

Communion  
Song of Preparation No. 493  
Communion Words  
Receiving Communion  
Closing Prayer

#### SENDING

\*Hymn God of grace and God of glory No. 366  
\*Benediction Pastor Susan

**WELCOME TO ALL** who are guests this morning.  
We hope you feel warmly received and experience a time of worship. Please feel free to contact Pastor Susan if you would like to visit.

**COMMUNION IS TAKING PLACE** around the globe today, World Communion Day. May the Spirit of Christ, Prince of Peace, be among us all as we pray for each other.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS AT 9:30 A.M.

##### CHILDREN/YOUTH:

Young elementary: Asia Frye, Julie Linnens, teachers  
- Genesis

Middlers: Tracy Hefley, teacher - Genesis  
Middle and High School: Hank Unruh

##### ADULT

**Alive! Class** meets in Pie Room (south wing, on the west) – Book Study: Anabaptist Essentials: Ten Signs of a Unique Christian Faith

**Conference Room** (south wing, on the east):  
Study of Isaiah

**Parkside** Open Door - Quarterly Lessons

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES:

October 4: Future Church Summit MCUSA A  
– Tim Frye, facilitating

October 11: Future Church Summit MCUSA B  
– Doug Miller/Tim Frye, facilitating

October 18: Prayer Service for Global Concerns

October 25: Congregation sharing of ideas for south campus of FMC property

November 1: Jim and Susan – Upcoming Chad trip

**WE WILL HAVE COPIES** in the foyer of a women's Bible Study that Anna Sawatzky wrote for Mennonite Women. Please take a look! These would be great for a small group or for devotions. \$5 each.

#### MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 15:

A Sunday, set aside to reflect on Mission efforts, present and future, through the efforts of Mennonite Mission Network (MMN). Joe Sawatzky, of MMN is our guest speaker and will share with us in various ways. Sunday School groups are all invited to gather in the sanctuary for a more interactive time with him from 9:30 to 10:25 a.m. Worship time begins as usual at 10:35 a.m., focusing on Missions. At noon, ALL are invited to a Fellowship Meal. The Mission Committee will supply a meat and potato dish for all. FMC active participants are asked to bring a side dish and decorated cake focused around this year's theme, Love is a Verb. Come and experience this special event!  
Mission Committee

**JOE SAWATZKY**, Mennonite Mission Network Church Relations Associate, "Jesus is the means and the end. He is the destination and the way and the one making it happen in us." Joe will be here with us for the Sunday School hour, for worship and for our Mission Sunday meal. Joe served in South Africa with his wife, Anna, both under Mennonite Mission Network. Joe was "a Bible teacher and friend to pastors" in the areas of biblical education and leadership development for members of African Initiated Churches. Joe and Anna have four sons, Isaac, Moses, Levi and Jesse. We look forward to Joe's presence among us!

**HOLLY SWARTZENDRUBER** has recently stepped into a faculty position at Hesston College. She will no longer be Worship Music Coordinator at FMC. She does plan to continue directing our seasonal choir ensembles, and will occasionally lead congregational singing. Worship Committee plans to recognize Holly's service at the upcoming annual meeting in January.

**SUMMER FOOD 4 KIDS** four-page report is on the bulletin board under our congregational photos. Take a look at the data for a community coming together to meet a need.

**THE SAFE HOUSE IN NEWTON** has its current information posted on the bulletin board outside the pastor's office (on blue paper). Now called "Safehope," the organization offers prevention groups, recovery groups and emergency lodging. 24/7 helpline for Harvey, Marion and McPherson counties is 800-487-0510. Take a look at this information so you are informed in the event of a need.

**LOST AND FOUND.** Take a look at the basket in the foyer – one of the items may be yours. Items will be taken to Etcetera Shop soon.

#### AMONG OUR FRIENDS

We lift these friends in prayer:

Lester Funk  
Glenn Goertz  
Joe Knoll  
Jim Martens  
Makai Baugh

#### MCC:

#ActionAlert from MCC - All the Mennonite Central Committee Material Resources Centers in the U.S. need a combined total of 7000 comforters by November! Yes, you read that right, 7000 comforters are needed to fulfill the requests from MCC partner organizations in Iraq, North Korea and Syria! Save the dates to join the effort at the MCC Mini Comforter Blitz at the MCC Center in North Newton, Kansas on September 29 and 30. Check [mcc.org/comforter-blitz](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz) for more details, or contact [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org), 316.283.2720.

