

## Prayer Requests

### Joy & Thanksgiving

**Jan**, my friend, that her tumor was removed and she is cancer free. **Patty Janet Haigood, Kyra Krier, Bill & Barb Knight, and Kristin & Chris Martin**, for their help in celebrating Nancy Tela's birthday by handling hospitality. **Ann Tela Young & Cathy Tela**

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

**Lorna Cervantes**, my friend, for comfort and healing with heart-related problems. **Shirley Sykes**

**Anita**, my friend, healing from broken bones after a fall. **Patty**

**Pat**, who is being tested for breast cancer. **Patty**

**Ryan, Bob & Drew**, my family & friends, coping with depression and anxiety. **Patty**

**Theresa**, my mother, may God help my mother wait well with hope.

**Veronica Petta Blair**

**Paul Fowler**, my friend, for healing and strength during this special season.

**David Woodyard**

**John & Donna Osborn**, may God's powerful love bring them renewed strength and hope. **Dave Woodyard**

**Jeff Logan**, my brother, having chronic health issues. **Carol Patitu**

**Students**, as exams approach and they study, deal with stress, responsibility, and the pain of growing up. **Dedicated Teachers**

**My friend**, healing from colon cancer. **Unsigned**

**Hanna**, our daughter, for strength and smooth transition in the coming weeks as she moves for work. **Todd & Julie Fenstermaker**

**Hong Kong fire victims & families**, for comfort through this horrible tragedy.

**Catherine Dutkiewicz**

**Catherine Dutkiewicz**, for peace, comfort and joy as I travel to Florida for a family vacation in the midst of family strife. **Myself**

**Jim Crawford**, my friend, hospitalized with COPD issues. **Shirley Sykes**

**My sister & brother-in-law**, for courage and guidance as they look for their new home. **Nicole Tosoian**

### Sympathy

**The Family of Raymond Bapst**, our wonderful brother, who passed away Nov. 30. **Joyce Wallach & Jean Gawronski**

### Growing Together in Faith

**Casual Christmas**, as our children and youth share their musical gifts with our congregation. **PUMC**

**Young-ish Adult Group**, as they gather to study and enjoy fellowship. **PUMC**

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

**Cookie Bakers**, as they support this year's Cookie Walk to raise funds for mission. **PUMC**

**Those providing meals and groceries**, as PUMC serves as the host church for the residents of Family Promise house. **PUMC**

**PIN Clearing House Volunteers**, as they serve to set up the Christmas Clearing House to bless those in need in our community this holiday season. **PUMC**

**Christmas Miracles**, for participating families, as incarcerated parents share the joy of celebrating together with food, festivities and gifts inside Ohio's correctional institutions, and for those who serve in the background to make it happen—ODRC staff, HOPE Letter Writers, members of All In Community and Four Seven Ministries.

**Rev. Sandy Huber**

## The 2025 Advent & Christmas Season

### WORSHIP

**Early Christmas Eve Service** with candlelight and carols

Sunday, December 21, 7:00pm

**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 †

† Music for an extended prelude begins 30 minutes prior to the 8:00pm and 10:00pm services

**A Service of Lessons and Carols:** the Christmas story told through music and scripture

Sunday, December 28, 8:15am, 9:30am & 11:00am \*\*

### STUDIES

**All-Church Advent Bible Study**, *Voices of Advent; The Bible's Insights for a Season of Hope* by Matthew Skinner leads us through biblical texts and explores how they shape our lives and Christmas celebrations. Jesus promises to return, John the Baptist prepares the way for the Messiah, faithful people and poets speak of magnificence, and angels praise God when Christmas dawns. These set the powerful overture that sets the tone for the incredible story of Jesus.

Sundays at 10:45am, facilitated by Kathy Perry and Kim La Rue  
Begins November 23 \*\*

Sundays at 8:00pm, Zoom class facilitated by Kim La Rue  
Begins November 30

Tuesdays at 10:00am, senior adults facilitated by Dave Woodyard  
Begins November 25

Tuesdays at 6:30pm, facilitated by Pastor Justin and Pastor Carrie  
Begins November 25 \*\*

Thursdays at 10:00am, facilitated by Mary Ellen Hatton & Kim La Rue  
Begins December 4

Thursdays at 7:00pm, women's group facilitated by Kristina MacKenzie and Kim La Rue, Begins December 4

**College Bible Study**, *Crash Course: Ambassadors for Jesus in College*

Friday, December 19 at 10am, facilitated by Vanessa Adams

### SERVING AND GIVING

**Equal Exchange, Kindwear and Dreamshine Sale: gift opportunities**

Sunday, December 14, 9:00am - 12:30pm, Main Hall

**Un-decorate the Church: take down trees and pack decorations**

Sunday, January 4, 12:15pm, meet in the Main Hall

### MUSIC OF THE SEASON

**Vivaldi's Gloria**, presented by PUMC and Linworth UMC Chancel Choirs with orchestra

Monday, December 8, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

**Christmas Concert by Pastor Justin and David Wion**

Sunday, December 14, 3:00pm, Sanctuary

**Christmas Concert featuring Nick Cosgrove with Jeff Daubenmire**

Tuesday, December 16, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

# VOICES OF ADVENT

## Listening for Hope While We Wait



December 7, 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)

**Spirit-Filled Christmas Giving** Buy delicious and meaningful gifts from Equal Exchange, Kindwear and DreamShine, to support small-scale farmers, those who are in prison, and children and adults living with disabilities. Equal Exchange items are available in the Main Hall today and Kindwear and DreamShine will be available next Sunday, Dec. 14.

**A Casual Christmas** TODAY, 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, treats, fellowship and fun. All are invited.

