

Prayer Requests

Praise & Thanksgiving

Janet Stiles, my sister, with thanksgiving as she is recovering from her second spinal surgery.
Nancy Tela

Comfort, Healing, Discernment, Strength & Peace

Karen Porter, my friend, as she starts a new round of chemo this week, that it is effective and that she tolerates it well. **Jan Schnegelsberger**
Max, our nephew, as he is going through Army Ranger training. **Tom & Lori Kipfer**
Lennox, our son, **& ourselves**, for guidance at home and in Sunday School in helping him learn about the Lord. **Kelly Coughlin**
Katya, my friend, that she gets better soon and all symptoms subside. **Pam Zweibel**
Laura & Denise, sisters of a friend, that they will heal physically, emotionally and that they both receive blessings that sustain them for the future. **Pam Zweibel**
Aimee, my cousin, for healing from a severe burn on her arm. **Debbie**
Danielle, my friend, for strength, hope, and that she feels God's presence as she is facing many challenges with her two teenage boys. **Kris Frantz-Shoaf**
Matt, my 47-year-old friend, who has been diagnosed with frontal lobe dementia, for strength and love for him and his family as they face difficult challenges. **Kris Frantz-Shoaf**
Marta, keep me in prayer because my joints are hurting. **Myself**
Angela Livingston, for direction, strength and courage; also for God's will during a Mission trip to Rome. **Myself**
Jennifer, my daughter-in-law, as she recovers from heart surgery to insert a stent. **Debi Randolph**
Harry, my husband, as he undergoes a variety of biopsies to determine the causes of the PET scan readings for his cancers. **Nancy Poston**

Sympathy

The Priest family, our friends, for strength and healing for Tiffany and her family after losing her dad unexpectedly. **Mike & Traci Brockfield**
Those who lost loved ones in 2022, that they find comfort in the unconditional love of our Lord.
Unsigned

Growing Together in Faith

Those who are beginning new studies, as they grow closer to God and each other. **PUMC**
Our confirmands, mentors & leaders, as they continue their confirmation journey, growing in their faith, exploring who God is and connecting to our faith community. **PUMC**
Those who are worshiping regularly online or in person, as they experience the blessing of God's presence and love. **PUMC**

Sharing God's Love & Changing Our World

Those who are giving Blessing Bags to those in need, as they are being seen and loved. **PUMC**
Those who are serving God, through the ministries of this church and beyond. **PUMC**

Ongoing

Victims of crime and their families, for healing. **PUMC's All In Community Team**
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**
Those jailed or incarcerated and their families, for all that imprisons them; that the church becomes a supportive and healing community for them. **PUMC**
All those suffering with anxiety & depression. **PUMC**
All those suffering from mental illness, may they find the support and resources they need and a peace that transcends all understanding knowing Christ is with them always. **Kris**
Our country & the world, for peace. **Pam Zweibel**
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, who continues to suffer from mental illness and an eating disorder, that she leans on God and trusts in Him again to help her through this time. **Mom & Dad**
Our nation, to continue to find ways to solve the scourge of mass shootings, including school shootings. **Unsigned**
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**
Our son, that he can become more comfortable in social settings and engage in activities that are healthy for him. **Unsigned**

What Is My Next Step?

Attend Pizza with the Pastors, Sunday, Jan. 29 at 12:15pm. Learn about the history of our church, our vision, how to get connected and grow in your faith. Meet the pastors and others like yourself who are taking steps to get connected. Sign up online or at the Welcome Center.

Commit to Jesus: If you have never made a decision to follow Jesus as the Lord of your life and you feel like that is a commitment you would like to make, we would love to discuss this further. Contact one of our pastors.

Be Baptized: Baptism is an opportunity for you to profess your faith in God and receive God's grace. If you have never been baptized and are interested in baptism, contact one of our pastors.

Become a Member: We view membership as a step in discipleship. To become a member of the church means to become a partner in the ministry of Powell UMC. Join the next membership retreat on Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:30am – 3pm. Sign up online or at the Welcome Center.

