

Prayer Requests

Joy & Thanksgiving

My grandsons & other children, seeing the wonder of Christmas through their eyes. **Kim La Rue**
Aunt Nancy Blackstone, with thanks to God for her life upon her death, 12/13, at age 101. **Faith Williams**
Myself & husband, for the many blessings and some answered prayers, and with gratitude for the safe travel recently. **Pam Zweibel**

Comfort, Healing, Discernment, Strength & Peace

All those grieving or struggling during this season, that they will find support and compassion. **PUMC**
My Dad, who fell and broke his hip and needs to be stabilized before surgery. **Jeanine Ellis-Klausing**
Monica, my daughter, for relief from vertigo as her body tries to adapt to new medications. **Nancy Cuartas**
Rosemary, my friend, hospitalized and is very sick. **Marta**
Craig, our friend, as he goes through aggressive chemotherapy treatments for newly diagnosed pancreatic cancer. **Todd & Holly Meyer**
My sister. Unsigned
Jan Louis, my lifetime friend, with Parkinson's & **her husband. Joan Kreps**
Harry Miller, my father, recovering from knee surgery. **Elizabeth Hubbard**
Tom Manning, our cousin, that he can find a new home for adults with special needs. **Joan & Tim Kreps**
Relva, my mother, for the strength to deal with daily trials. **Randy Fleming**
Laura, my sister, for a treatable diagnosis. **Pam Zweibel**
Carrie, my co-worker, that her treatments will decrease any further spread of disease. **Pam Zweibel**
The world & our country, that leaders will choose to end all wars. **Pam Zweibel**
A local family, whose child is recovering from brain surgery. **Unsigned**
Jan Stout, for healing and comfort as she deals with new health concerns. **PUMC**

Sympathy

The family of Mike Trinko, an old Scouting friend, as they grieve his passing earlier this week. **Drew Thiele**

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**
Advent Study Participants, as they have spent time studying together this Advent, drawing closer to God and one another. **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 Poinsettia, 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, January 25, 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 Sundays, Feb. 15 and 22, 12:15-2:30pm. 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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VOICES OF ADVENT

Listening for Hope While We Wait

Powell
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 21, 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

Nativity Display Stop by the Main Hall Display case to see the beautiful Nativity Sets on loan from congregation members. Merry Christmas!

Christmas Eve Worship

Early Christmas Eve Service, Sunday, December 21
7:00pm Traditional with Candlelight and Carols

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24
4:00pm Family Service with Candlelight *
6:00pm Youth-led with Candlelight
8:00pm Traditional with Candlelight and Live Streamed †
10:00pm Traditional with Candlelight and Communion †

*Nursery Care Provided

† Music for an extended prelude begins 30 minutes prior to these services

***Lessons and Carols Service** Dec. 28, 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. 2. Staff will be available to respond to emails and return phone calls.

Undecorating the Church, Sunday, Jan. 4, 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!

Welcome New Members

We Celebrate Receiving New Members today during worship. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome them!

Brian Jasper	Leah Jasper	Merlene Lewis
Edee McMillen	Les McMillen	John Middelberg

Missions

Associate Pastor, CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org

Martin Luther King Day of Service Join us on Monday, Jan. 19, 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 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."

Spring 2026 Mission Trip Save the Date April 19-25. We will travel to Ashe County, NC, to participate in Long-Term Disaster Recovery work following Hurricane Helene. More information and registration coming soon!

Serve at the Common Ground Free Store Our next opportunity to serve together will be Tuesday, Jan. 6, from 5:15-8:15 pm. Volunteers will take meal orders, serve dinner, assist shoppers, and run the store. To serve, register online under "What's Happening."

Giving

Office Administrator, DebbieWenner@powellumc.org

Sponsor Altar Flowers or a Food Basket in 2026 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 2025 giving.

