

FORTY FORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

26 Yeager Avenue Forty Fort, Pennsylvania 18704-4042

Office: (570) 287-3840 Prayer Line: (570) 283-8133

WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.

Blended Contemporary Worship – 7:00 P.M.

8:30 A.M. Radio WILK

The Resurrection of the Lord

April 24, 2011 – 10:00 A.M.

ENTRANCE WITH ACTS OF COMMITMENT AND FAITH

PRELUDE

“Christ Is Risen”

Wendy Grice, Organist

(As the Prelude begins, may the revelation of God in Christ quiet us down, a mood of meditation, and prayer most holy. As we wait prayerfully may we...”Be still and know that I am God.”)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made;

PEOPLE: LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

*HYMN – 302 - “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed – 881

*GLORIA PATRI - 71

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Pastor: Lord in your mercy.

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION – 641 - “Fill My Cup, Lord”

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading	Jeremiah 31: 1-6	(p.695 OT)
Epistle	Colossians 3: 1-4	(p.189 NT)
(If you are able, please stand for the Reading of the Gospel)		
Gospel	Matthew 28: 1-10	(p.31 NT)

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

*HYMN – 310 – “He Lives”

SPECIAL MUSIC	“His Hand in Mine”
	Brian Martin, Solo

SERMON	“The Surprise of Resurrection”	Rev. Donald A. Roberts, Sr.
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PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

GIFTS OF LOVE

OFFERING	“Easter Alleluia”
	Senior Choir

*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER (UNISON)

O GOD, WE COME WITH OUR OFFERINGS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LOVE. WITH THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST, WE GIVE OURSELVES IN SERVICE TO OTHERS. WITH THE ENERGY BESTOWED BY THE SPIRIT, WE SEEK TO INFLAME ALL YOUR PEOPLE WITH A ZEAL FOR YOUR WAY. RECEIVE THE WORK WE DO, AND THE GIFTS WE BRING, THAT THEY MAY BECOME A BLESSING IN YOUR SIGHT.

SENDING FORTH INTO THE WORLD AROUND US

*HYMN – 702 – “Sing With All the Saints of Glory”
*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE
POSTLUDE “Come Ye Faithful”

The Special Easter Sunday Bulletin Covers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George & Alberta Taylor, Ronald Schwartz and Sol Lerman by Lois Jean Schwartz and Family.

We express our appreciation to Brian Martin for his special music in our worship service today.

**Please remember in your prayers our members who are patients known to us as of Thursday: Meadows Nursing Center: Marguerite Burk and Bryce Lewis
John Heinz: Sandi Malinoski**

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor – Rev. Donald A. Roberts
Secretary – Lois Jean Schwartz Organist/Choir Director – Wendy & Garry Grice
Treasurer – Laura St. Clair Custodian – Gary Quick Organist Emeritus – Frank I. Edwards
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PERSONS ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

10:00 A.M. Worship
Greeters – Wyoming Avenue Mr. and Mrs. Harold Keener
- Yeager Avenue Mrs. Verna Hogan
Head Usher - Mr. Harold L. Taylor
Group Leader - Irma Mahalick
Nursery - Mrs. Crystal McAfee and Kayleigh Kempa
Crib Nursery - Mrs. Paula Keener
Acolytes – Autumn McAfee and David Smith
Cross Bearer – Alisa Karsko
Lay Reader - Mr. Roy Phillips
Fellowship Time - No Coffee Hour

April 17, 2011
Record Update – 15h Sunday of 52 Sundays
9:00 A.M. Church School25
10:00 A.M. Worship207
7:00 P.M. Worship 25

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS – Ask an Usher for one.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES – Ask an Usher for one.

VISITORS, WE WELCOME YOU! - Please fill out a white visitor card that can be found in the book racks located in the pews and give it to Pastor Don as you leave worship today. He and his wife, Louise, would like to personally welcome you as you visit our church today.

CRIB NURSERY – located in the left corner of the Chandelier Room. (THE CRIB NURSERY IS FOR NEWBORNS TO 18 MONTHS)

NURSERY – located on the Main level at the Wyoming Avenue entrance. (THE NURSERY IS FOR PRE-SCHOOL THRU KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN)

WE ENCOURAGE AND WELCOME YOUNG CHILDREN TO JOIN THEIR PARENTS AT WORSHIP, YET WE REALIZE THAT THE SERVICE CAN BE A LONG TIME FOR A LITTLE ONE.

WHEN RESTLESSNESS SETS IN, YOU ARE WELCOME TO USE OUR CRIB NURSERY, OR OUR NURSERY IF YOUR CHILDREN FALL WITHIN THE AGE GUIDELINES.

THERE IS A ROOM LOCATED NEXT TO THE CHANDELIER ROOM (THE MEMORIAL LOUNGE) THAT CAN BE USED FOR A “SETTLING DOWN” TIME. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE ASK AN USHER. THEY WILL BE HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.

