

## **Woven Together:** A series on relationships

October 16 -November 20

In our recent “Who are we now” survey, the majority of respondents ranked “relationships” as an important or very important reason they come to church. People come to church to be with other people and to be supported and offer support in a community of interconnected people. Relationships matter; we are formed by the people we surround ourselves with, and how we tend those relationships is important. The Bible contains many stories of relationships, not all of them blueprints for healthy relationships. In popular culture “relationships” often refer primarily to romantic relationships, (“are you in a relationship” or “relationship status: it’s complicated”). In this series we will not be focusing on romantic relationships but rather aspects of relationships that are present in all the ways that we are entangled with other people: mutuality, consent, grace, etc.

Beginning October 23, there will be three options for second hour adult electives: Biblical Responses to Patriarchy/ Oppression, Embodied Prayer, Relationship Stories. Electives will begin 10 minutes after worship ends and will run for 40 minutes.

Beginning Oct 16, masks are optional in first hour, unless Elkhart County’s Community Risk Level becomes “High” (according to [covidactnow.org](https://www.covidactnow.org)) – in which case masks will be required indoors for everyone over age 2. We encourage everyone to stay up to date on vaccinations and booster and encourage anyone who is not feeling well to join us on zoom.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme/ Scripture</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Specials</b>
October 16	<i>Beginnings/ Endings</i> Paul & Barnabus Acts 13:1-5; 15:36-41	Becky Snider	Lora Nafziger	Intergenerational Hymn Sing during second hour. No Sunday school
October 23	<i>Intention and Respect</i> Jesus and John John 13:1-20	Stephen Lowe	Mary Lehman Yoder	Electives Begin during second hour
October 30	<i>Mutuality</i> Ruth & Naomi Ruth 1:1-22	Kimberly Glick	Scott Coulter	All Saints Remembrance
November 6	<i>Apologizing and Offering Grace</i> Jacob and Esau Gen 33:1-15	Jep Hostetler	Ted Larrison	Communion
November 13	<i>Consent and Trust</i> Mary and God Luke 1:26-38	Patricia Ebersole Zwier	Stephen Lowe	
November 20	<i>Power Dynamics</i> Stories of David 1 Samuel 25	Ally Mast	Ben Sywulka	