**Vivald’s Gloria** TOMORROW, Dec. 8, 7pm in the Sanctuary. All are invited to enjoy this concert presented by the Powell UMC and Linworth UMC Chancel choirs.

**\*Ladies Night Christmas Party** THIS Thursday, Dec. 11, 6:30 pm. Ladies, you are invited for an evening of fellowship and Christmas celebration. Bring 5 of the same, unwrapped gifts (\$5-10 each) and an appetizer or a dessert to share. Childcare is available. Register online under “What’s Happening.”

**Christmas Cookie Bakers** If you signed up to contribute cookies to the Cookie Walk, drop them off this Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 10 & 11, from 9am to 8pm and Friday, Dec. 12 from 9am to 1:30pm at the back of the Sanctuary. The Cookie Walk is THIS Saturday, Dec. 13, 8am-12pm. Come early for the best selection. Cookie bakers and volunteers are still needed. Email Karen Barwinski, [kbarwin2@outlook.com](mailto:kbarwin2@outlook.com), to help.

**Quilt Display and Craft Sale** Sponsored by Connecting Threads, THIS Saturday, Dec. 13, 9am-12pm, in the Main Hall. Many quilts will be on display and you are invited to come and view these beautiful reflections of the people in our community. There will also be small gift items available for purchase. If you are interested in displaying a quilt for this event, please contact Nancy Christoff, [ngchristoff@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ngchristoff@columbus.rr.com).

Missions

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

**Volunteer During the Christmas Season** There are many ways to volunteer and share your gifts during Advent. Complete the insert or contact Kim La Rue to serve.

Giving

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

**December Communion Offering** supports the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. Your giving to this fund allows the ministerial staff to provide emergency help to people in need within our congregation and community.

**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.

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

- **Children’s Check In**, for preschool - 5th grade: December 17

**Family Christmas Eve Service (4pm)** The children will read scripture, dress in nativity costumes, and tell the story of Jesus' birth. All children are invited to dress in costume. If your child would like to read scripture, register online under “What’s Happening” by Dec 13.

Youth Ministries (6th–12th grades)

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

**Youth Advent Study** Continues Tuesday, Dec. 9, 6:30pm and will meet weekly through Dec. 16. All youth are welcome.

**Cookie Walk Volunteers** Saturday, Dec. 13, 8am-12pm. If you are able to help on the day of the sale, register online under “What’s Happening.”

Adult Ministries

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

**College Bible Study** Crash Course: Ambassadors for Jesus in College, Friday, Dec. 19, 10am. Join other college students for a discussion and fellowship time here at PUMC. Register online under “What’s Happening.” Facilitated by Vanessa Adams.

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

**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. For more information, contact Joy Waldron, [jkw71550@gmail.com](mailto:jkw71550@gmail.com).

Music and Worship Arts

Music Ministries Director, [JeffDaubenmire@powellumc.org](mailto:JeffDaubenmire@powellumc.org)

**Repeat the Sounding Joy Christmas Concert** Sunday, Dec. 14, 3pm. Pastor Justin Williams and David Wion are joined by their brothers, Darin Wion and Devin Mitchell, for this concert. This is the first of a concert series using the Steinway concert grand piano that was given in memory of Marilyn Davis. The concert is free, donations will be accepted.

**Home For Christmas Concert Featuring Nick Cosgrove** Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7pm. Also playing are Aaron Schwartz on violin, Phil Patterson on drums, Sammy Gurgiolo on trumpet and Jeff Daubenmire playing the Steinway. The concert is free but donations will be accepted to benefit the Powell UMC Music Ministry.

**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](mailto:JeffDaubenmire@powellumc.org).

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 you are available this fall, join our team! To sign up, contact [KimLaRue@powellumc.org](mailto:KimLaRue@powellumc.org).

Weekly Calendar of Events at Powell UMC

Sunday, December 7, 2025

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 – Children’s Choir rehearsal (No Cherub Choir rehearsal)  
10:45am – 10:45 Sunday School class \* ^  
11:00am – Contemporary Worship service \*  
12:15pm – Confirmation  
01:45pm – Alleluia Bells rehearsal (9th - 12th grade)  
02:00pm – Glorybells handbell rehearsal (6th - 8th grade)  
02:30pm – Joyful Ringers handbell rehearsal (3rd - 5th grade)  
03:00pm – Casual Christmas  
08:00pm – *Voices of Advent* led by Kim La Rue on Zoom

Monday, December 8, 2025

09:15am – Upper Room  
06:00pm – Young-ish Adult Group  
06:30pm – Men of Iron  
06:30pm – Preschool Board meeting  
07:00pm – *Vivaldi* concert with Powell UMC and Linworth UMC Chancel Choirs

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

10:00am – TMG (Tuesday Morning Group for senior adults)  
01:00pm – Women’s H2O Bible study  
06:30pm – *Voices of Advent* led by Pastor Justin and Pastor Carrie \*  
06:30pm – Youth Advent study  
07:00pm – Disciple I

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

09:30am – Faith For Moms \*  
10:00am – *Voices of Advent* study with Shirley  
06:00pm – Celebration Ringer rehearsal \*  
06:30pm – Disciple II  
07:00pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal \*

Thursday, December 11, 2025

10:00am – Thursday Morning Class ^  
07:00pm – Ladies Night Christmas Party \*

Saturday, December 13, 2025

08:00am – Cookie Walk and Quilt Display

Sunday, December 14, 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 \*  
03:00pm – Christmas Concert with David Wion and Pastor Justin  
08:00pm – *Voices of Advent* led by Kim La Rue on Zoom

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