

Prayer Requests

Joy & Thanksgiving

Brian Riddle, Mike Wholf, Chris & Catherine Martin, with thanksgiving for all of the help with Cheryl's move to her new apartment. **Kim Kelley & Cheryl Harger**

Comfort, Healing, Discernment, Strength & Peace

Carl Swanson, my good friend, for continued faith and healing as he battles cancer. **Alan Luvin**

Jeff Leatherman, my brother, who is hospitalized and is depressed and discouraged. **Charles Leatherman**

Ryan Scott Moore, my son, that he is able to find a job with opportunity to grow, health care, and other benefits. **Diane Eplin**

Martin Hubbard, Will's father, is entering hospice after being diagnosed with several cancers, including Stage 4 bone cancer. **Will & Elizabeth Hubbard**

Clint Ramsaire, my nephew, for healing from an emergency appendectomy while currently deployed at sea. **Lisa Everson**

Josh Farmer, my friend, for strength while going through chemo and healing from cancer. **Lisa Everson**

Caroline Graham, my niece, for strength while going through chemo and healing from cancer. **Lisa Everson**

Kerri Archer, my mother, having a second cancerous mass removed from her mouth, and will be having scans to see if the cancer has spread. **Greta Cline**

Carol, my friend, as she transitions to memory care, and for her three loving daughters. **Vicki Dotson**

Greg Roberts, my friend, hospitalized with a hip fracture after a recent fall and is awaiting surgery. **Dave Woodyard**

Sympathy

The family of **Ed Conrad**, my uncle, who passed away, 11/6. **Karen Baesman**

Growing Together in Faith

Youth Advent Study, for our youth who are gathering to study *Not A Silent Night*, and explore Jesus' life from Mary's point of view. **PUMC**

Boys' Night, for our elementary boys who will gather to explore the story of Peter's faith as he walked on water with Jesus. **PUMC**

Sharing God's Love & Changing Our World

Cancer Support Group, as they gather to provide encouragement and support for all those impacted by cancer. **PUMC**

MomCo, for the moms who gather to support one another and grow in faith as they raise young families. **PUMC**

Lifting Up Prayers

Weekly prayer requests may be submitted by completing a **blue Prayer Request Card**, located in the pews, during worship or by going to our website, powellumc.org/prayer-ministries/

Need to spend some quiet time with God? Visit the **Chapel** located in the pre-school hallway. You will find prayer books, candles, and prayer shawls.

Be part of the Prayer Ministry by signing up to be on the **prayer email** to intentionally pray for submitted prayer requests.

E-mail prayer@powellumc.org.

What Is My Next Step?

Attend Pizza with the Pastors, Sunday, November 23, 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. Our next New Member class will be announced soon. 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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DEFYING GRAVITY

Breaking Free from a Culture of More



November 16, 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

The Turning of the Year TODAY at 3pm in the Sanctuary. This is a Converging Arts Columbus concert of hope through change. All are invited and admission is free. Our own Powell UMC Chancel Choir and Rachel Parfenchuk will perform.

Decorate the Church for Advent NEXT Sunday, Nov. 23, 12:15pm. There will be garlands to hang and trees and nativity scenes to put up and decorate. More hands make the work lighter. No need to sign up, just come.

***Pizza with the PUMC Pastors** Sunday, Nov. 23, 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 the church and to get to know the pastors and others who are beginning their journey at PUMC. Register online under “What’s Happening” or at the Welcome Center.

200th Anniversary Commemorative Ornament Pick up your ornament in the Main Hall today. If you didn’t get the opportunity to pre-order an ornament, we have extras and you can purchase them from the table in the Main Hall. We are suggesting a donation of \$15 per ornament, with proceeds benefiting People In Need’s *Christmas Clearinghouse*, which provides holiday assistance to families in our community.

Annual Church Conference Monday, Nov. 17, at 7pm. You’re invited to our Annual Church Conference. While we’ll care for required business, this is also a time for us to celebrate the past year and look forward to what’s next. All members are welcome to join us and vote on our annual business. We hope you’ll consider joining us!

Giving

Office Administrator, DebbieWenner@powellumc.org

Sponsor Meals for Family Promise Dec. 7 - 13, PUMC will serve as the host church for Family Promise House. Each night of the week, a volunteer from our church will provide dinner for the residents and deliver essential items. Those providing meals are invited to stay and visit with the families during dinner time. Sign up online under “What’s Happening.”

Christmas Cookie Bakers Sign up in the Main Hall or online under “What’s Happening” to bake Christmas cookies for the annual Lily Circle Christmas Cookie sale. This year's Cookie Sale will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13, 8am-11:30am. Email Karen Barwinski, kbarwin2@outlook.com, with questions.

Caring Ministries

Associate Pastor, CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org

Cancer Support Group will meet THIS Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7pm on Zoom 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.

NAMI Connection Support Groups are a free, peer-led support group for any adult who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. You will gain insight from hearing the challenges and successes of others, and the groups are led by trained leaders who've been there. To learn more and see group options, visit: namimidohio.org/support-and-education/support-groups/connection-support-group

NAMI Family Support Groups NAMI offers a variety of support groups to meet the needs of people caring for those living with mental health symptoms. To learn more and see group options, visit: namimidohio.org/support-and-education/support-groups/family-support-group

Missions

Associate Pastor, CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org

Green Church Movement TODAY, Nov. 16, at 1pm, join for an organizational meeting of a Green Team. Our church is going to join the West Ohio Conference Green Church Movement. This movement strives to equip, empower, and encourage West Ohio churches to care for God’s creation through environmentally friendly practices and programs. Contact Kathy Inamura with any questions, khinamura@yahoo.com.

