

## Prayer Requests

### Thanksgiving

**Anne Crabbs**, for completing the quilt to be given to Mark & Sharon at the dedication of their new home that PUMC helped build.

**Connecting Threads**

### Comfort, Healing, Discernment, Strength & Peace

**John**, my uncle, for a successful recovery from his kidney transplant and for strength for his caregivers. **Michelle H.**

**Brian Cook**, my friend, as his eyesight is degenerating and he is facing eye surgery. **Dawn Bush**

**Carole Fink**, my friend, may she feel God's healing power from a respiratory infection and COVID that she has been battling for a month.

**Joy Vance**

**Jim Gerhart**, my step-father, for healing as he returns home after his surgery to remove cancer. **Rochelle Hill**

**Ms. Nething**, my Hope Letter recipient, for hope and peace as she serves her time. **Karen Curren**

**Sharlene Exline**, my mother who is very sick, & **our family** for strength and comfort following a by-pass surgery to enable her to eat. **Traci Pickett**

**People who do not have adequate shelter**, during this inclement weather may they stay safe and have resources to help. **Kim La Rue**

**Nancy Tela**, my friend, for a speedy recovery from hand surgery, 1/24. **Joy Waldron**

### Sympathy

**Scott & Jennifer Wade & family**, upon the death of his father, Marvin Wade, my brother-in-law on 1/22/24. **Jane Chelena**

**The family & friends of Brett Gerke**, upon his death, 1/23/24. **Powell UMC**

**Marta Kovach**, for comfort as I put my dog, Noel, down 12/18 and I miss him very much. **Myself**

### Sharing God's Love & Changing Our World

**Youth Winter Gathering**, as youth from the Olentangy River District gather for fellowship and discernment with Bishop Palmer. **PUMC**

**Chili Dinner**, as we gather for good food and fellowship to raise money for missions. **PUMC**

**Hope Letters Writers**, as they share hope and encouragement with their incarcerated friends. **PUMC**

**Red Bird Mission Trip**, those who are gathering to learn more about the upcoming mission trip and discern their call to join the team. **PUMC**

## What Is My Next Step?

**Attend Pizza with the Pastors**, Sunday, Jan. 28, 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 new member retreat on Saturday, March 2, 8:30am-3pm. Register 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](mailto: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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**Church Office Hours:** 9:00am-3:30pm Monday-Thursday, Closed Friday & Saturday

January 28, 2024





# 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** TODAY 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. Register at [powellumc.org/new-members/](http://powellumc.org/new-members/) or at the Welcome Center.

**Red Bird Mission Trip Information Meeting** THIS Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 7pm. Join us to learn more about the upcoming mission trip to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY, April 28 through May 3.

**Today's Special Guest Ali Shah Akhundzada** Ali is the founder of Afghan Rehabilitation Transition Service (ARTS). ARTS provides refugees with comprehensive support, including essentials, legal aid, and cultural integration, ensuring a dignified transition and empowerment for their new lives in the United States. Our church has partnered with one of the ARTS initiatives of opening a food pantry at Bethel UMC to provide for the large community of Afghan Refugees who live in the neighborhood. If you are interested in supporting the new food pantry you can contribute online at [powellumc.org/giving](http://powellumc.org/giving) or by writing a check with Bethel Food Pantry in the memo line.

**Annual Lily Circle Chili Dinner** THIS Saturday, Feb. 3, 5-7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the dinner and are \$13 for adults and \$6 for children up to age 13. All proceeds will go to missions.

## Missions

Associate Pastor, [CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org](mailto:CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org)

**Serve at Common Ground** Our next opportunity to serve together at Common Ground is Tuesday, Feb. 6, from 5:30 - 8pm. Volunteers will take meal orders, serve dinner, assist shoppers, and help to sort donations. To serve, register at [powellumc.org/common-ground-free-store](http://powellumc.org/common-ground-free-store)

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 5-7pm. Enjoy a delicious pancake supper, participate in pancake games, and face painting for kids. All proceeds will support our Red Bird Mission Team.

## Adult Ministries

Adult Ministries Director, [KimLaRue@powellumc.org](mailto:KimLaRue@powellumc.org)

**Laity Discernment Retreat in three sessions** begins Jan. 30 and continues on Feb. 6 and Mar. 19 on Zoom. Kim La Rue facilitates this for the West Ohio Conference. If you feel God's call on your life but you're not sure what to do next, join us. Register through the West Ohio Conference website, [westohioumc.org/leadership/laity-discernment-retreats](http://westohioumc.org/leadership/laity-discernment-retreats).

**\*Young Adult Small Group** A new study begins Monday, Feb. 12, 6-7:30pm. This group is a welcoming space for young adults, couples, and families to engage in fellowship, study and a shared meal. This group gathers on the second and fourth Mondays of the month and childcare is provided. Register online, [powellumc.org/young-adult-small-group/](http://powellumc.org/young-adult-small-group/). Email [HannahVanmeter@powellumc.org](mailto:HannahVanmeter@powellumc.org) with questions.

**Tuesday Morning Group (TMG)** Tuesdays at 10am. This senior adult group continues their study of the back stories of Biblical Characters. Come for great fellowship and food for thought as we wander through scripture and dig deeper into these rich stories. Contact Rev. Dave Woodyard for more information, [dljawoody@msn.com](mailto:dljawoody@msn.com).

**Finding God in Best Sellers** group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am at Scramblers on Route 23. The book for Feb. 7 is *The First Ladies*, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray; the book for March 6 is *The Warsaw Orphan*, by Kelly Rimmer. Contact Joy Waldron, [jkw71550@gmail.com](mailto:jkw71550@gmail.com) for more information.

