

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, TODAY 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.

Church Office Hours. The church office will be closed Dec. 25 through Jan. 1. Staff will be available. Please leave an e-mail or voice message for assistance.

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

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.

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.

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.

Cancer Support Group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm starting in January. The topic for January 8th is "Support - Good, Better, and Best." All are welcome. For more information, contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Serve with Family Promise TODAY-Dec. 29. Individuals/families 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. To sign up to serve, 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. To serve, contact katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

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, Jan 14, 7pm, Theology on Tap. Join this group for casual conversation at Olentangy River Brewing Company, 303 Green Meadows Drive South, Lewis Center, OH 43035. Topic this month is "Big Reality!" Register online or contact Kim La Rue.

***10:45 Sunday School**, beginning Jan 5, *The Grace of Les Misarables*, by Matt Rawle, dive into the six ideals in the story: grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love and hope. Join us for this 6-week study that is open for all. Register online.

Tuesday Morning Group, beginning Jan 7, *The Parables of Jesus*, will help us contemplate deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, engaging stories. Woven from the stuff of everyday life, Jesus helped make the Kingdom of God understandable. Contact Dave Woodyard, davewoodyard@powellumc.org, or register online.

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.

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.

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.

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
- Kindergarten & 1st grade - Room 110N
- 2nd & 3rd Grade - Room 109N
- 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: "Jesus is Born" - Luke 2:5-7

Family Christmas Eve Service Rehearsal, TODAY. Pick out your Nativity scene costume, practice your scripture reading with the microphones, and the children's ensemble will practice their songs. If your child will be in the 2pm service, practice is at 1pm. If your child is in the 4pm service, practice is at 3pm. Please let Ms. Rebecca know if your child is unable to attend the practice but still wants to be in one of these amazing and spirit-filled services.

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 led Christmas Eve service, 6pm. We hope you and your family are able to join us in worship on Christmas Eve at one of our many worship services. Our 6pm service is entirely youth-led; experience a magical night as youth share their gifts through worship, word and prayer. Be with us as we celebrate the coming Prince of Peace. All are welcome!

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/>.

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

Youth Music: **Glorybells** (6th-8th grade), no rehearsal today.
Alleluia Bells (9th-12th grade), no rehearsal today.

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