Angel Tree Mission Project PUMC is partnering with People in Need of Delaware to support families in need by providing Christmas gifts for their children. Our congregation has committed to providing gifts for 180 children. The Angel Tree is located in the Main Hall. You can take a tag or a few tags, follow the instructions to purchase the requested items, bring the gift(s) back, and put them under the tree. All gifts need to be returned by Sunday, Nov. 30.

Volunteer at the People In Need Holiday Clearing House Come to the Delaware County Fairgrounds to help set up the food, toys, and clothing that will be given to families in need this holiday season. Volunteers are needed Dec. 1-5 and Dec. 8-12 from 10am to 2pm each day and on distribution day Sunday, Dec. 14, from 8am to 6pm. Each shift is 2 hours long. Register online under “What’s Happening.”

Wrap Angel Tree Gifts Saturday, Dec. 6, at 9:30am. Join us as we gather to wrap all the Christmas toys and clothing given by the congregation for our Angel Tree children. Register online under “What’s Happening.”

Children’s Ministries (Infant—5th grade)

Children’s Ministries Director, 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 for more information and to register.

- **Boys Night**, for 1st - 5th grade: Nov. 19

Children’s Christmas Pageant *True North Christmas*, Saturday, Dec. 6, at 1pm. Jesus is our true north, from VBS to Christmas. All are invited to attend.

A Casual Christmas Sunday, Dec. 7, 3-5pm. The handbells will ring and the Cherub choir will sing in the Sanctuary from 3-4pm. Then we will move to Fellowship Hall for Christmas crafts, cookies, fellowship and fun. All are invited. Register online under “What’s Happening.”

Youth Ministries (6th—12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, ColinEvans@powellumc.org

Mission Trip Information Meeting THIS Tuesday, Nov. 18, 5:30pm. The youth will go to Good Works in Athens, Ohio July 12-18, 2026, where they will be serving neighbors in the community and staying in Hannah House. A second informational meeting will be offered on Sunday, Nov. 30, at 10:30am.

Youth Advent Study Begins THIS Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:30pm and will meet weekly through Dec. 16. The study is *Not A Silent Night* by Adam Hamilton. Register online under “What’s Happening.”

Adult Ministries

Adult Ministries Director, KimLaRue@powellumc.org

Surviving the Holidays with Griefshare If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and trying to imagine how you will get through the upcoming holidays, consider attending one of Griefshare's Surviving the Holidays programs. Excellent tips, reassurance and fellowship always help. Go to Griefshare's website to find a date and location that will work for you, landing.griefshare.org/holidays. Contact Kim La Rue with questions.

Weekly Calendar of Events at Powell UMC

Sunday, November 16, 2025

08:15am – Traditional Worship service *
09:30am – Children and Youth Sunday school
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10:30am – Adult Bible study *
10:35am – Cherub Choir and Children’s Choir rehearsals
10:45am – 10:45 Sunday School class * ^
11:00am – Contemporary Worship service *
12:15pm – Confirmation class - Session 3
02:00pm – Children’s Christmas Pageant rehearsal
03:00pm – Converging Arts Columbus *The Turning of the Year* concert
04:15pm – Joyful Ringers handbell rehearsal (3rd - 5th grade)
05:00pm – Glorybells handbell rehearsal (6th - 8th grade)
05:45pm – Alleluia Bells rehearsal (9th - 12th grade)

Monday, November 17, 2025

09:15am – Upper Room
10:00am – Creating the Covenant class
10:00am – Connecting Threads
06:30pm – Men of Iron
07:00pm – Church Charge Conference

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

10:00am – TMG (Tuesday Morning Group for senior adults)
01:00pm – Women’s H2O Bible study
05:30pm – Youth mission trip information session
06:30pm – Youth Advent study
07:00pm – Disciple I
07:00pm – Tuesday Night Women’s class *
07:00pm – Cancer Support Group (on Zoom)

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

09:30am – MomCo *
10:00am – Voices of Advent study with Shirley
06:00pm – Boy’s Night *
06:00pm – Celebration Ringer rehearsal *
06:30pm – Disciple II
07:00pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal *

Thursday, November 20, 2025

10:00am – Thursday Morning Class ^
07:00pm – Thursday Evening Women’s study ^
07:00pm – Lily Circle meeting

Friday, November 21, 2025

09:00am – Preschool Friday Funday

Sunday, November 23, 2025

08:15am – Traditional Worship service *
09:30am – Children and Youth Sunday school
09:30am – Traditional Worship service *
10:30am – Adult Bible study *
10:35am – Cherub Choir rehearsal (no Children’s Choir rehearsal)
10:45am – 10:45 Sunday School class * ^
11:00am – Contemporary Worship service *
12:15pm – Decorate the church for Advent
12:15pm – Pizza with the Pastors *
04:15pm – Joyful Ringers handbell rehearsal (3rd - 5th grade)
05:00pm – Glorybells handbell rehearsal (6th - 8th grade)
05:45pm – Alleluia Bells rehearsal (9th - 12th grade)

* Childcare Provided

^ Hybrid Class (meets on Zoom and In Person)