

## Prayer Requests

### Joy & Thanksgiving

The leaders of **Epworth Music and Worship Retreat**, my Choir School, with thanks and joy for their leadership, inspiration and encouragement. **Kim La Rue**

**Car washers**, who demonstrated love and kindness to our community as they cleaned cars at the 200th anniversary community car wash. **PUMC**

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

**Ashley**, my granddaughter, for her health, safe journey and a great experience as she leaves for a two-week trip to Italy and Greece with a teenage and young adult service group. **Kathy Bender**

**Megan, Brian & family**, that testing and treatment will have a positive outcome. **Pam Zweibel**

**Brantley**, nephew of a co-worker, that a positive family experience awaits him. **Pam Zweibel**

**Unity**, may the spirit of unity increase as the agreements around the world help improve trade and success for all. **Unsigned**

**Our country**, that we end our divisiveness and come together as a nation. **Unsigned**

**Krissie & spouse**, that the outcome of the biopsy is a comfort to them. **Pam Zweibel**

**The children & families in Gaza**, that innocent children who are dying due to malnutrition be allowed to receive much-needed food. **Pam Zweibel**

**Kara Tela**, my daughter-in-law, as she prepares for upcoming neck and back surgery. **Nancy Tela**

**Rella Hadley**, my friend, who continues to live actively in spite of ALS stealing her abilities. **Dave Woodyard**

### Sympathy

The family of **Robert Sweeney, Sr.** my friend, as they mourn his death and remember the gifts of his life. **Sandy Huber**

The family of **Rev. Al Kundenreich**, my friend, upon his death, 7/20. **Kim La Rue**

The family of **Margy Bochman**, my friend, upon her death, 7/19. **Kim La Rue**

### Growing Together in Faith

**District Youth Event**, as youth from across the Olentangy River District gather for a night of food, worship, and to discover what it means to be part of the connectional church. **PUMC**

**Children's Check In**, where preschoolers to 5th-grade children gather to connect with God and one another. **PUMC**

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

**Common Ground Volunteers**, for the Lily Circle who prepare the meal, and the free store volunteers who go to Common Ground to serve the meal and assist shoppers. **PUMC**

**Habitat for Humanity Walls Build**, as our church community comes together to build the walls for Lexi's new home. **PUMC**

## What Is My Next Step?

**Attend Pizza with the Pastors**, Sunday, September 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. For more information, visit the Welcome Center in the Main Hall.

**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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# CHANGED FROM THE INSIDE OUT



August 3, 2025

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](mailto:JustinWilliams@powellumc.org)

**Special Guest** Next Sunday, Aug. 10, our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Jim Wilson, will be joining us as our guest preacher. He has served local congregations throughout the conference since 1987, with his most recent being at Church of the Messiah in Westerville. Jim is married to Nancy, who teaches for Columbus City Schools, and their son, Chase, is on staff at Indiana University. Rev. Wilson received his undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University and his Masters of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

**River Baptism** We will be having a river baptism next Sunday, Aug. 10, at 12:45pm. If you have not been baptized and are interested in this opportunity, please email Pastor Justin, [JustinWilliams@powellumc.org](mailto:JustinWilliams@powellumc.org). We invite everyone to come out and witness this event at Highbanks Metro Park.

**Blessing of the Backpacks** Sunday, Aug. 17, at all services. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to worship to be prayed over as they begin a new school year. Each student will receive a special blessing tag for their bag.

**200th Anniversary Church Picnic Celebration** Sunday, August 17, from 12 - 2pm. The meal will be provided. Come enjoy music, an inflatable bounce house, activities for children, youth, and adults, participate in the Midwest Mission project, and enjoy sweet fellowship with church friends. Please RSVP online under “What’s Happening” or at the Welcome Center so we can prepare enough food for everyone.

**Midwest Mission Tote Bags** All completed tote bags are due back to the church by next Sunday, Aug. 10. We will packing these bags with school supplies at the church picnic. Contact [CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org](mailto:CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org) with questions.

Giving

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

**August's Communion Offering Supports Watoto Read** Watoto Read resources and advocates for the education of children and young adults living in refugee camps in Sub-Saharan Africa. They partner with on-the-ground partners and the refugees themselves to remove barriers to education. Our pledge is to provide \$20,000 to cover 5 scholarships for refugee children. So far, we have raised \$15,029.

**Equal Exchange Sale** Next Sunday, Aug. 10, in the Main Hall. A variety of delicious food products that both support and empower farmers and consumers will be available.

Missions

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

**Habitat for Humanity Walls Build** THIS Saturday, Aug. 9, we will gather to build the walls for Lexi's Habitat Home. There are many ways to get involved:

- Friday, Aug. 8, 5-7 pm - Cut Team: Cut the lumber for the build
- Saturday, Aug. 9, 8:30 - 12 pm - Build Team: Work in teams to assemble the walls
- Sunday, August 10, 12 pm - 2 pm - Deliver the Walls: Load, deliver, and unload the walls at the build site

Sign up to serve online under “What’s Happening” or at the table in the Main Hall.

