

Prayer Requests From the Week of 11/28/21

Joy & Thanksgiving

My mom, for her successful pacemaker surgery. **Carrie Koppert**
Sara Emrick, our sister-in-law, with thanks for her release from ICU to a step-down unit and for discovering next steps. **Tim & Joan Kreps**

Comfort, Healing, Discernment, Strength & Peace

Igor, my brother whose time here is coming to an end, that God will wrap him in love and that he might experience peace as he is suffering and scared. We don't know the timing and perhaps there is still a chance for him. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Katya Brodbeck
Brandon Blodgett, our sweet grandson, as he begins a new chapter in his life. **Cheryll & Ted Latham**
Lauren, my daughter Ali's basketball teammate, for her recovery from a torn CL in the first game of her senior season and while being only 21 points away from the school record.
Carrie Koppert

Valerie, my daughter, hospitalized for anxiety. **Jay Middleton**
My friends, with very serious health concerns. **Kim La Rue**
Krishna, husband & dad, that he will enjoy the Advent season. **Gillian & Aaron**
Nancy Musick, my mother, with multiple health issues. **Marilyn Dennis**
Darlene Tsiliacos, Polly's mom, as she now has to be on regular dialysis. **Polly & Tom Henley**
Darlene Tsiliacos, my friend, for strength, healing and courage as she deals with health issues.
Dave Woodyard
Cheryl, my spouse, for successful gamma knife radiosurgery on 12/7. **Curt Cooper**

Sympathy

My niece's family, upon the death of her mother, Denise Flammia. **Catherine Dutkiewicz**

Responding to the Reality of God

Those who serve through Family Promise, as they share meals and hope with families without a home. **PUMC**
Those who are engaging in various ways to grow in their faith & share God's love, as we journey through the season of Advent. **PUMC**
Our confirmands, as they continue their journey together, learning, serving, exploring faith, and connecting with God, each other, and the church. **PUMC**
Those who are worshipping regularly online or in person, as they experience the blessing of God's presence and love. **PUMC**
Those who are praying for others, lifting up prayers as a response to God. **PUMC**
The people of God, as they trust God's presence and guiding hand in the midst of transitions. **PUMC**

Ongoing

The people of the Middle East, for healing in the midst of grief and fear. May God help them to find a peaceful and just way forward. **Faith Williams**
All those suffering with anxiety & depression. **Congregation member**
Bob & Carolyn McQuattie, my friends, for his comfort and her peace as she makes difficult plans for their future. **Joy Waldron**
Those jailed or incarcerated and their families, for all that imprisons them; that the church becomes a supportive and healing community for them. **PUMC**
Those impacted by mental illness, that they experience comfort and healing through expressions of love and support. **PUMC**
All those serving in the military and their families. **PUMC**
For those on the path to recovery from addiction to alcohol and drugs. **Unsigned**
Our daughter, that she finds her way by believing in herself and not being so hard on herself.
Mom & Dad
Those who are praying, reflecting, raising awareness, sharing in conversations, & making their voices heard, around the issues of racial injustices in our world. **PUMC**
Those working in law enforcement, for protection as they face difficult situations and violence.
Unsigned
Pat Foss, our friend, as she continues treatment. **Jane Chelena & Connecting Threads**.
Our country as a whole, for peace. **Unsigned**
Shelly Eden, for my healing strength and peace and for the guidance of the doctors, as I continue to experience an increase in symptoms and am being referred to more specialists. **Myself**
Haiti, for the crises happening in this country, may they sense God's presence with them.
Catherine Dutkiewicz
Victims of crime and their families, for healing. **PUMC's All In Community Team**

Worship Opportunities

8:15 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Traditional Worship
11:00 am Contemporary Worship

Children are always welcome in worship!

Children's Bulletin Bags are available next to the Children's Ministries table in the Main Hall and next to the Quiet Room in the back of the sanctuary. They contain a weekly Children's Bulletin that includes the scripture verse and activities based around this week's sermon. Place used bulletin bags in the basket provided as you leave the sanctuary.

Nursery Care is available in Room 117N during all worship services.

Serving in Worship:

Justin Williams, Senior Pastor
Katya Brodbeck, Associate Pastor
Sandy Huber, Deacon in Residence
Dave Woodyard, Pastor of Congregational Care
Rachel Parfenchuk, Music Ministries Director
Jason Hiester, Organist & Adult Bell Choir Director
Kim La Rue, Membership Care & Adult Ministries Director
Rebecca Brownlee, Children's Ministries Director
Hannah VanMeter, Youth Minister and Coordinator of Social Justice and Social Media
Dia Gallagher, Nursery Ministry Coordinator

Flowers are provided by Steve Blum in memory of his daughter, Jenny; and by Karen Thompson in memory of her husband, Tom.
Arrangements by Fireside Floral Studio.



