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*"Christ caring for People  
through People"*

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*"For I received from the Lord what I also passed onto you: the Lord Jesus, on the same night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' "*

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, the first Sunday of October each year, is referred to as "World Wide Communion Sunday." I have always felt a special sense of Christian unity as we come to The Lord's Table on this day each year knowing that the body of Christ, the church world wide, is sharing this common experience at one grand table. We are never more united than at this time together.

If you are not able to attend worship in church this week that does not mean you are not united to fellow family members at this special table. Remember that the first communion services were held in family homes, at the kitchen table, with the head of the family presiding. Take a few minutes today to read the above quotation from Paul, (I Corinthians 11:23.) Prayerfully give God thanks for this fellowship and the unity of His table. Offer to Him your gratitude and devotion as you eat a piece of bread and drink a cup of juice. (it doesn't even have to be grape juice) Celebrate His sacrifice for the sin of the whole world, and know that in every corner of every county others will be doing the same on this special day. You too are united in one Spirit with the whole church, His body.

You say you are alone? Physically yes. But remember Jesus' promise (Matthew 28:20) "Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." Also remember Jesus' promise in John 14:15, "If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. ... You will know him, for he lives in you and will be in you." Further, "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me and I am in you." Could you ask for better company at the table? Remember that other verse, "Where two or three have gathered in my name ..." I count 4 persons present: Yourself, the Father, the Spirit, and Jesus himself. You're never alone!

Wondrous Father, Loving Lord Jesus, Transforming Spirit, Draw near.

May God richly bless us, each one, this special day of Christian Unity.

(Rev.) John McGurrin