Save the Date: Fall Mission Opportunities

- Sep. 11 - Fashion & Fixings Common Ground's Annual Fundraiser
- Oct. 2 - People In Need’s Fall Fest Fundraiser
- Oct. 17 & 18 - Good Works: Work Trip
- Oct. 25 - Furniture Bank Day to Dream event
- Oct. 26 - Cost of Poverty Experience

Adult Ministries

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

**Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study** is beginning a study of the Epistles, which are letters written to the early churches. The first Epistle that we are studying is 1 Peter. All are welcome to come to the Office Conference Room at 10:30am on Sunday mornings to discover what was important for these churches to hear and what we can learn from them today.

**Laity Convocation for All Laity**, Aug. 15-16 at Worthington UMC. This event is designed for all members of the church who are not clergy, and that's you, the laity! It will be a time to connect with fellow church members from across the West Ohio Conference, participate in workshops, and grow in your faith. Register online under “What’s Happening.” For more information, contact [kimlarue@powellumc.org](mailto:kimlarue@powellumc.org).

**Finding God in Best Sellers** group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am at Scramblers on Route 23. The book for August 6 is *The 100 Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin; the book for Sep. 3 is *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner. Contact Joy Waldron, [jkw71550@gmail.com](mailto:jkw71550@gmail.com) for more information.

**Food & Fellowship Gatherings starting in September!** 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, September through December. Register online at [powellumc.org/adult-events/](http://powellumc.org/adult-events/) For more information, contact Janet McGranahan, [janetquerryrdh77@gmail.com](mailto:janetquerryrdh77@gmail.com), or 419.902.3094.

Youth Ministries (6th—12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, [ColinEvans@powellumc.org](mailto:ColinEvans@powellumc.org)

**District Youth Gathering** TODAY, 5-7pm at Linworth UMC. Come together with other United Methodist churches in our district for an evening of worship, fellowship, and food. Talk to Colin if you are interested in attending and haven’t already signed up.

**King’s Island** Tuesday, Aug. 5, 8am-8:30pm. Meet at the church at 8am to carpool to the park. Admission is \$55. Register online under “What’s Happening” by tonight.

**Trip to Thiele Family Farm** Tuesday, Aug. 12, 5pm-8:30pm. We will have dinner, tour the farm, and feed/play with the animals. Register online under “What’s Happening.”

**Save the Date** Fall Retreat, Sep. 12-14, at Camp Nuhop. More details will follow soon!

**Soft Plastic Recycling** We are collecting soft plastics (grocery bags, bread bags, chip bags, etc.) in bins in the hallway by the Preschool office and in the Lower Level youth space. Our goal is to collect 1000 pounds of it and when we do, we’ll earn a new bench that will sit outside the church. There are signs near each bin listing all the types of soft plastic that you can contribute.

Children’s Ministries (Infant—5th grade)

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

**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.

- **Children’s Check In**, for preschool - 5th grade: August 6
- **Girls Night**, for 1st - 5th grade: August 13
- **Boys Night**, for 1st - 5th grade: August 20

Save the Date: Bible Camp and Bible Presentation

- Bible Camp is Saturday, Sep. 6, from 9-11am
- Bible Presentation is Sunday, Sep. 7, during all worship services

Caring Ministries

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

**Transportation Ministry** Our team provides rides for members of the congregation to enable them to attend worship, classes, and medical appointments. The need for transportation continues to grow, so if your are available this summer, join our team! To sign up, contact [KimLaRue@powellumc.org](mailto:KimLaRue@powellumc.org).

Preschool

Andrea Lorenz, [directorpumcpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:directorpumcpreschool@gmail.com)

**Currently Enrolling** for the 2025-2026 school year! Openings are available for all age groups, 2 year olds through Kindergarten Enrichment (following Olentangy schools Kindergarten schedule). Visit [www.pumcpreschool.com](http://www.pumcpreschool.com) for more information.

Weekly Calendar of Events at Powell UMC

Sunday, August 3, 2025

- 08:15am – Traditional Worship service \*
- 09:30am – Children’s and Youth Sunday school
- 09:30am – Traditional Worship service \*
- 10:30am – Adult Bible study \*
- 10:45am – 10:45 Sunday School class \*
- 11:00am – Contemporary Worship service \*
- 12:15pm – Acolyte Training
- 05:00pm – District youth event at Linworth UMC
- 08:00pm – Revival Class with Kim, Zoom

Monday, August 4, 2025

- 09:00am – Upper Room
- 06:30pm – Stephen Ministry
- 06:45pm – GriefShare

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

- 08:30am – Youth to King’s Island
- 01:00pm – Women’s H2O Bible study
- 05:15pm – Serve at Common Ground Free Store

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

- 06:00pm – Children’s Check In (preschool - 5th grade) \*

Thursday, August 7, 2025

- 10:00am – Thursday Morning Class ^
- 06:30pm – Preschool Board meeting
- 07:00pm – Thursday Evening women’s study ^

Friday, August 8, 2025

- 05:00pm – Prep for Habitat for Humanity Wall Build

Saturday, August 9, 2025

- 08:30am – Habitat for Humanity Wall Build

Sunday, August 10, 2025

- 08:15am – Traditional Worship service \*
- 09:30am – Children’s and Youth Sunday school
- 09:30am – Traditional Worship service \*
- 10:30am – Adult Bible study \*
- 10:45am – 10:45 Sunday School class \*
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- 12:00pm – River Baptism
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\* Childcare Provided  
^ Hybrid Class (meets on Zoom and In Person)