

Prayer Requests

Thanksgiving

Cameron Michael, my grandson, with thanksgiving for the safe birth of my newest grandson, 12/1. **Catherine Dutkiewicz**

Camellia Alexis Caple, our new-born granddaughter, with thanks for a safe delivery and everyone is doing well. **Karen & Bill Barwinski**

Scott Hockenberry, my brother-in-law, with thanksgiving for your prayers and a positive PET scan results showing chemo is working. **Karen Barwinski**

For family, faithful friends & many blessings, with which God has blessed me. **Pam Zweibel**

Comfort, Healing, Discernment, Strength & Peace

John Hanna, my father, recovering from hospitalization due to an infection following surgery. **Julie Fenstermaker**

Susan McLennan, David's sister, for healing from recent cataract surgery. **David Narance & Karen Curren**

Baby Ella, my cousin's first child, born 11/22 with Down's Syndrome, receiving chemotherapy for pre-leukemia. **Lana Runkle**

Gary Effinger, Steve's dad, for his surgery and quick recovery. **Steve & Betsy Effinger**

Judith N. Kayembe, my sister from Dallas, TX & her church team, on their mission to Kenya (East Africa). **Ondine Konteh**

Kenny & Ann Hoffman, my friends, as he begins chemotherapy, 12/6, and she is his caregiver. **Jeanne Rocco**

Don Peters, our brother-in-law, for diagnosis and relief from back problems. **Dave Holliday & Faith Williams**

Mary Lou, my 96 years-young grandmother, for peace and comfort after multiple falls and a reluctant move into assisted living and that she remembers to use her walker. **Michelle Hanlon**

Bob Kight, our brother, having a heart procedure, 12/5. **Jack Kight & Patti Fry** My childhood best friend, for understanding and peace as we have not spoken since the election. I love her and am hurting and I miss her. **Unsigned**

Elijah Swai, my son, who underwent two abdominal surgeries due to a car accident and is now waiting for pelvic muscle repair surgery. **Ana Swai**

Sympathy

Kathy Needham, my neighbor, upon the sudden loss of her son, Mark, this past week. **Julie Barthel**

Sharing God's Love and Changing Our World

Casual Christmas, as our children and youth lead us in song, celebration, and fellowship. **PUMC**

Quilt Show sponsored by Connecting Threads, displaying beautiful handiwork and many hours of work plus offering crafts for sale to support missions. **PUMC**

Cookie Walk, as we share sweet treats with the community to raise funds for our mission partners. **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.

The 2024 Advent & Christmas Season

WORSHIP

Longest Night of the Year Labyrinth Walk

Saturday, December 21, 12:00pm

Early Christmas Eve Service with candlelight and carols

Sunday, December 22, 7:00pm

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

3:00pm Family Service with Candlelight **

5:00pm 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 15 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 29, 8:15am, 9:30am & 11:00am **

SERVING AND GIVING

Equal Exchange, Kindwear and Dreamshine Sale: gift opportunities

Sunday, December 8, 9:00am - 12:30pm, Main Hall

People In Need Holiday Clearing House: sort gifts for families

December 9-December 13, 9:00am - 2:00pm,
Delaware County Fairgrounds

Cookie Walk: homemade cookie sale & Quilt Display

Saturday, December 14, 8:00am-12:00pm, Narthex & Main Hall

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

Sunday, January 5, 12:15pm, meet in the Main Hall

MUSIC OF THE SEASON

Casual Christmas, children and youth handbell choirs, the Cherub Choir, and the Youth Praise Choir

Sunday, December 8, 3:00pm, Sanctuary

Christmas Concert featuring Nick Cosgrove and Jeff Daubenmire

Sunday, December 15, 3:00pm, Sanctuary

FELLOWSHIP

Casual Christmas for families: carols, crafts, and cookies

Sunday, December 8

3:00 - 4:00pm, listen to the bells ring and the Cherub and Youth Praise choirs sing in the Sanctuary

4:00 - 5:00pm, crafts and cookies in the Fellowship Hall

December Club Story: dinner, music, and movie for 2nd-5th grade

Wednesday, December 11, 6:00 - 7:30pm. Register online

December Boys & Girls Night: dinner, music, Bible story, 1st-5th grade

Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 - 7:30pm. Register online

Ladies' Night: Christmas party for women **

Thursday, December 19, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall. Register online

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

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December 8, 2024

AN UNLIKELY ADVENT



Powell
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Spirit-Filled Christmas Giving Buy delicious and meaningful gifts TODAY from Equal Exchange, Kindwear and DreamShine, to support small-scale farmers, those who are in prison, and children and adults living with disabilities.

A Casual Christmas TODAY all are invited to listen to the children and youth handbells, the Cherub Choir, and the Youth Praise Choir in the Sanctuary from 3-4pm. Then we will move to Fellowship Hall for Christmas crafts, cookies, fellowship and fun. All are invited!

Meet the Author of our All-Church Advent Study Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7pm. It's always great to hear what the author says about their process, the book we are reading, and their own faith journey. Please join us when Rev. Rachel Billups joins us to talk about her story. All are invited.

Quilt Display and Craft Sale Sponsored by Connecting Threads, THIS Saturday, Dec. 14, 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 Tela, nancyrtele@gmail.com.

Christmas Cookie Bakers If you signed up to contribute cookies to the Cookie Walk, drop them off this Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 11 & 12, from 9am to 8pm and Friday, Dec. 13 from 9am to 12pm at the back of the Sanctuary. The Cookie Walk is THIS Saturday, Dec. 14, 8am-12pm. Come early for the best selection. Questions? Email Karen Barwinski, kbarwin2@outlook.com, or Peggy Meredith, DavePeg77@hotmail.com.