A Big Sweet THANK YOU to everyone who baked, iced, or bought cookies and to all the people who helped set up, sell, and tear down for the Cookie walk. Your generosity helped raise \$4,900 for missions! Next year's sale will be Saturday, Dec. 12, 2026.

Children's Ministries (Infant–5th grade)

Children's Ministries Director, RebeccaBrownlee@powellumc.org

***Family Christmas Eve Service (4pm)** All children and families are invited to attend and participate in our service. No need to register to dress in costume, just come! Costumes can be picked up at the church on Christmas Eve.

Children & Families Serving This holiday season, our church filled 90 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We are also serving families involved in Prison Fellowship by building connections between children and incarcerated family members. We are gifting 57 children gifts from incarcerated loved ones.

Church Camp It is not too early to start planning for Church Camp this summer. Registration begins on December 26th. Church Camp is a wonderful gift to give a child for Christmas. Join Ms. Rebecca at Camp Wanake July 5-11 or pick a week that works for your schedule. Camps run from June 14 through July 31, 2026.

Vacation Bible School June 7-12, 2026 Registration will open in January! We will be heading to Rainforest Falls, *Exploring the Nature of God*.

Youth Ministries (6th–12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, ColinEvans@powellumc.org

tubing at Snow Trails Saturday, Jan. 10, 10:30am. We will meet at the church and eat lunch on the way. The plan is to tube from 1-3pm. Deadline to register is THIS Wednesday, Dec. 24. Register online under "What's Happening."

New Years Eve Party Wednesday, Dec. 31, 7:30pm-12:45pm. We will gather at the church, head out to bowl, and then return to church to ring in the new year together. Register online under "What's Happening."

Adult Ministries

Adult Ministries Director, KimLaRue@powellumc.org

Food & Fellowship Gatherings starting in January! Here's your chance to get to know other folks from church in a small group setting. For more information, contact Janet McGranahan, janetquerryrdh77@gmail.com, or 419.902.3094. Register online under "What's Happening."

TMG begins *The Lord's Prayer* by Adam Hamilton on Jan 5. You will explore each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life. Meets Tuesdays at 10am with Rev. Dave Woodyard.

Finding God in Best Sellers group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am at Scramblers on Route 23. The book for Jan. 7 is *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters; the book for Feb. 4 is *Wordhunter* by Stella Sands. For more information, contact Joy Waldron, jkw71550@gmail.com.

Preschool

Andréa Lorenz, ALorenz@powellumcpreschool.org

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year Registration opens on Jan. 7 for currently enrolled families, Jan. 9 for church members and alumni, and Jan. 12 for everyone. Openings are available for all age groups, 2 year olds through Kindergarten Enrichment (following Olentangy schools Kindergarten schedule). Visit www.pumcpreschool.com for more information.

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.

Weekly Calendar of Events at Powell UMC

Sunday, December 21, 2025
08:15am – Traditional Worship service *
09:30am – Children's and Youth Sunday school *
09:30am – Traditional Worship service *
10:30am – Adult Bible study *
10:35am – 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)
05:00pm – Glorybells handbell rehearsal (6th - 8th grade)
05:45pm – Alleluia Bells rehearsal (9th - 12th grade)
07:00pm – Early Christmas Eve service
08:15pm – *Voices of Advent* led by Kim La Rue on Zoom

Monday, December 22, 2025
09:15am – Upper Room

Tuesday, December 23, 2025
06:30pm – Youth Christmas Eve rehearsal

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve
04:00pm – Family Christmas Eve worship *
06:00pm – Christmas Eve worship led by our youth
08:00pm – Christmas Eve worship
10:00pm – Christmas Eve worship

Thursday, December 25, 2025 Merry Christmas!

Saturday, December 27, 2025
10:00am – Clean up from Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 28, 2025
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 – No Cherub and Children's Choir rehearsals
11:00am – Contemporary Worship service *
08:00pm – *Voices of Advent* led by Kim La Rue on Zoom

* Childcare Provided
^ Hybrid Class (meets on Zoom and In Person)