

## Prayer Requests

### Joy & Thanksgiving

**Sophia**, my great-niece, with thanksgiving that she safely flew out of Dubai on 3/6. **Catherine Dutkiewicz**  
**Joyce**, my mother, with praise as we celebrate her 85th birthday. **Robin Suydam**  
**Reed Alexander Young**, my great-grandson, welcoming my fourth great-grandchild. **Nancy Tela**

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

**Dave Holliday**, our friend, for continued recovery from his recent health struggles. **David Narance & Karen Curren**  
**Dusty Nichols**, our daughter, that her new medication will help her with her MS and relieve her of symptoms she is having. **Jim & Kay Frey**  
**Rick Parfenchuk**, our friend, for continued recovery from surgery. **Jim & Kay Frey**  
**Diane**, my sister-in-law, for healing and strength as she recovers from a broken shoulder. **Faith Williams**  
**Mackenzie Troutman**, my granddaughter, multiple tests this week for gastro-intestinal issues. **Terry**  
**Strength in my studies**, as I finish my master's degree. **Tatenda Juma**  
**Chris Lowe**, our friend, for a fast recovery from a procedure, 3/11. **Russ & Mary Blackstone**  
**Barb Knight**, my friend, for relief from a continual cough. **Janniefier Leatherman**  
**Ethan Pac**, Tommy's Wittenberg Lacrosse teammate, having meniscus surgery, 3/9. **Tom & Lori Kipfer**  
**Lena Delcarte**, my great-niece, for leg surgery, 3/11, in Antwerp, Belgium. **Ondine**  
**Laura**, my sorority pledge sister, battling breast cancer. **Traci Kennedy Brockfield**  
**John**, my friend, for healing and strength as doctors monitor colon cancer cells. **Traci Kennedy Brockfield**  
**Kristin**, the daughter of our new neighbor, as she goes through chemo treatments. **Charles Graham**  
**My mom**, who suffered a stroke and is super weak, and for our family as we try to care for her. **Darin Baldwin**  
**Garlene Smithson**, my friend, hospitalized. **Kim La Rue**

### Sympathy

**My grandson**, upon his tragic death. **Paul Fowler**

### Growing Together in Faith

**Youth Lenten Bible Study**, as they gather each week to study and enjoy fellowship with one another. **PUMC**  
**Cancer Support Group**, as those impacted by cancer gather to provide support and encouragement to one another. **PUMC**

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

**Lenten Coat Drive**, with thanksgiving for those who are purchasing warm coats for our neighbors in need. **PUMC**

## What Is My Next Step?

**Attend Pizza with the Pastors**, Sunday, March 29, 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, April 12 and 19, 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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# Through Their Eyes

Witnesses  
at the  
Cross

**Powell**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 15, 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)

**Children's Palm Parade** Sunday, March 29, at the 9:30 service. All children are invited to participate. Children will go to their Sunday school classrooms. Their teachers will lead them to the Sanctuary for the parade and then back to their classrooms.

**The Stations of the Cross** Monday, March 30 through Good Friday, April 3, you can do a self-guided walk of these stations in the Main Hall. On Friday, April 3, at 10am, Kim La Rue will lead a guided tour of the stations in the Main Hall. Additionally, we have new Stations of the Cross outside the church building around the east parking lot, created by Aaron Hannis for his Eagle Scout project. Join Kim on Friday, April 3, at 1pm to walk the new stations. Contact [KimLaRue@powellumc.org](mailto:KimLaRue@powellumc.org) with questions.

**Labyrinth Walk** There is spiritual symbolism comparing Easter and the season of Spring. Join Kim La Rue for a Labyrinth prayer experience on Friday, March 27, at 5.30pm. Bring an open heart and dress for the weather as we experience the glorious nature of spring on our outside Labyrinth east of the church building. Contact [KimLaRue@powellumc.org](mailto:KimLaRue@powellumc.org) with questions.

### Holy Week Worship

- **Maundy Thursday Worship**, worship and Communion, April 2, 7pm \*
- **Good Friday Worship**, the story of Jesus' passion through music and scripture, April 3, 7pm \*
- **Easter Sunrise Worship**, a youth-led worship experience, April 5, 6:45am
- **Easter Morning Worship**, April 5, 8:15am, 9:30am, and 11:00am \*

**\*Pizza with the PUMC Pastors** Sunday, March 29, 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 online under "What's Happening" or at the Welcome Center.

**Job Opening** Our church is hiring a Children's Ministry Director. We are looking for a passionate, Christ-centered leader who loves helping children grow in faith and helping families feel connected and supported. If you, or someone you know, may be a good fit, please send a resume and cover letter to Pastor Justin, [justinwilliams@powellumc.org](mailto:justinwilliams@powellumc.org).

