

Saturday - April 12

So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:25-27

One of the first things that comes to mind when I think of my church is community. Growing up in PUMC has been one of the biggest blessings, as I've been surrounded by my church family for the entirety of my life. The 200th year of our congregation celebrates the 200th year of growing in our faith as a community. Community is one of God's greatest gifts to the world, serving as a reminder that we are not alone no matter the circumstance.

Being a high school student, my largest community in the church has always been the youth program. I have always found our youth program to be such a comforting community, a place for everyone. I know for a fact that everyone has felt the same, because the PUMC youth program has grown so incredibly much over time. So much so, that a transition into a larger space was needed to be able to comfortably fit everyone into one space. As it had in its first years, our congregation continues to grow constantly. Whether it be moving to a larger room, or a larger church building entirely, the growth of our congregation can serve as a reminder to us that God's love is constantly being shared and passed on to others.

The Methodist Church has always revolved around community. Being a welcoming and open space for people to come and worship is what has caused our congregation to grow in such a significant way over time. We lean on our church family in times of hardship, and celebrate each other's joys as well. God encourages us to spread the word, and remain open and loving to everyone we meet, in order to create and strengthen this community that we thrive on.

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Prayer: Dear God, Please be with our congregation, as we continue to grow in size as well as our faith. Help us to share your love as often and as joyfully as possible, spreading your light to all corners of the world. Remind us to lean on one another as we continue on our journey of faith, and help each other to navigate through your plan for us with your guidance. Amen.