Dear friends,

What a wonderful Kick-off Sunday we had this week! It was great to be back together after summer travels and adventures. We gathered around games and peace flags and a blow-up obstacle course remembering that we are on a Path to Peace together. I loved the joy in the faces of the children (and adults) as we played together. It is easy to forget how important play is to family relationships. As a family of faith, I am glad we had a chance to laugh and play together Sunday! This led us into a place of joyful worship, song, prayer, and music as we considered what it means to clothe ourselves with compassion (Colossians 3:12-14).

As we move into the fall, we continue on this Path to Peace. Children, youth, and adults have opportunities to study, play, and grow in community together. If you have not already found a place for you to grow in your own life of faith, I encourage you to talk to John Weicher, Esther Hethcox, or me about what options might be best for you.

The life of faith is a journey. We never fully arrive at completion; we are always learning and growing in our faith together. Our study leads to action and our action leads us back to study. Study without action is incomplete, as is action without reflection. I hope you will find a place where you can grow in community with others through the adult faith formation classes offered on Sunday mornings and other times, as well. See the rest of the newsletter for more information!

As we begin this church program year, may God open up new ways for you to grow in faith and knowledge of God's love for you and for the world.

With love,
Mindy