

## Prayer Requests

### Joy & Thanksgiving

**Stephen Ministry Team**, with thanksgiving for the faithful care and support they provide to those in our congregation and our community who are going through difficult times. **PUMC**

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

**Mary Linn Hoffmann**, our friend, for a speedy recovery from her broken hip.

**Russ & Mary Blackstone**

**Christopher & Leslie Fawley**, my son & daughter-in-law, as they have adopted a baby boy, Vincent, who was born 12 weeks early and will be in the NICU for several months. **Alice Fawley**

**My sister**, recovering from cancer and going through rehab. **Unsigned**

**Jo & Bob**, our friends, as they work with Jo's memory issues. **Joan & Tim Kreps**

**Jim Lindsay**, my brother, hospitalized for sepsis. **Kathy Nissenbaum**

**Karen Curren & Annette Brobeck**, for safe travels on their mission trip to Cuba.

**The Lily Circle**

**Beth Mitchell**, my sister, seeing a neurologist after experiencing two concussions, dizziness, and severe migraines. **Deb Randolph**

**JT Todd**, my friend, in ICU battling multiple challenges, including cancer. **Nicole Tosoian**

**Jeff Logan**, my brother, has been placed on oxygen 24/7 due to chronic health issues.

**Carol Patitu**

**The World**, God continue wrapping your arms in love and protection throughout the world. **Catherine Dutkiewicz**

**Nick**, that God's will be done in his life. **Michael**

**Virginia & Jim**, for understanding as they proceed with their divorce. **Michael**

**Eric**, for strength and healing as he and his wife navigate this difficult time in their marriage. **Michael**

**Monica & Myself**, for safe travels and a seizure-free vacation this weekend.

**Nancy Cuartas**

**Evelyn**, my niece, hospitalized to run tests to determine what is causing her illness.

**Patty Moore**

**Jeanine Klausing-Ellis**, our friend, who is recovering from an arm injury and is traveling this week to Florida to be with her father, who is hospitalized and in despair.

**Robin Brown**

**Matt Thompson**, my friend's nephew, for comfort for him and for his family after being diagnosed with ALS. **Joy Waldron**

**Kevin Droner**, my son-in-law, as he recently had a cancerous brain tumor removed and is now starting chemotherapy. **Peter Husenitza**

### Sympathy

**The family of Ken Fields**, my colleague & friend, who recently passed. **Dave Boling**

**Pat Hunter**, upon the death of her husband, Rev. Bill Hunter, Jan 10. **Dave Woodyard**

**The family of Renee Good**, for healing and justice for the family and the Minneapolis community. **Pam Zweibel**

### Growing Together in Faith

**Men of Iron**, as they study, *If Grace is True*, and consider God's grace and the hope it brings to our lives. **PUMC**

**Adult Small Group (30s & 40s)**, as they gather for fellowship and explore how scripture can be a tool for healing. **PUMC**

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

**MLK Day of Service**, as church members honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King by serving our community at People in Need and at the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio. **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](mailto: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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# Finding Peace in the Midst of Anxiety



January 18, 2026

# 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)

**\*Pizza with the PUMC Pastors** NEXT Sunday, Jan. 25, 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 PUMC and to get to know the pastors and others who are beginning their journey at PUMC. Register at the Welcome Center.

**Youth Plastic Recycling Mission** We have reached our 1000 pound goal of recycled plastics, and this week our bench arrived. Stop by the mission area to see the bench and pray over it as it becomes a part of our church. We will continue to collect and recycle plastic. For more information, contact [ColinEvans@powellumc.org](mailto:ColinEvans@powellumc.org).

**Lent Devotion Writers** Each year, folks in our congregation write a devotion for Lent. This year's theme is *Heaven at Work on Earth*. If you would like to write a devotion, register online under "What's Happening." After registering, you will receive the full directions. The deadline to turn in your devotion is Jan 30. For more information, contact [kimlarue@powellumc.org](mailto:kimlarue@powellumc.org).

## Missions

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

**Annual Lily Circle Chili Dinner** Saturday, Jan. 31, 5-7pm. Tickets can be purchased at the dinner and are \$15 for adults and \$6 for children up to age 13. The dinner includes chili and toppings, cornbread, dessert and a beverage. Take out will be available. There will be door prize giveaways during the dinner. All proceeds will go to Family Promise.

**Hurricane Helen Disaster Recovery Mission Trip** Registration is now open for this spring's mission trip to Ashe, NC, April 19-25. We will be hosted by a local church as we participate in long-term disaster recovery work in the community. Registration deadline is March 8. Register online under "What's Happening."

