeWitt, 614-581-3012.

Spirit-Filled Christmas Giving will take place next Sunday, Dec. 8. This year the event will feature Equal Exchange items from the Peace & Justice team, handmade items from Dreamshine, and Kindware products. The Peace & Justice team encourages you to stop by the tables to find a gift for yourself or someone you care about. Your purchase of these items will fulfill the Spirit of Christmas through the additional benefit of supporting small scale farmers and artisans.

Food Pantry Items of the Month: Diapers (Medium and Large). Purchase some 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.

Telling

Sharing our stories of God's activity in our lives

***The Redemption of Scrooge,** by Matt Rawle, is the study for the Women's H2O on Fridays at 10am, beginning Dec. 6. All women are invited to this 4-week study using Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* as it's base. Register online and contact Betsy Effinger, beetles121@gmail, for more information.

***Ladies Night Christmas Party,** Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:30pm. You are invited for an evening of fellowship and Christmas celebration. Bring 5 of the same, unwrapped gifts (\$5-10 each) and either an appetizer (last name A-M) or a dessert (N-Z) to share. RSVP to Staci, stacihood@powellumc.org.

Fifth Annual Quilt Display, sponsored by Connecting Threads, Saturday, Dec. 14, 8:30am to 12pm in Fellowship Hall. Many quilts will be on display and you are invited to come and view these beautiful reflections of the people in our community. If you are interested in displaying a quilt for this event, please contact Nancy Tela, nancvrtela@gmail.com.

Morning Glory Circle will meet Monday, Dec. 9, 9:30am, in Fellowship Hall. The group will make candy for the annual sale. Remember to bring your Christmas gift for the residents of Arbors at Delaware. Contact Sue Sheets, einworb11@aol.com, for information.

TnT, Twenties & Thirties Young Adult group is ramping up! Save the date for these upcoming events: Dec. 9, 7pm, YoWo (Yoga Worship) "Candles & Carols," Jan. 14, 7pm, Theology on Tap, "Big Reality," and Feb. 2, Super Bowl. For more information, contact kimlarue@powellumc.org.

Music and Worship Arts

Rachel Parfenchuk, rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org

Delaware Community Chorus Concert, Dec 8, 3pm, in the Sanctuary, will lift our spirits with traditional and fun music of the season featuring a full performance of John Rutter's "Gloria." The tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at www.delawarechorus.com/tickets or at the door.

Children's Music: **Cherub choir** (age 3-kindergarten), no rehearsal today. **Children's choir** (grades 1-5), meets 10:35-10:55am in the choir room. **Joyful Ringers** (grades 3-5), no rehearsal today.

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

December's Bible Verse: The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you - wonderful, joyous news for all people." - Luke 2:10

Sunday School Lesson: "Mary's Story" - Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Pageant. Today, 12-3pm, we will be setting the stage. Parents, if you are able to help, please come. The more hands the better - bring work gloves and wear long pants. Practice will be ALL CAST 3-4pm. Speaking parts, please remain till about 4:30ish. Dress Rehearsal, Dec. 6, 5:30 - 8pm.

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. Attend an informational meeting on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2pm. If you would like more information, contact Heidi McDowell, Staci Hood or Rebecca.

Carols & Cookies, Sunday, Dec. 8, 6-7pm at Powell Senior Living (10351 Sawmill Parkway). Sing Christmas carols and decorate and eat cookies with the residents. This is a wonderful way to share your time and spread Christ's light to others. All ages are invited. Meet at Powell Senior Living.

A Casual Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 15. Come, relax and enjoy the bells performing, 4:30-5:15pm. Make Christmas crafts, eat cookies and watch the Cherub Choir and ensembles by Children and Youth, 5:15-6:30pm. ALL are invited!

Jesus' Birthday Cake, Friday, Dec. 20, 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 Service, Dec. 24, 2pm or 4pm. Register online today for your child(ren) to read scripture and dress up in costumes to tell the Nativity story. There is ONE practice on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 1pm for the 2pm Service and 3pm for the 4pm Service. ALL ages are welcome to read and dress up to be a part of this wonderful evening.

Calling all singers. Is your child interested in singing on Christmas Eve in a special music group? We will practice at Cookies and Carols at Powell Senior Living and on Dec. 22. Please email Ms. Rebecca for more information.

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!

Youth Advent Study meets this Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6:30pm.

Christmas Eve youth choir rehearsals begin THIS Wednesday, Dec. 4, 5:30-6:30pm, and will continue on Dec. 11 and 18. Youth who signed up to sing in the choir at the youth-led Christmas Eve service will rehearse with Rachel, Music Ministries Director, rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org.

Youth Christmas Party, Tuesday Dec. 10, 4:30-8pm. Join us to celebrate Jesus' birth in this season of hope, peace, joy, and love. We will decorate cookies for the Cookie Walk, play games in the basement, and be in fellowship with one another. RSVP by TODAY to Hannah. Food provided.

United Methodist Church for All People Christmas Shop, Saturday, Dec. 21, 11:15am-2:15pm. Serve at the annual Christmas Shop to provide Free Store families an opportunity to select brand new toys and coats for their children this season. Last year's Shop served 500 children. We have reserved a spot for 20 volunteers, who will serve as helpful elves while parents shop! Sign up as a family or individual to hannahewald@powellumc.org. Lunch will be provided.

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