## Giving

Office Administrator, [DebbieWenner@powellumc.org](mailto:DebbieWenner@powellumc.org)

**Coat Drive** We are collecting NEW winter coats for People In Need's Holiday Clearing House (2024). All children and youth coats will be accepted. The most needed sizes are adult size small to 3x. Please bring your donations to the clothing rack in the Main Hall by Sunday, March 17th.

**Food Donations for the Chili Dinner** Cornbread or cornbread muffins and desserts are needed for the chili dinner. Reach out to Karen, [kawooster@gmail.com](mailto:kawooster@gmail.com) to donate.

**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. We do not want finances to stop children and youth from attending church camp. Donate today with cash or check or scan the QR code on the Church Camp card found on the Small Groups Wall.

## Youth Ministries (6th–12th grades)

Youth Minister, [HannahVanmeter@powellumc.org](mailto:HannahVanmeter@powellumc.org)

**Youth Winter Gathering** THIS Friday, Feb. 2, at Powell UMC from 6-9:30pm. The deadline to register is **TODAY**. So many of our youth hear and wrestle with the question “what do you want to do when you grow up?” The night will include an interview with Bishop Palmer and a student panel led by Pastor Rachel Billups. This is a district-wide youth event. Dinner provided. All youth grades 6-12th are welcome! Register at [powellumc.org/youth-events/](http://powellumc.org/youth-events/).

**Youth Lenten Study** Join Rev. Hannah Wednesday mornings on Instagram to journey through Kate Bowler's, *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day!* No registration necessary. Access via [@powellyouth Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/powellyouth).

**Volunteer at the Annual Chili Dinner** Saturday, Feb. 3, 4:45-7pm. Help bus tables, stock the dessert table, refill drinks, and welcome guests! Email [kawooster@gmail.com](mailto:kawooster@gmail.com).

**Bowling on President's Day** Join us at Star Lanes Polaris for our annual bowling trip! Monday, Feb. 19, 11am-1pm. Cost is \$15 per person which includes bowling, food and other fun activities. Bring a friend! Register online, [powellumc.org/youth-events/](http://powellumc.org/youth-events/) by 2/7.

## Children's Ministries (Infant–5th grade)

Children's Ministries Director, [RebeccaBrownlee@powellumc.org](mailto:RebeccaBrownlee@powellumc.org)

**VBS SAVE the Date** This summer, June 2-7, we will take a SCUBA adventure, diving into friendship with God! Registration will open soon.

**Upcoming Wednesday Night Children's Ministry Events** Programs take place 6-7:30 pm. Dinner will be provided. Go to [powellumc.org/childrens-ministries](http://powellumc.org/childrens-ministries) for more information and to register.

- **Boy's Night**, for 1st - 5th grade: January 31
- **Children's Check In**, for preschool - 5th grade: February 7
- **Girl's Night**, for 1st - 5th grade: February 21
- **Club Story**, for 2nd - 5th grade: February 14 (6-7pm)

## Caring Ministries

Associate Pastor, [CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org](mailto:CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org)

**Cancer Support Group** meets on Zoom on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7pm to encourage and provide a sense of hope and community. All impacted by cancer are invited to be a part of this group. To get a Zoom link, contact Mike Wholf, [mwholf@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mwholf@columbus.rr.com).

\* Childcare Provided

## Music and Worship Arts

Music Ministries Director, [rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org](mailto:rachelparfenchuk@powellumc.org)

**Music Ministries at PUMC** Our adult groups and children's/cherub choirs are always accepting new members. If you would like to share your musical gifts, please contact Rachel for more information.

## Weekly Calendar of Events

### Sunday, January 28, 2024

09:30am – Children's Sunday School, Youth Sunday School, and Soul Cafe  
10:30am – Adult Bible study \*  
10:35am – Cherub Choir rehearsal and Children's Choir rehearsal  
10:45am – 10:45 Sunday School \*  
12:15pm – Pizza with the Pastors \*

### Monday, January 29, 2024

09:15am – Upper Room  
10:00am – Disciple I  
06:30pm – Iron Men

### Tuesday, January 30, 2024

10:00am – Tuesday Morning Group  
01:00pm – Women's H2O study  
06:30pm – Tuesday Women's Bible study \*  
06:45pm – Disciple III  
07:00pm – Until We Reckon class on Zoom  
07:00pm – Red Bird Mission Trip meeting

### Wednesday, January 31, 2024

06:00pm – Celebration Ringer rehearsal  
06:00pm – Boys' Night  
07:00pm – HOPE Letter meeting  
07:00pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal

### Thursday, February 1, 2024

10:00am – Thursday Morning class  
07:00pm – Thursday Evening Women's study

### Friday, February 2, 2024

09:00am – Connecting Threads sewing day  
06:00pm – Youth Winter Gathering

### Saturday, February 3, 2024

05:00pm – Chili Dinner

### Sunday, February 4, 2024

09:30am – Children's Sunday School, Youth Sunday School, and Soul Cafe  
10:30am – Adult Bible study \*  
10:35am – Cherub Choir rehearsal (no Children's Choir rehearsal)  
10:45am – 10:45 Sunday School \*  
04:15pm – Youth Praise Choir rehearsal  
04:15pm – Joyful Ringers handbell rehearsal (3rd-5th grade)  
05:00pm – Glorybells handbell rehearsal (6th-8th grade)  
05:45pm – Alleluia Bells handbell rehearsal (9th-12th grade)