**Lenten Coat Drive** We will be collecting NEW winter coats for People In Need's 2026 Holiday Clearing House during the month of March. Children, youth, and adult coats of all sizes are needed. Stock up now during the end of the season sales!

## Giving

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

**No Equal Exchange Sale in January** The next sale will be Sunday, Feb. 8. Your support through Equal Exchange sales in 2025 allowed the Peace & Justice team to donate \$600 to Family Promise. In addition, the purchase of these products supported the United Methodist Committee on Relief and small farmers. You can find the order form to purchase online under "What's Happening."

**January's Communion Offering Supports Family Promise** Your giving helps homeless families in Delaware County achieve lasting independence by providing housing, meals, and social support. In addition to financial support, four weeks a year, volunteers from PUMC provide meals and groceries for those living at the Family Promise house. Our next week to serve is Feb. 15 - 21. To learn more about Family Promise, visit [www.familypromise-delawareohio.org/](http://www.familypromise-delawareohio.org/).

## Adult Ministries

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

**Thursday Morning Group** meets weekly at 10am. Beginning Jan. 22, the new study will be *Introduction to the Trinity* based on thoughts from Richard Rohr, scripture and history. We will unpack this mystery and see what it teaches us about everyday life. Facilitated by Kim La Rue & Mary Ellen Hatton.

**Thursday Night Women's Group** meets weekly at 7pm. Beginning Jan. 22, the new study will be *Fierce* by Jennifer Cowart. In this six-week study we will look at lesser-known female characters in the Bible and the ways they changed the world by living into God's calling. Facilitated by Kristina MacKenzie and Kim La Rue.

**Laity Discernment Retreat** 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. Find the link to register online under "What's Happening."

**Finding God in Best Sellers** group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30am at Scramblers on Route 23. The for Feb. 4 is *Wordhunter* by Stella Sands; the book for March 4 is *The Sideways Life of Denny Voss* by Holly Kennedy. For more information, contact Joy Waldron, [jkw71550@gmail.com](mailto:jkw71550@gmail.com).

## Youth Ministries (6th-12th grades)

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

**Youth Bible Studies** Tuesday, Jan. 27, 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.

**WinterJam Concert** Saturday, Jan. 24, 4pm. We will meet at the church to have a meal together and then drive down to the Schottenstein Center for an evening of music and worship. Register online under "What's Happening."

**District Youth Gathering** Friday, Jan. 30, 6-9pm. Powell UMC is hosting this gathering of youth from around the Olentangy River District. There will be dinner, fellowship, and worship. Register online under "What's Happening."

## 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: 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 is open. 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. We will head to Rainforest Falls, *Exploring the Nature of God*. Registration is open online under "What's Happening."

## Preschool

Andréa Lorenz, [ALorenz@powellumcpreschool.org](mailto:ALorenz@powellumcpreschool.org)

**Enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year** Registration is open for all age groups, 2 year olds through Kindergarten Enrichment (following Olentangy schools Kindergarten schedule). Visit [www.pumcpreschool.com](http://www.pumcpreschool.com) for more information.

## Caring Ministries

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

**Cancer Support Group** will meet THIS Tuesday, Jan 20, 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](mailto:mwholf@columbus.rr.com).

## Weekly Calendar of Events at Powell UMC

### Sunday, January 18, 2026

- 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)

### Monday, January 19, 2026 Church office closed for MLK Holiday

- 09:15am – Upper Room
- 10:00am – Connecting Threads
- 06:30pm – Men of Iron

### Tuesday, January 20, 2026

- 10:00am – Tuesday Morning Group (TMG)
- 01:00pm – Women's H2O Bible study
- 06:45pm – Disciplers small group
- 07:00pm – Disciple I class
- 07:00pm – Cancer Support Group (on Zoom)

### Wednesday, January 21, 2026

- 09:30am – MomCo \*
- 06:00pm – Celebration Ringer rehearsal \*
- 06:00pm – Children's Check In (preschool - 5th grade) \*
- 06:30pm – Disciple II
- 07:00pm – Chancel Choir rehearsal \*

### Thursday, January 22, 2026

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

### Friday, January 23, 2026

- 09:00am – Preschool Friday Funday

### Sunday, January 25, 2026

- 08:15am – Traditional Worship service \*
- 09:30am – Children's and Youth Sunday school \*
- 09:30am – Traditional Worship service \*
- 10:30am – Adult Bible study \*
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\* Childcare Provided

^ Hybrid Class (meets on Zoom and In Person)