**Easter Hospitality Needed** Help us make our Easter morning fellowship welcoming for all! We are looking for volunteers to bring baked goods and to serve on the hospitality team Easter morning by preparing coffee, serving refreshments, and helping with cleanup. If you can help in either way, sign up online under "What's Happening."

## Missions

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

**Lenten Coat Drive** Next Sunday, March 22, is the last day to bring coats for the drive for People In Need's 2026 Holiday Clearing House. New coats of all sizes are needed. Bring donations to the rack in the Main Hall.

**Good Works Friday Night Life** Powell UMC will host the Friday Night Life meal at Good Works on March 27. Here are ways to get involved. Register under "What's Happening."

- Donate food: Grab a tag or two off the tree in the Main Hall, purchase the items, and bring them back to the church kitchen by Wednesday, Mar. 25.
- Prep the meal: Thursday, Mar. 26, 6-8 pm. Come to help prepare the FNL meal.
- Serve at Friday Night Life, Mar. 27, 2-9 pm. We will carpool to Good Works to set up and serve the meal while enjoying an evening of fellowship with the community.

## Children's Ministries (Infant-5th grade)

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

**Early Bird Registration at Camp Wanake** TODAY is the last day to receive the \$50 early bird discount on summer camp registration. Register now to take advantage of this discount!

**Summer Church Camp** Registration is open! Join Anna Fickle (Wanake, June 21-26), Colin Evans (Wanake, June 28 - July 3), or Pastor Carrie (Wesley, July 5-8). When registering, use discount code PowellUMC26. Complete the PUMC Scholarship form to let us know you are attending camp, so we can apply your scholarship. Find the form online under "What's Happening."

**Volunteer at Vacation Bible School (June 7 -12)** Adults and Youth (7th to 12th grade) are invited to serve at Rainforest Falls VBS this Summer. Nursery care is provided for volunteers with children who are not old enough to participate. All volunteers will need to attend a training session before serving. Information will be provided after you register. Sign up at: <https://vbspro.events/p/pumc2026>

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

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

**Youth Lent Study** Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm. The study is *Simon Peter* by Adam Hamilton. All youth, 6th-12 grade, are invited to attend.

**Game Night Fellowship** Wednesday, March 18, 6:30-8pm. We will gather in the youth space for an evening of fellowship and board/card games. Feel free to bring your favorite game and your friends! Register online under "What's Happening."

**Senior Recognition Sunday** Powell UMC seniors will be recognized on Sunday, May 3, at all worship services. Register your senior online under "What's Happening." To be recognized on Senior Sunday, a photo and bio of the senior must be submitted to Colin by April 12.

**Easter Sunrise Service** The youth will lead the Easter Sunrise service this year. If your youth is interested in helping out, please sign up online under "What's Happening."

## Adult Ministries

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

**\*New Member Series** Sundays, April 12 and April 19, 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 April 1 is *The Music of Bees* by Eileen Garvin; the book for May 6 is *Axis Sally: The American Voice of Nazi Germany* by Richard Lucas. For more information, contact Joy Waldron, [jkw71550@gmail.com](mailto:jkw71550@gmail.com).

## Caring Ministries

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

**Cancer Support Group** will meet THIS Tuesday, March 17, 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. Contact Mike Wholf, [mwholf@columbus.rr.com](mailto:mwholf@columbus.rr.com), to get a Zoom link.

**NAMI Family-to-Family Class** An 8-week class on Wednesdays, beginning April 8, from 6-8:30pm at Powell UMC. This is a free educational program for family, partners, and friends of those with mental health conditions. For more information or to register, go online under "What's Happening."

## Weekly Calendar of Events at Powell UMC

### Sunday, March 15, 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)
- 08:00pm - *Witness at the Cross* Lent study on Zoom with Kim

### Monday, March 16, 2026

- 09:15am - Upper Room
- 10:00am - Monday Friends
- 10:00am - Connecting Threads
- 06:30pm - Men of Iron
- 07:00pm - Leadership Board meeting

### Tuesday, March 17, 2026

- 10:00am - Tuesday Morning Group (TMG)
- 06:30pm - Youth Lent study
- 06:30pm - *Witness at the Cross* Lent study with Pastor Justin
- 07:00pm - Disciple I class
- 07:00pm - Cancer Support Group (on Zoom)

### Wednesday, March 18, 2026

- 09:30am - MomCo \*
- 10:00am - *Witness at the Cross* Lent study with Shirley Sykes
- 06:00pm - Celebration Ringer rehearsal
- 06:30pm - Disciple II
- 06:30pm - Youth Fellowship - game night
- 07:00pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

### Thursday, March 19, 2026

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

### Friday, March 20, 2026

- 09:00am - Preschool Friday Funday

### Sunday, March 22, 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 \*
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\* Childcare Provided

^ Hybrid Class (meets on Zoom and In Person)