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December 5, 2021

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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

All are invited to attend our 2021 Children's Christmas Pageant THIS Saturday, Dec. 11, at 3pm in the Sanctuary. The children have been working hard to bring you, *A Tree Lot Christmas*. Come out to support our kiddos and to remind ourselves what the true meaning of Christmas is! ALL AGES are welcome to attend.

Hope, healing, and light: a Blue Christmas service, Monday, Dec. 13, 7pm, Fellowship Hall. Come as you are to this safe and sacred space created for all who are struggling this holiday season, a place to be with other people for whom it is not easy to celebrate and be jolly. Whether it is the loss of a loved one, an illness, anxiety or stress, you are welcome to come to be comforted by music, prayers, and a community that understands how you feel.

Traditional Advent calendars give a gift to a child each day leading up to Christmas. This year we offer a **"Daily Give Back Advent calendar"** for you to use with your family and friends. Each day is a different way you can give something to someone else to remind them of the love of the Christ child. Pick one up in the Main Hall or access it from powellumc.org or our social media.

Telling the Story of Christmas weekly podcast begins this Wednesday, Dec. 8, with Rachel Parfenchuk and Kim La Rue. Using many musical styles, composers, and origins spanning the time from the 12th century to today the most amazing story is unveiled. Access the podcasts on social media or at powellumc.org.

Pastor Justin will be joined by pianist David Wion on Sunday, Dec. 19, 3pm, to share some of their favorite Christmas music. In addition to sharing some selections from their Christmas CD together, David will play some of his solo arrangements. Join us for a time of music and story as we celebrate the reason for the season!

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Wrap Gifts TODAY beginning at noon. If you love wrapping, we can use your help to make sure all the Angel Tree gifts are wrapped for children this Christmas. Contact Lisa, hoppnen2@yahoo.com.

People In Need (PIN) Holiday Clearing House, Nov. 29- Dec. 10, 9am-2pm, the Coliseum building at the Delaware Fairgrounds. Come and sort the toys under the leadership of Terry Troutman, the missions team chair. Sign up online or contact Terry, Tazmantet@yahoo.com.

Serve with those impacted by poverty and homelessness at the Common Ground Free Store with a group from PUMC on Tuesday, Dec. 7, or Thursday, Dec. 9, 5:15pm-8:30pm or simply come and serve on any of these days and times: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from 5:15pm-8:30pm; Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9:30am-1:00 pm. The free store welcomes all and provides an opportunity to those in need to shop for free and get a meal to go. To sign up, go to the serving page of powellumc.org or contact Pastor Katya.

Volunteers Needed to Help with the Cookie Sale on Saturday, Dec. 11. High school teens and adults are invited to help customers select their cookies to purchase during the cookie sale. Contact Karen Barwinski for more information, kbarwin2@outlook.com.

Serve with People In Need (PIN) of Delaware on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays and help run the food pantry, produce markets, and other projects to help this non-profit that is dedicated to providing emergency assistance to Delaware County residents serve our community. For more information, contact Pastor Katya, katyabrodbeck@powellumc.org.

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

***The Adult Bible Study class at 10:30 on Sunday mornings**, studying the Epistle of James. Please join us in the Conference Room behind the Welcome Center.

Upper Room Devotion group meets Mondays at 9am and is facilitated by Pat Parren, patparren@yahoo.com. Discussions each week will be based on the previous Wednesday's devotional in the *Upper Room* devotional book.

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

Bethlehem on Broad Food Boxes are due back to the church TODAY. Contact Terry DeWitt, 614-581-3012, with any questions.

Spirit-Filled Christmas Giving, TODAY in the Main Hall. Buy delicious and meaningful gifts to support small-scale farmers through the Equal Exchange sale. Then, on Dec 12, purchase items made by Kindwear and Dreamshine and support those who are in prison and children and adults living with disabilities.

Christmas Cookie Sale is next Saturday, Dec. 11, from 8am-12pm in the Narthex. Homemade cookies will be sold by the pound. Come early for the best selection. Some pre-boxed cookies will be available for quick purchase! All shoppers will be asked to wear a mask while selecting their cookies at the sale. Cookie bakers are still needed. Sign up in the Main Hall today or email Karen Barwinski with any questions or to sign up to bake cookies, kbarwin2@outlook.com.

Buckeyes are on sale in the Main Hall. If you have not tried these buckeyes, you have missed the best! They will be sold each Sunday until they are gone. All proceeds go to missions.

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 2022, 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.

All end-of-year gifts to the church or to the church Endowment Fund must be postmarked Dec. 31 to be posted to your 2021 giving.

