

Prayer Requests

Joy & Thanksgiving

Church Staff, for their hard work to prepare for Advent & Christmas worship, classes, and logistics around the church. **PUMC**

Volunteers, who served to bake cookies, deliver poinsettias, greet, usher, and clean the church to welcome the congregation and community on Christmas Eve. **PUMC**

Musicians and their directors, for providing beautiful seasonal music. **PUMC**

Comfort, Healing, Discernment, Strength & Peace

Kevin and Amy Droner, for guidance through a difficult time, as both have been recently diagnosed with cancer, may they recover and enjoy many years of a normal, faithful life. **Peter Husenitza**

Those who are hurting emotionally or physically, for peace and comfort during this Christmas season. **Catherine Dutkiewicz**

The Global Community, that they will find peace in 2026! **Catherine Dutkiewicz**
Jan Stout, for comfort and healing from multiple health issues. **Myself**
Louise, my friend, that she may stay strong while going through chemo and radiation. **Joan Miller**

Khelleh Konteh, my friend, for safe travel to Africa this week to see family, and a safe return. **Kim La Rue**

The leaders of the world & our country, that love is chosen over greed and hate. **Pam Zweibel**

Immigrants & Refugees, for strength, resilience and feeling God's love in these times of turmoil and fear. **Kathy Inamura**

Sympathy

Sandy Knoedler & her family, upon the death of Kelby, 12/19. **PUMC**

The family of Nancy & Tim Christoff, especially their daughter-in-law, **Emilie**, upon the death of their son, Justin, 12/22. **PUMC**

Claudia, my friend, for strength and comfort as Claudia lost her father and her precious dog this week. **Linda Shank**

Growing Together in Faith

Our Youth Group, as they gather to celebrate New Year's Eve together with bowling and fellowship. **PUMC**

Sharing God's Love & Changing our World

Our Christmas Eve services, as we were reminded, that the light can never be extinguished by darkness. **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, 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!

825 E. Olentangy Street, Powell, OH 43065

614-847-3703

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

www.PowellUMC.org

Merry Christmas

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Powell
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 28, 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..

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!

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.

Food & Fellowship Gatherings starting in January! Get to know other folks from church in a small group setting. Register online under “What’s Happening” by Jan. 4. For more information, contact Janet McGranahan, janetquerryrdh77@gmail.com, or 419.902.3094.

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.

Preschool
[Andreá Lorenz, ALorenz@powellumcpreschool.org](mailto:AndreáLorenz@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.

Adult Ministries
Adult Ministries Director, KimLaRue@powellumc.org

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. Hamilton teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life. Meets Tuesdays at 10am with Rev. Dave Woodyard.

The 10:45 Sunday School Class begins *Parables* by Josh Scott on Sunday, Jan. 12. The author shows how Jesus' stories were grounded in the world in which he lived and his vision of the Kingdom of God. This book explores six parables that give us a window into Jesus’s message and movement, and, once they are heard in their own context, ask what they might mean for us today. Facilitated by Kathy Perry & Kim La Rue .

Laity Discernment Retreat in three sessions meeting Feb. 2, Feb. 9 and March 23, all on Zoom. Kim La Rue facilitates this for the West Ohio Conference. If you feel God's call on your life but you're not sure what to do next, join us. Register through the West Ohio Conference website, [westohioumc.org/search?search_terms= laity+discernment](http://westohioumc.org/search?search_terms=laity+discernment)

***New Member Series** Sundays, Feb. 15 and Feb. 22, from 12:15-2:30pm. If you have thought about becoming a member of PUMC and want to know more about the church, our pastors, and our work in the world, please join us. Register online under “What’s Happening” or at the Welcome Center.

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.

Youth Ministries (6th—12th grades)
Youth Ministries Director, ColinEvans@powellumc.org

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.”

Youth Bible Studies Tuesday, Jan. 13, 6:30-8pm. All youth, 6th-12 grade, are invited to attend Girls of Grace and God’s Young Men. These groups meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

MLK Day of Service at Furniture Bank Jan. 19, 8:30am to 12:30pm. Wear clothing that you can get dirty or paint on and closed-toe shoes. Register online under “What’s Happening.”

Good Works Mission Trip July 12-18, 2026. Registration is open online under “What’s Happening.” Contact Colin with any questions.

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. Each event focuses on staying connected to one another and God.

- **Children’s Check In**, for preschool - 5th grade: January 21
- **Club Story**, for 2nd - 5th grade: January 28

Church Camp It is not too early to start planning for Church Camp this summer. Registration begins on December 26th. 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*.

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. The need for transportation continues to grow, so if you are available this fall, join our team! To sign up, contact KimLaRue@powellumc.org.

Join the Caring Hearts Team Caring Hearts is a ministry that provides food and hospitality during times of grief for our church members and friends during memorial and funeral services. The ministry can also be called upon to provide food or hospitality for special church events. To join the team, contact PattyMoore@powellumc.org.

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, 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

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 New Year’s Eve
07:30pm – Youth New Year’s Eve party

Thursday, January 1, 2026 New Year’s Day

Friday, January 2, 2026
09:00am – Connecting Threads sewing day

Sunday, January 4, 2026
08:15am – Traditional Worship service *
09:30am – Youth Sunday school (No Children’s 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 *
12:15pm – Undecorate the church
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)