Christmas Concert Featuring Nick Cosgrove and Jeff Daubenmire NEXT Sunday, Dec. 15, 3pm, in the Sanctuary. This is a free concert and all are invited.

Missions

Associate Pastor, CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org

Serve at People In Need Holiday Clearing House, Dec. 9-13, from 9am-2pm at the Coliseum building at the Delaware Fairgrounds. The Clearing House provides hundreds of families in our community with Christmas gifts, a winter coat, and groceries for a holiday meal. You can serve by coming to sort and set up donations for the event. Our very own Terry Troutman leads the Toyland department. Sign up online to serve, delawarepeopleinneed.org/holiday-clearinghouse.

Sponsor Meals for Family Promise Jan. 5 to Jan. 11 PUMC will serve as the host church for Family Promise House. We will provide dinner each night for the residents and bring needed essentials. Those providing meals are invited to stay and visit with the families during dinner time. Sign up online under "What's Happening."

Caring Ministries

Associate Pastor, CarrieSchwab@powellumc.org

Stephen Ministers Are There to Care Are you going through a difficult time emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? You don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care. To be connected to a Stephen Minister, email StephenMinistry@PowellUMC.org.

Transportation Ministry Our team provides rides for members of the congregation to enable them to attend worship, classes, and medical appointments. As the need for transportation continues to grow, we are looking for new drivers to join our team. To sign up, contact Kim LaRue, KimLaRue@powellumc.org.

Giving

Office Administrator, DebbieWenner@powellumc.org

Sponsor Altar Flowers or a Food Basket in 2025 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

A Casual Christmas TODAY from 3-5pm. The handbells will ring and the Cherub and Youth Praise choirs will sing in the Sanctuary from 3-4pm. Then we will move to Fellowship Hall for Christmas crafts, cookies, fellowship and fun. All are invited. Register online under "What's Happening."

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.

- **Club Story**, for 2nd - 5th grade: December 11
- **Girls Night**, for 1st-5th grade: December 18
- **Boys Night**, for 1st - 5th grade: December 18
- **Children's Check In**, for preschool - 5th grade: January 8

Youth Ministries (6th-12th grades)

Youth Ministries Director, AndresDeArco@powellumc.org

Youth Led Christmas Eve Service All youth are invited to take part in leading our annual Youth Christmas Eve Service. Whether you want to lead prayer, read, or even greet our guests, this is your chance to make Christmas Eve your own. Register online under "What's Happening."

Youth Advent Study Meets this Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 6:30pm. It's not too late to participate!

Adult Ministries

Adult Ministries Director, KimLaRue@powellumc.org

***Ladies Night Christmas Party**, Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:30pm. You are invited for an evening of fellowship and Christmas celebration. Bring 5 of the same, unwrapped gifts (\$5-10 each) and either an appetizer or a dessert to share. Register online under "What's Happening."

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, or 419.902.3094. You can also register online under "What's Happening."

Young-ish Adult Small Group A welcoming space for young adults, couples, and families to engage in fellowship, study, and a shared meal. During the school year, this group gathers on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, 6-7:30pm, with dinner and discussion. This group will begin a new study on Jan. 13. Childcare is provided. Sign up online or contact anna.fickle225@gmail.com for more information.

Women's Paint Class is back! Wednesday, Jan. 15, 5:30pm. We'll be painting a picture of flowers. The cost is \$30 per person and must be paid by cash or check (made out to Mary Davis) at the door. This event is sponsored by W.H.A.T. I.F., Women Having Adventures Together In Faith. Register online under "What's Happening" or contact Barb Munn for more information, gmunnn@columbus.rr.com.

Music and Worship Arts

Music Ministries Director, JeffDaubenmire@powellumc.org

Music Ministries at PUMC Our adult, children, and youth music groups are always accepting new members. If you would like to share your musical gifts, please contact Jeff for more information.

Weekly Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 8, 2024

- 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 *
- 01:30pm - Children and youth bell rehearsals
- 03:00pm - Casual Christmas

Monday, December 9, 2024

- 09:15am - Upper Room study
- 10:00am - Disciple II
- 06:30pm - Stephen Ministry
- 06:30pm - Iron Men

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

- 10:00am - Tuesday Morning Group (TMG)
- 06:30pm - Youth Advent study (Girls of Grace and God's Young Men)
- 06:30pm - Pastor's Advent study *
- 06:45pm - Disciple IV

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

- 09:00am - MomCo book study *
- 09:00am - Cookie drop off in the back of the Sanctuary until 8pm
- 06:00pm - Club Story (2nd - 5th grade)
- 06:00pm - Celebration Ringer rehearsal
- 06:30pm - Disciple I Bible study
- 07:00pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, December 12, 2024

- 09:00am - Cookie drop off in the back of the Sanctuary until 8pm
- 10:00am - Thursday Morning class ^
- 07:00pm - Meet Rachel Billups, author of *An Unlikely Advent*

Friday, December 13, 2024

- 09:00am - Cookie drop off in the back of the Sanctuary until 12pm

Saturday, December 14, 2024

- 08:00am - Cookie Walk
- 09:00am - Quilt Display and craft sale

Sunday, December 15, 2024

- 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 - Nick Cosgrove Christmas concert
- 04:30pm - Youth praise choir rehearsal

* Childcare Provided

^ Hybrid Class (meets on Zoom and In Person)