JULY 19, 2026
CLASSIC WORSHIP | 8:45 & 10:00AM

WHEN I GROW UP: ON MY WAY TO BEING MATURE?

EPHESIANS 4: 7-8, 11–16
REV. DAVID NEUEN

Have you ever imagined what it would be like if you never aged? Maybe it sounds like a gift to have no wrinkles, no gray hair, and no reminders that time is passing. But what if never aging meant never growing? Scripture reminds us that God's desire is that we will experience spritual transformation. We are invited into a lifelong journey of maturing into Christ. Today we will explore why growth matters, why we sometimes resist it, and how God continues to shape us into people who grow together as the body of Christ.

WELCOME!
We are so glad you're here!

WORSHIP TIMES

CLASSIC WORSHIP Sundays at 8:45 & 10:00am in the Sanctuary.
NEWDAY PRAISE WORSHIP Sundays at 10:00am in the Worship Annex.
YOUTH WORSHIP Wednesdays at 7:00pm in room 200.
LIVE STREAM *at pumc.tv*

KIDS AND YOUTH

INFANT AND TODDLERS Care is provided in room 127 from 8:30am–11:00am.
K-GRADE 5 Room 203 at 10am.
GRADES 6-12 Small groups meet in room 200 at 10am.

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

Find adult small groups and classes at ***pumc.org/groups***

KIDS@PUMC WEEKDAY PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL AGES 1-5 Email Charity Aton at ***caton@pumc.org***
KIDS CONNECTION GRADES K-5 Email McKenzie Smalley at ***msmalley@pumc.org***

ANNUAL FISH FRY Join us Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1. It takes over 150 people to make this two-day event possible and we need your help whether you can give one shift or the whole day. Sign up in the Main Lobby or online at ***pumc.org/fish-fry***

Volunteer at the Fish Fry at ***pumc.org/registrations***

WORSHIP UNDER THE TENT Join us as our entire church family gathers for one combined service on Sunday, August 2 at 10am under the Fish Fry Tent. Invite your friends and family to join us for this unique worship experience. Please note that there will be no other services that morning and it will not be live streamed.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP NIGHT AT THE INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS GAME

Join us for an Indians game on Friday, August 7! Enjoy an evening of baseball, fellowship, and post game fireworks at Victory Field. It's a great opportunity to connect with others while cheering on the Indians. Tickets can be purchased at ***pumc.org/registrations***, so be sure to reserve yours and join us for a fun summer night at the ballpark!

GROWING YOUNG ALL-CHURCH SURVEY

Help us better understand our church by taking this 5-minute survey. We invite everyone to participate—even if you've completed it before or aren't an official church member. Please complete one survey per person. Tablets will be available in the Main Lobby after worship on July 19 and 26 if you'd prefer to take it at church. Thank you for helping us continue to grow!

Fill out the survey between July 18–August 1 at ***oursurvey.church/PlainfieldUnitedMethodist*** or scan the QR code.

A TIME TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE
How Can I Keep From Singing? — arr. Lani Smith
Nick Fennig, piano

* **GREETING**

* **HYMN UMH 110**
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**
Liturgist: We have not been called to remain where we began.
People: The Holy Spirit is drawing us onward, deeper, and higher into the way of Christ.
Liturgist: Together we are being shaped into a people of wisdom, compassion, and courage.
People: Together we are learning to love with Christ's own heart.
Liturgist: Let us leave behind whatever hinders our growth and embrace the life God is creating within us.
People: We worship the One who is forming us into the fullness of Christ.

* **HYMN UMH 418**
We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder — vv. 1, 2, & 4

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME

ANTHEM
Holy Ground — by Bill and Gloria Gaither
Karen Butler, soloist

SCRIPTURE — Ephesians 4:7–8, 11–16

MESSAGE
On My Way to Being Mature? — Rev. David Neuen

ANTHEM
God's Been Good — by Legacy Five Group
Karen Butler, soloist

A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GROWING YOUNG SURVEY RELEASE — Nikki Shoultz

GIVING — *Because God gives, we give.*
Thank you for your generosity.

* **HYMN UMH 540**
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

* **DISMISSAL & BLESSING**

* **POSTLUDE**
Foundation — by Bonnie Barrett
Nick Fennig, piano

(*) asterisk indicates time for persons, who are able, to stand.

DIVE DEEPER

EPHESIANS 4:7-8, 11–16

Sunday, July 19

Open It: Think about a skill you've learned over time. What helped you grow in this area? Did you master the skill? How did you know?

Explore It: According to this passage, what characteristics describe someone who is spiritually immature? What qualities describe someone who is spiritually mature? What role does the church community play in helping each person grow?

Get It: Where do you see yourself in this passage? Are you feeling equipped, still growing, or stuck? How do you determine that you are becoming more spiritually mature? How has another Christian helped you grow in your faith? How might God be inviting you to do the same for someone else?

Apply It: Write down five markers of spiritual maturity. Pick one marker each week and journal about your growth in this area.

WHAT'S NEXT

COLOSSIANS 3:12–17

Sunday, July 26

When I Grow Up: Christian Adulting

If I'm growing up in Christ, what does "adulting" actually look like in my faith, relationships, and everyday life?

CALENDAR: JULY 19-JULY 25

SUNDAY

Classic Worship	8:45 a • S
Classic Worship	10:00 a • S
NewDay Praise Worship	10:00 a • A
Outreach Training - Fish Fry	11:15 a • A

MONDAY

Homeless Ministry Prep	9:00 a • Ki
Homeless Ministry Delivery	5:00 p • O
Threshold Singers Rehearsal	7:15 p • M

TUESDAY

Children's Council	5:30 p • K
Missions Committee	7:00 p • W
Trustees Meeting	7:00 p • K

WEDNESDAY

Youth Worship	7:00 p • Y

THURSDAY

Praise Team Rehearsal	7:30 p • A

SATURDAY

Last Saturday Lunch	11:15 a • A

Calendar Legend: A=Worship Annex, B=Bell Room, K=Koinonia Room, Ki=Kitchen, L=Library, M=Music Room, ML=Main Lobby, MR=Multiple Rooms, S=Sanctuary, V=Various Rooms, W=Wesley Room, Y=Youth Room

VITALS

BASIC BUDGET

7/12/2026	$12,035
Year-to-date	$594,749
Previous year-to-date	$607,811

PRAISE & PRAYER

Please pray for our Community Partners

Business: Bloom Counseling Services

Leader: Staci Hovermale, Director of the Hendricks Youth Assistance Program

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