SUNDAY – April 24

9:00 NO Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room

9:00 NO Confirmation Class to meet in Amicitia Room

9:00 – 9:45 NO Sunday School Classes for ages Nursery thru 12th Grade in their Classrooms

10:00 Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary

11:15 NO Adult Bible Class to meet in the Memorial Lounge

5:30 NO Youth Fellowship to meet in the Youth Lounge (6th – 12th grade)

7:00 NO Contemporary Praise Worship in the Sanctuary

MONDAY – April 25

Church office closed today

TUESDAY – April 26

6:30 Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (Knit-Wits) to meet in the Lounge.

WEDNESDAY – April 27

7:00 Trustee Meeting in the Amicitia Room

THURSDAY – April 28

10:00 Women’s Bible Study in the Ministry Room – Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent

7:00 Women's Bible Study in the Ministry Room – Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent
7:00 Men's Bible Study in the Lounge – Dr. David Jeremiah – Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven
7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room

REGARDING HOSPITAL PATIENTS – Kindly share this information with your family, friends and neighbors. Whenever a family member, church member, or someone you know is hospitalized, please be certain to telephone the Church Office (570) 287-3840 as soon as possible. Thank you for keeping us informed so that the Pastor and Louise can visit your hospitalized love ones and friends.

E-MAIL....

The churches worship e-mail has been updated recently. If you have not received worship e-mail for this week and would like to receive one you need to contact the Church Office. Please send us an e-mail at fortyfortumc@aol.com. We also send short newsletters and other information from time to time. We do not and will not give your e-mail address to anyone. This is one way to keep up with everything that is going on at your church. If you have any questions call us at 287-3840.

WEB SITE..... WEB ADDRESS – www.fortyfortumc.net Visit us on the Web at www.fortyfortumc.net

Meetings and special events are now posted on the calendar page. If anyone has a meeting or event that they would like to have posted on the web calendar, send your information by email to **calendar@fortyfortumc.net**. Keeping our web page up to date will also enable anyone that is checking out our church on the internet to see all the activities going on and will also help anyone involved in meetings to see when their next meeting will be.

“FACEBOOK”... Check us out on “Facebook!” You can go there from our website at www.fortyfortumc.net on the main page and just click on the link. On our “Facebook” page, you can see and read all about our church and the ministries we have to offer as well as view the many photo albums of all the activities that take place at the Forty Fort United Methodist Church. Read about coming events and get reminders and updates sent directly to your Facebook page. There is also a “Discussion” page where you may share your testimonials and witness or just discuss the worship service and things going on in the church. Become a “Fan” of Forty Fort United Methodist Church on “Facebook!”

INDEX OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOW ON LINE.
CHECK US OUT AT FORTYFORTUMC.NET IF YOU WISH TO UPDATE YOUR ORGANIZATIONS' INDEX...PLEASE SEE ELLIE HOTTENSTEIN.

OUR FOOD BANK SHOPPING CART...Our Food Bank Shopping Cart is located in the Chandelier Room. We would like to designate the 2nd Sunday of the month to bring in food items to fill the cart. (You can still bring in items at anytime) If you can not shop, you might consider buying a grocery shopping card and bringing it up to the Church Office and it can be given to a needy person to purchase what they might need. (such as milk, bread etc.)

REACHING THE PASTOR..... If you are unable to reach the Pastor through the church office or his home phone and you have a pastoral emergency, the Pastor can be reached at **(570) 592-2056**. Voice mail is also available at this number.

PASTOR DON AND LOUISE ROBERTS – 426 South Washington St., Taylor, PA 18517

AUDIO BIBLES AVAILABLE.....

A Large selection of Audio Bibles are available, both cassettes and cds. There are a variety of Bible versions to choose from. These Audio Bibles are located in the Church Library, located in the rear of the Chandelier room. If you have any questions, see Pastor Roberts.

NURSERY We are in need of volunteers

We are looking for volunteers (moms, dads, grandparents, etc) to take a turn to help out in the Nursery Room. The Nursery is for Preschool thru Kindergarten children, which is held during the Worship service. There is a sign up sheet in the Chandelier Room and you may also see Candace Day, who is the coordinator of the Nursery. Thank you.

PRAYER SHAWLS..... Knit-Wits Group meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Most of our members are aware of our prayer shawl ministry. However, some do not know how to request one. **You may call the Church Office (287-3840) or see Betsy Amos.**

These shawls are given to bring God's love, comfort and peace to any and all who has a need. If you have friends, family or others who could benefit from one, please contact us.

The group meets in the Memorial Lounge.....come join us and bring a friend!!!!

YOUTH GROUP.... Sunday evening.....meets at 5:30 p.m. Come and bring a friend. – Any youth in grades 6 thru 12 are welcome.

Each Sunday we spend ½ hour in Bible Study followed by games, fun and refreshments. This Sunday we will take a look at some of the issues surrounding Jonah the Prophet, like fear, hate, distrust and selfishness. Come and join this growing fellowship.

GREETERS....Be a Volunteer! Please sign up – Fill up the empty Sundays!!!!

There is a sign up sheet in the Chandelier Room for you to be a greeter on Sunday morning at the Wyoming Ave. entrance and the following Sunday at the Yeager Ave. entrance. You may also call the church office to sign up. Your help is greatly appreciated.

