

# 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

**Light of the World**, our church-wide Advent study, is now open for registration. The four-week-study is written by Amy-Jill Levine, professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies. Many times to participate in a webcast or small groups are listed here. Books are \$13. You may register in the Main Hall or online at [powellumc.org](http://powellumc.org). For more information, contact [kimlarue@powellumc.org](mailto:kimlarue@powellumc.org).

- \*Sunday mornings with Denise Miller and Kathy Perry, 10:45am, begins Nov. 24
- \*Sunday evenings with Pastor Larry, 7pm, begins Nov. 24
- Tuesday mornings with Dave Woodyard, 10am, begins Nov. 26
- \*Tuesday evenings with Pastor Katya, 7pm, begins Nov. 26
- Tuesday evening webcast with Pastor Larry, 8pm, begins Nov. 26
- \*Thursday mornings with Kim La Rue, 10am, begins Dec. 12

Visit Our **Special Resource Page** on our website, [powellumc.org](http://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. For questions or further discussion, contact Pastor Larry, [larryrbrown@powellumc.org](mailto:larryrbrown@powellumc.org).

## Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

**Be an Angel, Take a Tag from the Angel Tree** to support low-income-families this Christmas with People In Need of Delaware (PIN). All the items are due **next Sunday, Dec. 1**, no later than **11am**.

**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](mailto:kfb914@gmail.com).

**Buckeye's are on sale TODAY** in the Main Hall. If you have not tried these buckeyes, you have missed the best! The Christmas candy sale kicks off next Sunday, Dec. 1. Candy will be sold each Sunday until Christmas. 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.

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

**Cancer Support Group** will meet on 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](mailto: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](mailto:kkjordankb@gmail.com), and Emily Cunningham, [ecunningham517@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

**Decorate the church for Christmas, TODAY**, 2pm - 4pm. Transform our building into a beautiful space to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Many hands make the work light. No need to sign up, just show up!

**Wrap Angel Tree gifts**, NEXT Sunday, Dec. 1, 12-2p.m. Come to the Fellowship Hall for lunch, prayer and brief instruction before wrapping gifts in the basement. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a4ab2aaafa7-sorting> or [Powellumc.org/upcomingevents](http://Powellumc.org/upcomingevents). Spaces are limited, so sign up early. Contact Lisa Barnhart, [hoppoanen2@yahoo.com](mailto:hoppoanen2@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto: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](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4BAEAC2BAA8-pumc) to sign up to serve or contact Betsy Effinger, [beetles121@gmail.com](mailto:beetles121@gmail.com).

## 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.com](mailto:beetles121@gmail.com), 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](mailto: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](mailto:nancvrtela@gmail.com).

## Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

**\*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 Tuesdays: Feb. 4, (6:30-8pm), Feb. 11 (6:30-8pm) and Feb. 18 (6-8pm). Childcare is available. Email [kimlarue@powellumc.org](mailto:kimlarue@powellumc.org).

## Music and Worship Arts

Rachel Parfenchuk, [rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org](mailto:rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org)

**Lessons and Carols Concert**, Dec. 2, 7pm, Gray Chapel, 61 S. Sandusky St., Delaware, Ohio. The PUMC Chancel Choir will join with Ohio Wesleyan University Choral Art Ensemble, Delaware Community Chorus, and Buckeye Valley High School Choir to perform both choral selections and sing-along carols. The concert is free and open to the public.

**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), meets 4:15-5pm in the choir room.

**Youth Music: Glorybells** (6th-8th grade), meets 5-5:45pm in the choir room.  
**Alleluia Bells** (9th-12th grade), meets 5:45-6:30pm in the choir room.

## 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*)  
- 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:** "Jonah and the Big Fish" - The Book of Jonah

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsals**, Sundays through Dec. 1. All children from 2-3pm and speaking parts only 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. This is a 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. 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!

**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.

**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.

## Youth Ministries (6th—12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, [hannahewald@powellumc.org](mailto: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** does not meet this Wednesday, Nov. 27. We will offer a video recap and pick back up in person on Wednesday, Dec. 4. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

**Christmas Eve youth choir** rehearsals begin 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. Contact [rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org](mailto: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 (test taste many!), play games in the basement, and be in fellowship with one another. RSVP by Dec. 1 to Hannah. Food provided. All are welcome!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:kimlarue@powellumc.org)**