Food Pantry Item of the Month: Canned Soup and Crackers. As you go shopping, get a few extra items to support the People In Need Food Pantry and bring them to the church to drop off in the mission bins by the mission closet. In the past year and a half, the need has been great. Thank you for supporting this mission.

Telling

Sharing our stories of God's activity in our lives

***Ladies Night Christmas Party**, Thursday, Dec. 16, 6:30pm. You are invited for an evening of fellowship and Christmas celebration. Bring 5 of the same, unwrapped gifts (\$5-10 each). A light meal will be provided. RSVP to Staci, stacihood@powellumc.org or sign up online.

Finding God in Best Sellers group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am, Scramblers on Route 23 in Lewis Center. The book for Jan. 5 is *The Nature of Fragile Things*, by Susan Meissner; the book for Feb. 2 is *West With Giraffes*, by Lynda Rutledge. Those who enjoy reading are invited to join this small group. Contact Joy Waldron at 614-975-8626 or jkw71550@gmail.com.

Music and Worship Arts

Music Ministries Director, 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), no rehearsal today.
Joyful Ringers (grades 3-5), meets 4:15-5pm in the choir room.

Youth Music: Glorybells (6th-8th grade), meets 5:00-5:45pm in the choir room.
Alleluia Bells (9th-12th grade), meets 5:45-6:30pm in the choir room.

Chancel Choir is open to anyone who loves to sing and wants to join in fellowship and song. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Join us at a practice!

Celebration Ringers (Adult handbells) meet Wednesdays at 6pm in the bell room. Directed by Jason Hiester. Contact jahiester@owu.edu for more information.

*** Childcare or Sunday School scheduled.
Childcare is available for other adult ministries classes.**

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*)
We have four Sunday School classrooms: 1) Preschool, 2) Kindergarten & 1st Grade, 3) 2nd & 3rd Grade, and 4) 4th & 5th Grade

Check In and Check Out Procedures: Please check in and check out your child at the Check In table. Children will then go to their assigned classrooms.

Sunday School Lesson: "God Makes Balaam's Donkey Talk" - Numbers 22:21-41
Bible Point: God wants to get our attention.

Christmas Pageant Information

- Dec. 5: Practice today in the sanctuary, 2:00-4:00pm for ALL CAST.
- Dress Rehearsal, Friday, Dec 10, 5:30-6pm, potluck dinner (sign up online to bring something to share); 6-7:30pm we will run the show twice.
- Performance, Saturday, Dec. 11, 3pm in the Sanctuary. Invite all your friends and family to this wonderful faith filled performance.

Christmas Photos Needed. What is your family doing to prepare for Christmas? Baking cookies, shopping, wrapping gifts, decorating your house or tree, spending time together? Take a picture and email it to Ms. Rebecca. A picture slide show will be shown on Christmas Eve. Be a part of the slide show and email your photo to rebeccabrownlee@powellumc.org by Saturday, Dec. 18.

A Casual Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 12. Come, relax and enjoy the bells performing, 3-4pm in the sanctuary. Then move to the Fellowship Hall from 4-5:30pm for Christmas crafts, cookies fellowship and fun. ALL are invited!

Children's Christmas Eve Worship Service at 2pm & 4pm. Your children are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Service by dressing up in a Nativity Scene costume, sharing a musical talent or reading scripture. To participate, Register Online.

Christmas Eve Rehearsal, Monday, Dec. 20, at 3pm or 5:30pm. Children will pick up costumes, practice reading scripture in a microphone and learn what to do in the service. Your child may attend either time - it is the same practice.

Sunday School on Dec. 26. We will have a special Sunday School Class. We will all be in room 100N and we will watch a Christmas movie, "Veggie Tales." Wear your PJ's or Christmas comfy clothes and we will have yummy snacks too!

Youth Ministries (6th—12th grades)

Youth Minister, hannahvanmeter@powellumc.org

Youth Sunday School meets today from 9:30-10:30am. Middle schoolers are in room 102N and high schoolers are in the basement. All are welcome!

Youth Advent Studies continue this week! The middle school study meets on Tuesday at 6pm and the high school study meets Wednesday at 6pm.

Youth Christmas Party, TODAY, from 12-2pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring your best cookie decorating skills! Sign up to bring a dish to share at powellumc.org/youth-events/

Caring Ministries

***GriefShare** begins Monday, Jan. 10, at 7pm on Zoom. If you are frustrated that people just don't understand that you are grieving or wonder how you can ever feel a small bit of joy in life again, please join us for GriefShare. This 13-week study is for anyone who has lost a spouse, partner, child, family member or friend to death. It addresses the issues that we encounter in grief. To register or for more information go to powellumc.org under Caring Ministries.

Stephen Ministers Are There to Care. Are you going through a difficult time - emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with you and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Email stephenministry@powellumc.org to find out more.