# Prayer Requests

## Praise & Thanksgiving

**Hannah Vanmeter,** who was affirmed by the Board of Ordained Ministry for ordination as a deacon. **PLIMC** 

Riley, Joe's son, that he obtained a job and is returning to Columbus to live. Joe Bush & Patti Creighton

**Lill,** my co-worker, with gratitude to Katya for prayers and praise the Lord that all testing is showing that she is healing. **Pam Zweibel** 

## Comfort, Healing, Discernment, Strength & Peace

Myself, struggling with stress and worry. Unsigned

Dave, Jen & Josh, our family, as we work through the journey to transition my dad, Dave, to senior living. For guidance that we are working with the right people and that the perfect place is located as we work through this emotional process. Jen Tucker

Sarah, my friend, that God blesses her with a return to good health. Pam Zweibel

**Our Confirmands,** as they have this opportunity to explore our faith. May they make wise decisions for their life. **Dave Woodyard** 

My grandmother, as she recovers from several falls and continues to battle several other health issues. Drew Thiele

Mary Dietrich, my friend, as she continues her treatment for cancer. Drew Thiele

Carole Batchelder, daughter-in-law's family member, hospitalized for 10 days following bowel obstruction surgery. Catherine Dutkiewicz

**My daughter-in-law's uncle,** who had emergency surgery to insert a stent and may need more surgery. **Catherine Dutkiewicz** 

Myself, as I was diagnosed with alopecia. Catherine Dutkiewicz

Michael, my brother, in ICU after a routine procedure. Barb Thomas

Lara, my friend, recently injured in a car accident, for strength and healing. Faith Williams

Jim, my friend, for healing of a tumor in his neck. Patty

Audrey, an 8th grader, being tested this week for lymphoma. Patty

Barbara, my cousin, having back surgery. Patty

Ann & Dawn, my friends, healing from surgeries. Patty

Ryan, Bob, Alan, & Andrew, with severe depression and anxiety. Patty

#### Sympathy

The family of Tyree Nichols, that their hearts and souls will heal with time. Pam Zweibel
The Childers family, peace upon the death of mom, wife and grandma, Shelba Jean. Traci
Kennedy-Brockfield

**Diane Volosin & family,** on the sudden passing of her husband and their father. **Catherine Dutkiewicz The family of Evan,** my daughter-in-law's cousin, with thanksgiving as they now have closure after his body was found following a kayaking accident that happened in November. **Barb** 

## **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 served at the Norton Market with MidOhio Initiative,** as they welcomed customers, stocked the shelves and built relationships with the neighbors. **PUMC** 

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**

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** 

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Our son,} that he can become more comfortable in social settings and engage in activities that are healthy for him. \begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Unsigned} \end{tabular}$ 

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

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 leave

**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

# What Is My Next Step?

Attend Pizza with the Pastors, Sunday, March 26, 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!

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# RENEW Remembering Our Commitment to God and One Another February 5, 2023

# Welcome to Powell (Inited 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

**Church Camp Kick Off is TODAY!** Church camp is a time to get away and meet new friends, grow in your faith, and get connected to Jesus while in nature! There are church camp opportunities for ages 6-20 years old. Today, **Scott Seese** and **Ann Marie Carley** are here from the West Ohio Conference to talk to you about church camp. Visit them at the camp table in the Main Hall to ask all your questions!

**The Lily Circle Chili Dinner** is NEXT Saturday, Feb. 11, 5-7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited. Both dine in and take out will be available.

**The New Member** one-day retreat is NEXT 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.

## Giving

God's generosity inspiring our own

Communion Offering in February: Supports Camp Scholarships for Children! This communion offering will sponsor camping ministry and scholarships for our children to go to West Ohio camps. Camp experience is transformative and invites children and youth to go deeper in their faith. Support our children to go to camps to make friendships, learn about God and grow in their faith. Use the envelopes in the pews or give online.

