

Prayer Requests

Thanksgiving

Caleb, my great-nephew, with gratitude that he is celebrating his first birthday after overcoming two intestinal surgeries. **Pam Zweibel**
PUMC Staff, who are working diligently behind the scenes to make sure our spaces are ready and we have everything prepared for beautiful Christmas Eve worship services. **PUMC**

Comfort, Healing, Discernment, Strength & Peace

Peg Green, my sweet sister, who now has in-home care as she has gradually gotten worse with her dementia and paralysis. **Catherine Dutkiewicz**
Troy Leatherman, my son, who is deployed in Jordan. **Charles Leatherman**
Barb Alber, my friend, for tolerance and comfort while she suffers through the effects of chemotherapy knowing that God is right there beside her. **Catherine Dutkiewicz**

Charlie, my friend, that his transition from this world to the next is painless. **Pam Zweibel**

Jill, my friend, that her recovery from surgery is quick and painless. **Pam Zweibel**

Colleen & Laura, sisters, who need healing. **Veronica & Bert Blair**

Myself, to set and hold appropriate boundaries to protect myself and my family during this Christmas season. **Unsigned**

Tim Hedrick, my friend Susie's son, whose cancer has returned again. **Shirley Sykes**

Mari Carroll, for continued healing and joy in this season. **Dave Woodyard**

Tom Staley, my friend, who is in an induced coma following cardiac arrest. **Pat & Tom Conrad**

Ben, my brother, experiencing his first Christmas away from our family because he has his first job in New York City. **Leah Wenner**

Richard Penwell, my friend, who is undergoing a lung biopsy, 12/19, that it is benign. **Jeanne Rocco**

Paul & Julie Amling, for peace and comfort for Paul as he enters hospice for cancer and strength and peace for Julie as she cares for Paul during this difficult time. **Jeanne Rocco**

Jane, my friend, with Stage 4 colon cancer. **Patty**

Jane, my friend, whose husband passed away and Jim, my friend, whose wife passed away. **Patty**

Jessica, my daughter-in-law, suffering from morning sickness. **Patty**

Linda & Clayton Weber, our friends, as life has been interrupted by a suppression pipe that burst in their newer apartment flooding their home. **Barb & Bill Knight**

Ryan, Bob, Andrew, & Maureen, friends & family, as they deal with severe depression and anxiety. **Patty**

Sympathy

Bev Sprague, my friend, for comfort and peace as she grieves the loss of Kathy, her sister. **Catherine Dutkiewicz**

My family, upon the death of Catherine. **Patty**

Growing Together in Faith

All those gathering for Christmas Eve Worship, as we are reminded of Emmanuel, God with us, not only on Christmas Eve but every day as we experience the joy and struggles of life. **PUMC**

Sharing God's Love and Changing Our World

Christmas Eve Hospitality and Clean-Up Teams, as they prepare to welcome worshippers to experience the light and love of Christ this Christmas. **PUMC**

Those Delivering Poinsettias, as they deliver flowers to members of our congregation who are home-bound or experiencing difficulties this holiday season. **PUMC**

What Is My Next Step?

Attend Pizza with the Pastors, Sunday, Jan. 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 new member retreat on Saturday, Feb. 8, 8:30am-12pm. 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.

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

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December 22, 2024

AN UNLIKELY ADVENT



Powell
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Senior Pastor, JustinWilliams@powellumc.org

Christmas Eve Worship

Early Christmas Eve Service Traditional with Candlelight and Carols
Sunday, December 22, 7:00pm

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

3:00pm Family Service with Candlelight *

5:00pm Youth-led with Candlelight

8:00pm Traditional with Candlelight and Live Streamed †

10:00pm Traditional with Candlelight and Communion †

† Music for an extended prelude begins 20 minutes prior to these services

***Lessons and Carols Service** Dec. 29, all three worship services. Join us for a Festival of Lessons and Carols. This service will celebrate the birth of Jesus through scripture and music. You will have the opportunity to sing your favorite carols and hear music prepared by our musicians. It will be an excellent way to Celebrate Christ's birth!

Church Office Hours The church office will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1. Staff will be available to respond to emails and return phone calls.

Undecorating the Church, Sunday, Jan. 5, following the 11am worship service. Lots of hands are needed to take down trees and pack decorations. The project is coordinated by Mark Koenig and Sarah Schnulo. No need to sign up, simply come!

Missions

Associate Pastor, CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org

Christmas Clearing House Thank You to all of you who donated and wrapped gifts, helped set up at the Delaware county fair grounds, and helped distribute. Over 1200 people were served including 568 families and 200 senior citizens!

Martin Luther King Day of Service Join us on Monday, Jan. 20, from 9am to noon as we partner with our local mission partners to serve our community. You can choose to serve at the Mid-Ohio Furniture Bank to build and paint furniture or serve at People in Need to sort food donations and stock the pantry. Children and Youth are welcome to serve with a parent. Sign up online under "What's Happening."

Save the Date for these special 2025 Mission Events

- Good Works Friday Night Life - Mar. 21, Jun. 13, & Nov. 7
- Red Bird Mission Trip to Beverly, KY - April 27-May2
- NAMI Walk - May 17
- Habitat for Humanity Walls Build - Aug. 9

Caring Ministries

Associate Pastor, CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org

Are you experiencing the Christmas Blues? The joy of Christmas can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. But help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the holidays and as long as your need persists. Email CarrieSchwab@PowellUMC.org to be connected to a Stephen Minister.