STUDY/DISCUSSION GROUP..... Monday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. a Bible discussion group will meet in the Memorial Lounge. It will be guided by Pastor Roberts. First, we ask everyone who reads this to life up this ministry in prayer. Second, we pray the Holy Spirit to lead you to participate in this discussion. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Roberts or call the Church Office. (chapter 11)

Hebrews is certainly a **book for disciples**. It stirs our faith and nips at our heels when we get lazy in our walk. It helps us see Jesus in a new way. And it enables us to understand the role of suffering to discipline and train us up as Jesus' disciples. Though Hebrews discusses at length Old Testament themes of sacrifice, forgiveness and Israel's high priest, it isn't about these things. Ultimately, the Letter to Hebrews is **a lens that focuses all our attention of Jesus Christ**—who he is in both his humanity and divinity, and what he has done for us now and forever. Hebrews is **both a challenge and a joy**. Are you up to the journey? Everyone from our community is welcome to attend.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S GROUP.... Next meeting – May 1st

The United Methodist Men will be meeting on SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 1st at 8:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. All men are invited to attend. – Donuts and Coffee – The group will study “The Men of the Bible.” This group will be meeting the first Sunday of every month. Come and join us!!!! Sign up sheet in the Chandelier Room.

FORTY FORT UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP.... We meet in the Memorial Lounge from 7 p.m. til around 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. All men are welcome and encouraged to get involved in Bible study. We hope to see you there.

“Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven” will answer and clarify the most important questions Christians have about their future eternal home. Pastor David Jeremiah provides answers to questions about the nature of heaven; the kinds of bodies heaven occupants have, why heaven will never be boring, why infants and small children will go to heaven and the dwelling place God is preparing for Christians in heaven. Answers to these questions and 11 more critical issues in all are revealed in this study.

**CHOIR NOTES..... THURSDAY NIGHT AT 7:30 IN THE MUSIC ROOM
COME ONE.....COME ALL ---- WE NEED YOU IN THE CHOIR TO MAKE A JOYFUL
NOISE UNTO THE LORD!!!!!! PLEASE SEE GARRY AND WENDY.**

ACOLYTE AND CROSS BEARER..... DO YOU HAVE A 2ND GRADER ENTERING 3RD GRADE THIS COMING FALL OR OLDER WANTING TO BE AN ACOLYTEOR A 4TH GRADER AND OLDER WANTING TO BE A CROSS BEARER????? PLEASE SEE CRYSTAL MCAFFEE AFTER CHURCH. SHE WILL BE TRAINING NEW STUDENTS UNTIL MAY 15TH.

**METHODIST MEN'S GROUP....ANNUAL CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE... MAY 7TH.
HAS BEEN CANCELLED.....**

THE ANNUAL FORTY FORT UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BBQ FOR 2011 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. DUE TO VARIOUS REASONS, THOSE BEING THE DROPPING OFF OF SALES THRU OUT THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY, THE COST OF SUPPLIES AND WHAT WE WOULD HAVE TO CHARGE FOR THE DINNER, THE CONDITION OF THE COOKING PIT WHICH NEEDS WORK, AND THE LACK OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS TO HELP OUT. THE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DECIDED TO CANCEL THE BBQ.

IF EVENTS CHANGE FOR THE BETTER, WE WILL REVIEW THE PROJECT AS A GROUP AND SEE IF IN THE FUTURE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ONCE AGAIN HAVE THE BBQ. WE THANK ALL THOSE IN THE PAST WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE THIS EVENT WHAT IT ONCE WAS.

SINCERELY... THE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE FFUM MEN'S GROUP.

“INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP...SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASSES”

There is a Sign up Sheet in the Chandelier Room for the classes entitled:

“Beginnings and Introduction to the Christian Faith”

SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASSES FOR THOSE RESPONDING TO THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP (giving their lives to the Lord) WILL SOON BE OFFERED. THESE CLASSES ARE TITLED BEGINNINGS AND INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. THIS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXPERIENCE WILL HELP YOU LIVE INTO YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST. SCRIPTURE WILL BE OUR CORE RESOURCE. IT WILL HELP YOU BEGIN AN INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. IT WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR WITNESS IN OUR MODERN DAY. IT WILL HELP YOU NOT ONLY FOLLOW UP YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR LORD, BUT HELP YOU RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST IN WITNESS. IT WILL HELP YOU TO UNDERSTAND JUST HOW MUCH YOU CAN TRUST GOD.

RADIO MINISTRY WILK – Each Sunday morning you can listen to portions of the Worship Service at 8:30 A.M. 980 AM 103.1 FM

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE – DEADLINE MAY 1ST

THIS IS SPONSORED BY THE AMICITIA CLASS. MAY 8TH IS MOTHER'S DAY. NAMES WILL BE TAKEN BY A MEMBER OF THE CLASS IN THE CHANDELIER ROOM. FOR A DONATION OF \$1.00 PER NAME.... IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF A MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AUNT OR A SPECIAL FRIEND. THIS IS ONE OF THE PROJECTS FOR THIS GROUP. PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE CLASS.