Fill a Bag to Welcome Home a Returning Citizen. A person released from prison faces many challenges and often lacks essential items. During the month of February, pick up a bag at the mission table in the main hall, fill it with the personal care items listed and return it so that these essentials can be given to a re-entering citizen. Men's items are especially needed. Individual items may be given instead of filling a bag. For more information, contact <a href="mailto:sandyHuber@powellumc.org">SandyHuber@powellumc.org</a>.

**Equal Exchange Sale by Peace & Justice team** happens every second Sunday of the month selling a variety of products to support fair wages for farmers and empower both farmers and consumers. There are some new products for you to see: pita chips, hot sauce, Irish Breakfast tea, and Love Buzz coffee. Those who worship online are able to place an order online by the first Thursday of the month and pick it up on the second Sunday at the sale tables or at the Welcome Center the following week.

# Knowing

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Join a group to learn and practice Centering Prayer, three sessions offered on Thursdays, Feb 9, 16, and 23, 7pm. This ancient method of praying invites us into the heart of God as we experience God's loving presence in silence. The hustle and bustle of life brings so much anxiety and disconnection. This way of prayer calls us into a deep place of love and peace, connecting our souls with God's love, remembering we are held and loved. Facilitated by Pastor Katya. Sign up online.

Participate in the Tea Room, Saturday, Feb. 18, 11am, Ohio History Center. The Tea Room is a contemporary version of the African American Tea Ceremony that began in the mid-19th century. Designed to create an environment of fellowship and empowerment, our Tea Room will be a forum for networking and learning about the achievements of African Americans in Ohio. Registration is required - purchase your tickets at <a href="https://www.ohiohistory.org/center">www.ohiohistory.org/center</a>. Contact Pastor Katya with questions.

\*Transforming Stigma, How to Become a Mental Wellness Superhero: Mental Health Book Study and Conversation, Wednesdays, March 1, 8, and 15 at 7pm. Are you or a loved one struggling with mental health challenges? Are you at a loss trying to figure out what to do or how to get help, or do you want to be a better mental health advocate? You are invited to join Kris Frantz-Shoaf in this three-week book study. In this book, the author shares his own challenges with mental illness as a young child into adulthood and how awareness, education, and understanding led him to dedicating his life to being a mental health advocate and super hero! Sign up online.

**Recognizing Black History: Looking Back, Moving Forward.** Next Sunday, Feb. 12, visit the book display located in the Main Hall. You will find books for all ages that explore our diversity and celebrate Black History Month. Suggested reading lists are available so that you and your children can continue your exploration at home.

## Serving

Being the hands, feet and heart of Christ

## Serve with those impacted by poverty and homelessness at the Common Ground

**Free Store** with a group from PUMC 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 <u>powellumc.org</u> or contact Pastor Katya.

**Musicians needed for Chili Dinner** on Feb. 11. The Lily Circle is looking for individuals and/or groups (singers and/or instrument) that would like to showcase their talent in a 5-10 minute time slot during this year's chili dinner. Both teens and adult talent is welcome and no audition is needed. Contact Liz Foster, <a href="mailto:edf858@aol.com">edf858@aol.com</a> or 630-337-0673, to sign up.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to support Habitat for Humanity is back, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 5-7pm. Along with having a delicious dinner before we begin the season of Lent, there will be plenty of opportunities to serve, including decorating and cleaning up during and after dinner. Food and GFS gift cards are accepted to sponsor the dinner and you can find a giving tree in the Main Hall to pick up a tag. Sign up online to serve. Monetary donations will be accepted at the door to support future Habitat for Humanity builds. Contact Pastor Katya, KatyaBrodbeck@powellumc.org.

# Telling

Sharing our stories of God's activity in our lives

\*Young Adults begin a book study, Searching for Sunday, by Rachel Held Evans on Feb. 13, 6-7:30pm. The group will meet each second and fourth Monday. More details to follow. Must register online for the class and for childcare. Facilitated by Kelsey Baesman Crookes, Anna Fickle. and Hannah VanMeter.

