

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.