Serve in a Ministry: Each of us have been given gifts, talents, and skills to serve others. Our vision is for everyone to be serving in a ministry. If you are interested in serving, contact a staff member.

Join a Small Group: We believe that joining a group where you can connect with others as you grow in your faith is essential to being a disciple. Find a group where you can belong. Contact KimLaRue@PowellUMC.org.

Invite Others to Come: We believe that Powell UMC is an excellent place to grow together in faith to share God's love and change our world. Invite others to come and be part of this transformation!

RENEW

*Remembering Our
Commitment to God and
One Another*

Powell
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Church Office Hours: 9:00 am–3:30 pm Monday-Thursday, Closed Friday & Saturday

January 15, 2023

Welcome to Powell United Methodist Church!
If you are new to the church, we invite you to visit the Welcome Center.
Our mission is to grow together in faith to share God's love and change our world.

Special Announcements

Pizza with the PUMC Pastors is Sunday, Jan. 29, at 12:15pm. If you are new to our church, you are invited to this casual event to learn about the ministry and mission of our church and to get to know the pastors and others who are beginning their journey at PUMC. Stop at the Welcome Center to sign up.

Prayers for Change: Sign Up to receive prayers of inspiration, change and awareness during Black History Month. Prayers will come directly to your email from a variety of sources, including Martin Luther King, Jr, other black leaders, and UMC leaders and pastors. Wake up in the morning and pray these prayers to share God's love and change our world. Sign up online!

Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

The Lily Circle Chili Dinner is back this year! All are invited to the Chili Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 11, 5-7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Both dine in and take out will be available. Save the date for Chili and Fellowship.

Fill blessing bags to bless people in need. On the mission table, pick up a bag with a list of items and a list of resources, fill a bag(s) with all the items and keep the bags in your car to bless those we see needing our help and care.

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 2023, 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 \$55 and is provided by Fireside Floral & Gifts.

A blessing box has been installed on our church's property and built by Rishivarshil Nelakurti as his Eagle Scout project under the leadership and guidance of Ed Rainaldi and a design by Julie Piper. The blessing box is part of a wider community outreach project to support those in need. The box is designed to store non-perishable food items, toilet paper, diapers and other necessities.

The Peace & Justice team would like to share that all the proceeds from Equal Exchange sales in 2023 will go to Andrews House, a non-profit, help-giving community center in Delaware. They provide a variety of programs aimed at assisting people with low income, such as community dinners, legal advice clinic, a mobile food pantry, and a warming center. Their motto is “People Helping People.”

Knowing

Learning about faith and discipleship

Laity Discernment Retreats on Zoom led by Kris Frantz-Shoaf & Kim La Rue are Jan. 31, Feb. 7, and March 21 from 6:30-8:30pm. This is a series that discovers the purpose and practice of discernment. If you think God is calling you to something but you're not sure what, this is for you. Join us. Must register to participate. Go to <https://www.powellumc.org/small-groups-adults/> and scroll down to Discernment.

Caring Ministries

Are You Experiencing a Winter in Your Life? A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave you feeling lonely. A hospitalization, a cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave you feeling isolated. The loss of a job, the fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring God's warm love back into your life. They provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your crisis. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, email stephenministry@powellumc.org.

Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

Serve at the MidOhio Initiative Norton Market, Thursday, Jan 26, 3pm-6pm. Our serving jobs will include: greeting/registering customers as they enter the market, stocking products on the shelves, refrigerators and freezers, assisting customers with questions as they shop and check-out, cart retrieval, and various other assignments as needed. The goal of this serving time is to provide a wonderful customer experience that our neighbors deserve. Youth 16 years of age and older are welcome. Ages 11-15 must be accompanied by an adult. Register online.

Serve with those impacted by poverty and homelessness at the Common Ground Free Store with a group from PUMC Thursday, Feb. 2, and Tuesday, Feb. 7, 5:15-8:30pm. 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.

Telling

Sharing our stories of God's activity in our lives

Iron Men begins a new study on Monday, Jan. 23 at 6:30pm entitled *Why in the World? The Reason God Became One of Us*. This group is open to all men. For more information, contact Brian Riddle, riddle.brian62@gmail.com.

