

Prayer Requests

Joy & Thanksgiving

Elliott, our great nephew, upon his birth and with thanks for the ICU medical team.

Faith Williams & Dave Holliday

My church family, a loving thank you for all your prayers for my cancer surgery. Praise to God for walking even closer with me through this difficult time and as I face radiation treatments. **Nancy Heaver**

Comfort, Healing, Discernment, Strength & Peace

Pastor Justin, as he travels with his doctoral ministry cohort following the path of the Apostle Paul in Turkey. **PUMC**

Diane & Scott, my sister & brother-in-law, as they relocate to Florida and he deals with multiple myeloma cancer. **Karen Barwinski**

Roberta Williams, my sister, facing multiple health challenges and surgery, 11/6. **Faith Williams**

Teresa Hushion, my cousin, as she recovers from a liver transplant on 11/1. **Karen Barwinski**

Jenn, my daughter, as she travels for work to Africa and Asia. **Dave Woodyard**

Jamaica, for comfort, peace and supplies after hurricane Melissa has devastated their country. **Catherine Dutkiewicz**

Kellie Hoar, our niece, recovering from surgery. **Dave Holliday & Faith Williams**

Bob Alber, my missionary friend, who is having a back procedure, 11/4, to relieve pain. **Catherine Dutkiewicz**

All people impacted by Hurricane Melissa, that all those in Jamaica, Cuba and others will be blessed with assistance to rebuild. **Pam Zweibel**

All those impacted by the government shutdown, that God guides the hearts of those in charge to do what is best for those who depend on salaries and benefits. **Pam Zweibel**

Judy, my friend, that testing reveals viability in her feet, so that surgery is not needed. **Pam Zweibel**

Tina G, my friend, that her health challenges can be managed well with medications. **Pam Zweibel**

Laura, my sister, that all testing for a chronic illness will end in a better outcome than expected. **Pam Zweibel**

Georgia, my friend, who recently rang the bell at Nationwide Children's, may she be healed and feel God's presence and love. **Kelly Swemba**

Sudanese people in Darfur, prayers for peace to end the genocide. **Catherine Dutkiewicz**

June, my sister, hospitalized again after a recent surgery. **Linda Vrable**

Sturtz family, Bice's two brothers, who are facing challenges to their health, for a full recovery. **Bob & Bice Dolciato**

Bonnie, my friend, for strength and healing as she battles cancer. **Debbie**

Sympathy

The family of Maureen Luis, my friend and a truly wonderful woman who was always positive and made you feel loved, who passed, 11/2. **Catherine Dutkiewicz**

Mark, my friend and co-worker, & his family, whose wife Lori passed away suddenly after travelling to England to be with their pregnant daughter. **Steve Johnston**

The family of Maureen & Michael Luis, my friends, who have both passed away within a short time of each other. **Robin Brown**

Growing Together in Faith

Young-ish Adult Group, fellowshiping, learning and walking through life together in faith. **PUMC**

Youth Progressive Dinner, as our youth enjoy food and fellowship as they are hosted by church families for a three-course meal. **PUMC**

Sharing God's Love & Changing Our World

Blood Drive, as people come to give the gift of blood to those they do not know. **PUMC**

Operation Christmas Child, for our families who shared small gifts and joy with children around the world this Christmas season. **PUMC**

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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Church Office Hours: 9:00am–3:30pm Monday-Thursday, Closed Friday & Saturday

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DEFYING GRAVITY

Breaking Free from a Culture of More



November 9, 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

Equal Exchange Sale Visit the tables in the Main Hall TODAY where a variety of delicious food products that both support and empower farmers and consumers will be available.

200th Anniversary Commemorative Ornament Today is the last day to pre-order your ornament. The ornaments will be available to pick up beginning Sunday, Nov. 16. Extra ornaments have been ordered, so if you didn't get the opportunity to pre-order, you will be able to 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. Purchase your ornament online under "What's Happening."

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!

***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.

Decorate the Church for Advent 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.

Missions

Associate Pastor, CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org

People In Need Special Offering As the U.S. government shutdown continues, more than 40 million people are expected to lose food assistance benefits as of Nov. 1. To address this growing hunger crisis in our community, our mission partners at People In Need have let us know that the most pressing need is for financial contributions to purchase meat. Their current supply is not able to meet the increasing client needs. If you would like to contribute, please indicate PIN food in the memo line of your check or contribute online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/YPM5/campaign/C-Z603> with PIN food in the note section.

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 150 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.

Caring Ministries

Associate Pastor, CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org

Stephen Ministers Are There to Care Are you going through a difficult time emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? You don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care. To be connected to a Stephen Minister, email CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org.

Giving

Office Administrator, DebbieWenner@powellumc.org

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.

Adult Ministries

Adult Ministries Director, KimLaRue@powellumc.org

All-Church Advent Studies There are many dates and times to study with gifted facilitators. Because of how the holidays fall, some of our advent studies are beginning early. *Voices of Advent; The Bible's Insights for a Season of Hope* by Matthew Skinner explores how these texts shape our lives and our Christmas celebrations. Look at the Advent insert and register online under "What's Happening" for the date and time that works for you. Contact Kim La Rue for more information.

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.

Youth Ministries (6th–12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, ColinEvans@powellumc.org

Youth Advent Study Begins 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."

Progressive Dinner Wednesday, Nov. 12, 5:30-8pm. We will gather for a meal and fellowship together that will be split between three homes. Register online under "What's Happening."

Children's Ministries (Infant–5th grade)

Children's Ministries Director, RebeccaBrownlee@powellumc.org

Operation Christmas Child All filled boxes must be returned TODAY in the Main Hall.

***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.

- **Girl's Night**, for 1st - 5th grade: Nov. 12
- **Boys Night**, for 1st - 5th grade: Nov. 19
- **Children's Check In**, for preschool - 5th grade: Dec. 17

Save the Date

- Children's Christmas Pageant: Saturday, Dec. 6, at 1pm
- A Casual Christmas: Sunday Dec. 7, 3-5pm

Music and Worship Arts

Music Ministries Director, JeffDaubenmire@powellumc.org

Did you know our Chancel Choir welcomes new members all year long? The Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm. All adults are welcome and child care is available during rehearsal. If you are interested in joining or have questions, contact JeffDaubenmire@powellumc.org.

Weekly Calendar of Events at Powell UMC

Sunday, November 9, 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 – Children's Choir rehearsal (No Cherub Choir rehearsal)
10:45am – 10:45 Sunday School class * ^
11:00am – Contemporary Worship service *
12:15pm – Confirmation class - Session 3
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 10, 2025

09:15am – Upper Room
10:00am – Creating the Covenant class
06:00pm – Young-ish Adult group
06:30pm – Men of Iron
06:30pm – Preschool Board Meeting
07:00pm – Missions committee meeting

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

10:00am – TMG (Tuesday Morning Group for senior adults)
12:00pm – Powell Community Blood
01:00pm – Women's H2O Bible study
07:00pm – Disciple I
07:00pm – Tuesday Night Women's class *

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

09:30am – Faith For Moms *
10:00am – Voices of Advent study with Shirley
05:30pm – Youth Fellowship - Progressive dinner
06:00pm – Girls Night *
06:00pm – Celebration Ringer rehearsal *
06:30pm – Disciple II
07:00pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal *

Thursday, November 13, 2025

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

Sunday, November 16, 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 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
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)