#### TABOR COLLEGE:

We are pleased to announce that Tabor College will dedicate the new Shari Flaming Center for the Arts the weekend of December 9 and 10. The public is welcome to attend events on both days. On Saturday, Dec. 9, we will have a dedication ceremony followed by an open house to walk through the building. Sunday, Dec. 10, we will host our annual Messiah concert as the first performing arts event in the new venue.

Please reserve the dates on your community calendar and encourage your group to attend. We look forward to this gathering of alumni, donors, community members and patrons as we celebrate the opening of the facility.

#### CALENDAR

Oct. 4 8:15 p.m. Care Committee Meeting  
Oct. 5 7 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting  
Oct. 15 Mission Sunday – Joe Sawatzky –  
Mennonite Mission Network  
Oct. 22 Asia preaching, Spirit 'n Celebration singing  
Oct. 24 7 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting  
Oct. 29 Braden Siebert & Jill Unruh, sharing & song  
Nov. 15 Last night of Weds. evening meal & activities

**CARRY-IN SCHEDULE**

October 15 – Mission Sunday  
(meat and potatoes provided)  
decorated cakes “Love is a Verb”  
November 19 – Carry-In and Care Committee Shower

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Tuesday:** Ryan Kaiser, Jim Paulus  
**Wednesday:** Herb Bartel  
**Thursday:** Elfrieda Funk, Douglas Graber  
**Saturday:** Jane Buchholz

**TREASURER’S REPORT 9/17/2017**

FMC Ministries .....\$1,151.75  
Year to Date Budget Income.....\$99,322.77  
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....\$103,360.69  
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....-\$4,037.92

**TREASURER’S REPORT 9/24/2017**

FMC Ministries .....\$673.00  
Church Retreat.....\$981.00  
Year to Date Budget Income.....\$99,995.77  
Year-to-date Budget Expenses.....\$111,474.33  
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....-\$11,478.56

**September 17 attendance: 87**

\*Special Offering next week goes to the Care Committee  
(Deacons’ Fund) unless otherwise designated.

**He’s got the Whole World**

He’s got the whole world in his hands (x4)  
He’s got the wind and the rain in his hands . . .  
He’s got the tiny little baby . . .  
He’s got you and me, brother, in his hands . . .  
He’s got you and me, sister, in his hands . . .  
He’s got everybody here in his hands . . .  
He’s got the whole world in his hands (x4)

**1 Kings 19:1-13**

**19** Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. **2** So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”

**3** Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, **4** while he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” **5** Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” **6** He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

**7** The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” **8** So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. **9** There he went into a cave and spent the night.

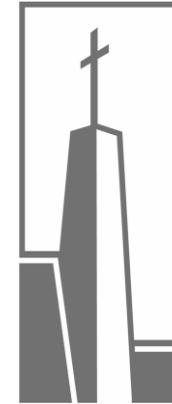
And the word of the LORD came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

**10** He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

**11** The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.**12**After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. **13**When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”



**FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH**

In Christ -  
Making Disciples through  
Loving Relationships.

Worship 10:35 a.m.

October 1, 2017

**GATHERING**

Gathering Music Shirley Baltzer  
Welcome & Announcements Deryll & Pastor Susan  
Prelude to Worship  
\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 113) Deryll Amstutz  
Praise the Lord!  
Praise, O servants of the Lord;  
praise the name of the Lord!

**Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time on and forevermore.  
From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

The Lord is high above all nations,  
and his glory is above the heavens.  
Who is like the Lord our God?

**He raises the poor from the dust,  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap.  
ALL: From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

\*Hymn The spacious firmament on high Grey Sgbk 19  
\*Invocation Deryll Amstutz  
Hymn He’s Got the Whole World  
(come forward to add a prayer location)

**SHARING**

Children’s Story Jan Amstutz  
Sharing and Prayer Pastor Susan  
Prayer Song Prayer for peace Grey Sgbk 76  
Offering Shirley Baltzer

**RECEIVING**

Scripture 1 Kings 19:1-13 Deryll Amstutz  
Meditation Pastor Susan