The New Member one-day retreat is Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:30am to 3pm and is for anyone wanting to learn more about Powell UMC or are thinking about joining Powell UMC. It will be a great time of connecting with other new folks, Bible study, and discovering the potential of being in ministry at PUMC. Register online or talk to Pastors Justin or Katya.

Join the WHAT-IFI! group (Women Having Adventures Together In Faith) in attending the ProMusica Chamber Orchestra concert at Worthington United Methodist Church on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7:00 pm. Friends and family members are welcome. If you would like to join or get more information about this outing, please contact Kathy Inamura at 614-460-1782 or khinamura@yahoo.com. The deadline for requesting discounted tickets is Jan. 31.

Finding God in Best Sellers group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am at Scramblers on Route 23 in Lewis Center. The book for Feb. 1 is *Dinners With Ruth*, by Nina Totenberg; the book for March 1 is *The Next Ship Home* by Heather Webb. Those who enjoy reading are invited to join this small group. For more information, contact Joy Waldron, jkw71550@gmail.com.

Music and Worship Arts

Music Ministries Director, rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org

Chancel Choir is open to all adults with a song in their heart and who love to sing. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7pm in the sanctuary. Contact Rachel with any questions.

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

Children's Music: **Cherub choir** (age 3-kindergarten), meets 10:35-10:55am in the Chapel
Children's choir (grades 1-5), meets 10:35am in the choir room
Joyful Ringers (3rd-5th grade), no rehearsal today

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 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: "Jesus speaks with the religious teachers." - Luke 2:41-52
Bible Point: Jesus is Wise.

Children's Check-In, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 6-7:30pm. All children preschool - 5th grade are invited to attend. We will eat dinner together, watch a video or music videos, make a craft or play games. This is a time of fun and fellowship to grow in our faith. Please register for EACH Check-In so there is enough food and materials!

Club Story, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6-7pm. All children grades 2-5 are invited to come read and dig into a Bible story, listen to a Christian song, and talk about the meaning. Then, find yourself in the Bible story and discuss how you feel about the song. Register online.

Winter Jam, Saturday, Jan. 28, 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!

Church Camp Kick Off is Feb. 5! Get your calendars ready and start to look for the perfect time this summer to send your child(ren) to Church camp. There are opportunities for Church camp from 6 years old to age 20. Church camp is a time to get away from home and your family to meet new friends, grow in your faith, and get connected to Jesus while out in nature. More information is coming soon. Otterbein Camp Director, Scott Seese, and Director of Camps, Retreats & Next Gen Engagement, Ann Marie Carley, will be at Powell UMC on Sunday, Feb. 5, to answer all of your questions about church camp.

VBS Save the Date, registration coming in January!

- Evening: June 4-8, 2023, 6-8pm
- Day: June 5-9, 2023, 9am-12pm

Youth Ministries (6th—12th grades)

Youth Minister, HannahVanmeter@powellumc.org

Sunday school meets today at 9:30am in the lower level for middle and high school students. Breakfast is provided. All are welcome!

Girls of Grace meets THIS Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 6:30-8pm in the lower level. Youth girls 6th-12th grade are invited to attend as we explore our faith, make spiritual connections and build each other up in community!

Black History Month Movie Night. Join us for a movie and discussion on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 6-9pm in the Lower Level. We will watch Hidden Figures, the story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program, rated PG. Families are invited to attend together!

Chili Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 11, is looking for entertainment and help serving. If your youth is interested in sharing their gifts at the annual Chili Dinner, helping to serve, or if you have questions, contact HannahVanmeter@powellumc.org.

President's Day bowling: mark your calendars for Monday, Feb. 20 at Star Lanes Polaris. We'll bowl, eat and have a blast! Sign up coming soon.

Preschool

PUMC Preschool registration for fall of 2023 has begun. Call or email the preschool office to provide an email address where a link to online registration can be sent. Stop by the preschool office, visit pumcpreschool.com, or call 614-847-3773 for more information. Classes are offered for 2, 3, 4/5 year olds, and Kindergarten Enrichment.