

September 9, 2018

Ephesians 4:1-6
Matthew 18:20

Homecoming – just had one

Family unity

Faith family unity

It's a wonder thing

It takes work

But, today is a celebration

We are celebrating our faith family

- Who traveled the furthest?
- Who lives closest?
- Oldest member present? Ruth E. Hathaway
Manchester, July 1, 1934 L.S. Chace III,
December 19, 1943; Thelma L. Hathaway Durfee,
April 9, 1944; Eunice L. Tripp Durfee, December
24, 1944
- Youngest member/friend present?
- Member/friend by decade, starting with 1940's,
please stand; 1950's, '60's; 70's; 80's; 90's; 00's;
10's
- All those who were baptized here at Amicable
church, please stand.
- All those who went through confirmation, since I
have been here, please stand. Newest confirmands
(Justin and Pablo); oldest confirmands (Kendall?)
- All those married here, please stand

- All those baptized, confirmed, and married with
me officiating, please stand
- Finally, baptized, confirmed, married, and your
child was baptized here, please stand
- Coming next: my first confirmation class which
includes children of confirmands – stay tuned

Families bring us lots of joy, and, when two or three
or many more gather together in this faith
community, God's loving presence is definitely felt.

The "unity of the Spirit", of which Paul speaks, was
certainly felt by those visiting our church yesterday.

Amicable has served this community and one
another for many years. Such service requires
commitment and hard work, not an easy thing to
give in today's world, but I cannot imagine what the
world would be like without it.

I pray each one of you gathered here will continue to
commit yourselves to the work of this church,
following the calling to unity, here and in our wider
community, and making God's loving, healing
presence real in a world so in need of it. Amen.