

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

EARLY Christmas Eve Worship, Sunday, Dec. 22 at 7:00pm. For those who may be traveling or whose schedules make it difficult to attend worship on Christmas Eve, an early Christmas Eve service will be offered in our Fellowship Hall. The service will include the reading of the gospel, a Christmas message, the singing of carols and the lighting of candles. Come and share in the glory of Christmas through this casual and meaningful service.

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. For more information, contact Karen Jordan, kkjordankb@gmail.com, and Emily Cunningham, ecunningham517@gmail.com.

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.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

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.

Serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 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.

Caring Ministries

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.

All God's Children is a resource for parents, grandparents, former spouses and other close relatives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. For more information, contact Marty Traver, courtdoc@aol.com or 614-987-5015.

Are You Experiencing the Holiday 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.

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

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

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

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.

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 2019 giving.

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 2020, 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.

Telling

Sharing our stories of God's activity in our lives

Reflecting Christ's Love during Conversations about Hot-Button Issues. Learn and practice how to have grace-filled conversations on challenging topics. Discussion groups will be hosted by the Peace & Justice Team. Three evening sessions will be led by Kathy Inamura on Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm, beginning Jan. 21 and concluding on Feb. 4. Three afternoon sessions will be led by Mary Ellen Hatton on Wednesdays, 1-2:30pm, beginning Jan. 22 and concluding on Feb. 5. Contact Kathy, khinamura@yahoo.com, to get more information or to sign up for a discussion group.

TnT, Twenties & Thirties Young Adult group is ramping up! We're focused on Fellowship, Serving and Knowing. Register online and contact kimlarue@powellumc.org for details.

Upcoming events:

Dec. 19, 7pm, YoWo - "Candles & Carols" (Yoga Worship)

Jan. 14, 7pm, Theology on Tap - "Big Reality"

Feb. 2, TBD, Super Bowl gathering

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

Finding God in Best Sellers group meets at 9:30am at Scramblers, 3980 Presidential Pkwy, Powell. The book for Jan. 8 is *The Only Woman in the Room*, by Marie Benedict; the book for Feb. 5 is *Educated*, by Tara Westover. Those who enjoy reading are invited to join this small group. Contact Joy Waldron at jkw71550@columbus.rr.com or 614-975-8626.

Get Connected! Members and friends of our congregation regularly receive e-notes from the pastor and other communication about our church via email. If you would like to be connected to this flow of information, contact office@powellumc.org to add/update your email address.

***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.

Music and Worship Arts

Rachel Parfenchuk, rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org

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), Casual Christmas rehearsal at 4:00 pm.

Youth Music: Glorybells (6th-8th grade), Casual Christmas rehearsal at 4:00 pm.
Alleluia Bells (9th-12th grade), Casual Christmas rehearsal at 4:00 pm

Children's Ministries (Infant–5th grade)

Children's Ministries Director, rebeccabrownlee@powellumc.org

Family Worship Today! Children are invited to join their families in worship today. This is a great time to experience worship together as a family, hear the scripture readings, sing the songs and listen to the sermon. Then go home and talk about all the things you experienced in worship together as a family! Children's Bulletin Bags are available to help engage children in the service. The nursery will be open for infants and toddlers up to age 5 (not in kindergarten) from 8:15am to 12:00pm. The Quiet Room is also available at the back of the Sanctuary.

A Casual Christmas, TODAY. 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!

Make Gingerbread Houses with Powell Senior Living Residents, Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 6:30pm at Powell Senior Living (10352 Sawmill Pkwy, Powell). The house kits will be provided. RSVP is REQUIRED as space is limited to 20 people. RSVP to rebeccabrownlee@powellumc.org. All ages are welcome to participate.

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.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- Feb. 16, "A Loving Heart," 12:30-2pm in room 100N. We will come together to read scripture, talk about how to love people, make a craft, listen to music, eat and fellowship. Register online.

- Feb. 22, Winter Jam, 6pm, at the Schottenstein Center. This is a group of amazing Christian artists that come together and put on an all age, family appropriate concert. It will be a wonderful night of music, praise, and worship. No tickets are required, cost is \$15 per person at the door. Doors open at 5pm. Come enjoy this family evening out!

Youth Ministries (6th–12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, hannahewald@powellumc.org

Youth Sunday School meets at 9:30am this morning. Middle school in Room 102N and high school in Room 101N.

Youth Advent Study concludes with our final session this Wednesday, Dec. 18, 6:30pm. We are so grateful to have journeyed through this Advent season together!

Christmas Eve youth choir meets this Wednesday, Dec. 18, 5:30-6:30pm, as our last rehearsal.

Youth Winter Retreat, WhiteOut at Beulah Beach, Feb. 14-16, 2020. Registration OPEN! Beulah Beach Camp and Retreat Center is an organization that has been engaging guests to encounter Christ since 1921, located by Lake Erie in Vermilion, OH. At WhiteOut, your child will be stretched spiritually and engage in life-challenging discussions. During the weekend, we will get to experience Kalahari Waterpark after hours, epic dance parties, hilarious hosts, interactive activities, uplifting worship and transformational Biblical teaching. The theme this year is "Believe it or Not," characters found in God's Word. Registration cost is \$150. Contact Hannah with questions. Register online at <https://www.powellumc.org/youth-events/>.

Preschool

Preschool Registration for church members for the 2020-2021 PUMC Preschool year begins Jan. 9, 2020 at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please visit preschool.com, 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.