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 March 1 is *The Next Ship Home* by Heather Webb; the book for April 5 is *The Secret Wife of Aaron Burr*, by Susan Holloway Scott. 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

**Music of a Movement** at PUMC, Sunday, March 5, 3pm in the Sanctuary. This celebration of African-American cultural history through song will highlight gospel, jazz, and other works from the Civil Rights Movement and will feature the Milton Ruffin Gospel Chorale and prominent soloists from Central Ohio's community. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be collected to support Converging Arts Columbus' upcoming production of The Journey: Civil Rights. Learn more at <a href="https://convergingartscolumbus.org/">https://convergingartscolumbus.org/</a>.

**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.

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), meets 4:15-5:00pm in the bell room.

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

# 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 <a href="mailto:stephenministry@powellumc.org">stephenministry@powellumc.org</a>.

\* 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: "Satan Tempts Jesus." - Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13 Bible Point: Jesus shows us the right way.

**Children's Check-In.** All children preschool - 5th grade are invited to attend. We will eat dinner together, watch a video, music videos, color and talk about God. This is a time of fellowship and fun to grow in our faith together in the Children's Worship room. Please register online for each monthly Check-In separately, so there is enough food and supplies.

- THIS Wednesday, Feb. 8, 6-7:30pm
- Wednesday, April 5, 6-7:30pm
- Wednesday, March 8, 6-7:30pm Wednesday, May 10, 6-7:30pm

**Club Story.** All 2nd-5th graders are invited to come, read and dig into a Bible story, listen to Christian music and talk about the meaning of the words. Then, find yourself in the Bible story, music story, and your story as we grow in faith together. Register online for each Club Story so there is enough food and supplies.

- Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6-7pm
- Wednesday, April 19, 6-7:30pm
- Wednesday, March 22, 6-7:30pm
- Wednesday, May 10, 6-7:30pm

VBS registration for participants and volunteers is open! Register online today.

- Evening: June 4-8, 2023, 6-8pm

- Day: June 5-9, 2023, 9am-12pm

Children's in Missions, Sunday School Weekly Offering: Each week our children are encouraged to bring in coins and dollars to place in one of our offering boxes. We are partnering with World Vision to purchase five ducks, two chickens, and fishing kits for families around the world. Our yearly goal is \$2,000. Encourage your children to do extra things around the house to raise coins for our Sunday School Offering!

Support Powell UMC's children and youth to attend church camp with a "Campership." Our church supports every child that attends a week long camp by giving a \$100 rebate. This is not need based but is given to support our children, youth and families as they grow in their faith. Last year we sent 25 children to church camp! Please consider donating to our "Campership" fund and helping us reach our goal of \$3,000. We do not want finances to stop children and youth from attending church camp. Donate today with a check or cash or scan the QR code at the camp table in the Main Hall and be taken to an online campership donation form.

Youth Ministries (6th—12th grades)
Youth Minister, Hannah Vanmeter @powellumc.org

**Sunday School** meets today at 9:30am in the lower level for middle and high school students. It's also Camp Kick Off Sunday and Scott Seese will be here for our morning announcements to share about upcoming camp opportunities and the awesomeness of church camp. All are welcome!

**Girls of Grace (GOG)** meets THIS Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 6:30-8pm in the lower level and meets every other Tuesday. Find the full GOG calendar on our website: <a href="mailto:powellumc.org/youth-bible-studies/">powellumc.org/youth-bible-studies/</a>. Youth girls 6-12th grade are invited to attend as we explore our faith, make spiritual connections and build each other up in community!

**Blessing Box Coordinator.** PUMC is looking for a youth to serve as a coordinator for the blessing box on site. This person would maintain the box and continue its connection to the community through social media, take a picture of what is in the box bi-weekly and post it on the Facebook page as well as check the expiration dates of the items in the box. If you have questions or are interested in serving in this way, please contact <a href="HannahVanmeter@powellumc.org">HannahVanmeter@powellumc.org</a>.

**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! RSVP to Hannah.

**President's Day Bowling**, Monday, Feb. 20, 11am-1pm at Star Lanes Polaris for all youth. Cost is \$15. Register online, powellumc.org/youth-events/ Must have your own transportation.

Youth Lenten Studies will be offered for middle school and high school youth. Stay tuned!