

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

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 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.

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.

Caring Ministries

Drop by to Write a Christmas Card to Someone in Prison, Dec. 11, 2-4pm and 6-8pm. 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 in the mail on Dec. 13, flooding Ohio's prisons with Christ's love. For more information, contact sandyhuber@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. For more information, contact Karen Jordan, kkjordankb@gmail.com, and Emily Cunningham, ecunningham517@gmail.com.

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

Spirit-Filled Christmas Giving is TODAY! This year features 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.

Christmas Cookie Sale, THIS Saturday Dec. 14, 8am to 12pm. Cookies will be sold by the pound and all proceeds will go to missions. Come early for the best selection! Today is the last day to sign up to bake cookies for the sale. Sign up in the Main Hall or contact Kelly Brown at kfb914@gmail.com. A special thank you to all our cookie bakers!

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

Bethlehem on Broad Food Boxes are due TODAY. If you took a box to collect food, it will be distributed at Broad Street UMC's Bethlehem on Broad Program. It is a complete holiday experience for less fortunate families in the area. Contact Terry DeWitt, 614-581-3012.

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

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

***Ladies Night Christmas Party**, THIS 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 stacihood@powellumc.org.

Fifth Annual Quilt Display, sponsored by Connecting Threads, THIS Saturday, Dec. 14, 8:30am-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. Contact Nancy Tela, nancyr tela@gmail.com, if you are interested in displaying a quilt for this event.

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

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.

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), 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

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: "Joseph's Story" - Matthew 1:18-24

Spreading Love One Family to Another, Prison Fellowship Informational meeting is TODAY, 2-4pm, in room 100N. We will discuss the importance of this ministry, go over expectations, rules, precautions, and decorate cookies to give to the families. All ages are welcome. We will also hear Heidi's personal story and why giving to these children of incarcerated parents is so important.

Carols & Cookies, TODAY, 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 will worship together at the 9:30 service as we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent. Meet in the Sunday school classroom and we'll walk down together.

Youth Advent Study continues this Wednesday, 6:30pm.

Christmas Eve youth choir rehearsals continue this Wednesday, Dec. 11, 5:30-6:30pm, and will conclude on Dec. 18.

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. 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. There are ten spots left to volunteer. 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