Transportation Ministry Our team provides rides for members of the congregation to enable them to attend worship, classes, and medical appointments. As the need for transportation continues to grow, we are looking for new drivers to join our team. To sign up, contact Kim LaRue, KimLaRue@powellumc.org.

Giving

Office Administrator, DebbieWenner@powellumc.org

A Big Sweet THANK YOU to everyone who baked, iced, or bought cookies and to all the people who helped set up and tear down for the Cookie walk. Your generosity helped raise \$4,500 for missions!

Sponsor Altar Flowers or a Food Basket in 2025 Sponsor Altar Flowers or a Food Basket in honor or in memory of someone or a special event. The church will handle the ordering and picking up of the flowers. If you choose a Food Basket, a display basket will be placed near the Altar in worship and a donation will be made to purchase food for People In Need. The cost is \$55. Sign up on the sheets at the Welcome Center.

All end-of-year gifts to the church or to the church Endowment Fund must be postmarked Dec. 31 to be posted to your 2024 giving.

Children's Ministries (Infant—5th grade)

Children's Ministries Director, RebeccaBrownlee@powellumc.org

Children's Christmas Eve Service Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 3pm. ALL children are invited to participate in the service by dressing in costume. Costumes are available in the children's education hallway.

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

- **Children's Check In**, for preschool - 5th grade: January 8

- **Girls Night**, for 1st—5th grade: January 15

Youth Ministries (6th—12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, AndresDeArco@powellumc.org

Christmas Eve Service Rehearsal for the youth led service is TODAY at 5pm in the sanctuary. This rehearsal is required for ALL youth participating in the 5pm service, including ushers, greeters and sound board.

Christmas Movie Night TODAY from 6-8pm. We will gather in the Lower Level to enjoy a movie, fun, and fellowship.

Adult Ministries

Adult Ministries Director, KimLaRue@powellumc.org

Women's Paint Class is back! Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6pm. We'll be painting a picture of flowers. The cost is \$30 per person paid in cash at the door. This event is sponsored by W.H.A.T. I.F., Women Having Adventures Together In Faith. Register online under "What's Happening" or contact Barb Munn, gmunncolumbus.rr.com, for more information. Deadline to register is January 12.

Food & Fellowship Gatherings starting in January! Here's your chance to get to know other folks from church in a small group setting. Each group will pick a restaurant monthly and will meet for four months, January through April. For more information, contact Janet McGranahan, janetquerryrdh77@gmail.com, or 419.902.3094. You can also register online under "What's Happening."

Young-ish Adult Small Group A welcoming space for young adults, couples, and families to engage in fellowship, study, and a shared meal. During the school year, this group gathers on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 6-7:30pm, with dinner and discussion. This group will begin a new study on Jan. 13. Childcare is provided. Contact anna.fickle225@gmail.com for more information.

Finding God in Best Sellers group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am at Scramblers on Route 23. The book for January 8 is *The Year of Living Danishly* by Helen Russell; the book for February 5 is *James* by Percival Everett. Contact Joy Waldron, jkw71550@gmail.com for more information.

Music and Worship Arts

Music Ministries Director, JeffDaubenmire@powellumc.org

Music Ministries at PUMC Our adult, children, and youth music groups are always accepting new members. If you would like to share your musical gifts, please contact Jeff for more information.

Preschool

PUMC Preschool registration for fall of 2025-2026 begins on Monday, Jan. 9. Call or email the preschool office to receive a link for online registration. Visit the Powell UMC Preschool website, pumcpreschool.com, call 614-847-3773, stop by the preschool office for more information. Classes are offered for 2, 3, 4/5 year olds, Pre-K, and Kindergarten Enrichment.

Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 22, 2024

08:15am – Traditional Worship service *
09:30am – No Children's Sunday school (Family Worship)
09:30am – Youth breakfast and fellowship time
09:30am – Traditional Worship service *
10:30am – Adult Bible study *
10:35am – Cherub and Children's Choir rehearsals
10:45am – 10:45 Sunday School class *
11:00am – Contemporary Worship service *
04:15pm – Joyful Ringers handbell rehearsal (3rd - 5th grade)
04:30pm – Youth praise choir rehearsal
05:00pm – Youth Christmas Eve rehearsal
06:00pm – Youth movie night
07:00pm – Early Christmas Eve service

Monday, December 23, 2024

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

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 Christmas Eve

03:00pm – Family Christmas Eve service
05:00pm – Youth-led Christmas Eve service
08:00pm – Christmas Eve service (music begins at 7:40pm)
10:00pm – Christmas Eve service with communion (music begins at 9:40pm)

Wednesday, December 25, 2024 Merry Christmas!

Thursday, December 26, 2024

09:00am – Church office closed until Jan. 2, 2025

Friday, December 27, 2024

09:00am – Poinsettia pick up until 12pm
10:30am – Clean up from Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 29, 2024

08:15am – Traditional Worship service *
09:30am – Children's Sunday school (No youth Sunday school)
09:30am – Traditional Worship service *
10:30am – Adult Bible study *
10:35am – Cherub and Children's Choir rehearsals
10:45am – 10:45 Sunday School class *
11:00am – Contemporary Worship service *
08:00pm – *Unlikely Advent* Zoom with Kim

* Childcare Provided

^ Hybrid Class (meets on Zoom and In Person)