

Day 5: Wednesday, June 25

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12 NIV)

There are many images that we expect to see as we travel through the Amish country this week: barns, fields, buggies, horses pulling farm equipment, etc. I doubt we will see a barn raising, but we know that this is or was very common in the past. A barn raising was a community event where neighbors came together to build or rebuild a barn for a member of their community. Even though it was a common practice common in 18th and 19th-century, it probably is not a common sight today.

When the Apostle Paul was confronted with the dysfunction of the Corinthian church, he assured them that the unity of the church was not only a witness to the community around them, but also made good, common sense. There is strength in our unity. As is true in a barn raising, the church working together can do many things that people alone cannot do. But in order for that to happen, we need to be close to another and share life together so we can strengthen each other.

“For the body is not one member, but many.” Each one in the body is important, and each one has a job to do. With Christ as the head of the body, and everyone working together, we can get a lot done to further His kingdom. What is your part of the task for today?

Food for Thought – “Many hands make work seem lighter, especially if they are proficiently skilled hands.”