



## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

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

### SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading	Psalm 23	(p.484 OT)
Epistle	Ephesians 5: 8-14	(p.183 NT)
<b>(If you are able, please stand for the Reading of the Gospel)</b>		
Gospel	John 9: 1-12	(p.97 NT)

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

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD**

### TIME FOR CHILDREN

\*HYMN – 600 – “Wonderful Words of Life”

SERMON            “God Crashes Into Our Lives!”            Rev. Donald A. Roberts, Sr.

## PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION – page 12 – A Service of Word and Table 11

Communion Servers – Rev. Donald & Louise Roberts – Ruth Gavenus & Jeanne Elias

The Communion Love Offering will go for Local Needy Missions

### GIFTS OF LOVE

OFFERING            “Lord, Bless This Bread”  
Senior Choir

\*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER (UNISON)

**AS YOU PRAY FOR US IN SPITE OF OUR WAYWARD BEHAVIOR, O CHRIST, SO ALSO WE INTERCEDE FOR OTHERS WITH THE ASSURANCE OF NEW LIFE FOR THEM. TRANSLATE NOW OUR PRAYERS INTO ACTS OF CHARITY AND PEACE AS WE OFFER THESE GIFTS. LET US NOT BE CONTENT WITH OUR GIVING WHILE OTHERS LIVE A LIFE LESS THAN FULFILLED. AMEN.**

**SENDING FORTH INTO THE WORLD AROUND US**

\*HYMN – 347 - “Spirit Song”

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

“Take Up Your Cross”

Broughton

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lisa DeSpirito, Mr. & Mrs. Dan G. Robinhold and Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Brandt by Judy Brandt, Cindy and Susan.**

**Please remember in your prayers our members who are patients known to us as of Thursday: Manor Care: Jane Reggie General: Mary Ermel and Sandi Malinoski Meadows Nursing Center: Marguerite Burk and Bryce Lewis**

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor – Rev. Donald A. Roberts

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#### **PERSONS ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

10:00 A.M. Worship

Greeters – Wyoming Avenue  
- Yeager Avenue

Mrs. Dolores Winters  
Judy Siani

Head Usher -  
Group Leader -

Mr. Harold L. Taylor  
Mr. Michael Mattie

Nursery -  
Crib Nursery -

Mrs. Crystal McAfee and Cassie Gasper  
Mrs. Paula Keener

Acolytes –

Rebecca and Alorah Colwell

Cross Bearer –

Cassie Gasper

Lay Reader -

Mrs. Candace Day

Fellowship Time -

Stan & Ginny Motyka and Bill & Sue Keller

March 27, 2011

Record Update – 13h Sunday of 52 Sundays

9:00 A.M. Church School .....20

10:00 A.M. Worship .....144

7:00 P.M. Worship ..... 30

**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 3

9:00 Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room

9:00 Confirmation Class to meet in Amicitia Room

9:00 – 9:45 Sunday School Classes for ages Nursery thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade in their Classrooms

10:00 Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary

11:15 Adult Bible Class to meet in the Memorial Lounge

5:30 Youth Fellowship to meet in the Youth Lounge (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

7:00 Contemporary Praise Worship in the Sanctuary

7:00 Home Bible Study at the Home of Bill and Sue Keller

**TUESDAY** – April 5

Noon Men’s Community Luncheon at Forty Fort Presbyterian Church

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

**WEDNESDAY** – April 6

Noon and 7:00 p.m. – Sacrament of Holy Communion

6:00 Light Supper in the Social Hall – Sign up sheet in Chandelier Room

7:00 Lenten Institute in the Sanctuary – The Ten Commandments

**THURSDAY** – April 7

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 – Captured by Grace.  
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](mailto: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](http://www.fortyfortumc.net) Visit us on the Web at [www.fortyfortumc.net](http://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](http://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!”

**OUR FOOD BANK SHOPPING CART...Our Food Bank Shopping Cart** is located in the Chandelier Room. We would like to designate the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**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.**

**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 Pat Jones, 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.**

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES..... began on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. Classes will run for 12 weeks and will meet during the Sunday School hour (9:00 a.m.). We would appreciate your calling the church office and letting us know if your youth will be attending. Confirmation ages usually run from 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Consideration is given to families that have more than one youth near confirmation ages. It is necessary for your youth enrolled in confirmation classes to attend either worship service each Sunday during the confirmation experience.**

**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.**

**STUDY/DISCUSSION GROUP..... Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 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 9)**

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.

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

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

**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**

**LENTEN INSTITUTE.... on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> .... 6:00 p.m. - light supper in the Social hall- 7:00 p.m. - Holy Communion and Lenten Institute in the Sanctuary. (sign up sheet for those attending supper in the Chandelier Room)**

**HOLY COMMUNION DURING LENT WILL BE SERVED AT NOON AND ALSO AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY.**

**METHODIST MEN'S GROUP....ANNUAL CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE... MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>.**

**THE METHODIST MEN'S GROUP ANNUAL CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE IS COMING UP AGAIN SOON. OUR DATE THIS YEAR IS MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>.**

**WE NEED TO HAVE VOLUNTEERS HELP WITH THE PIT CLEAN UP A WEEK OR SO BEFORE THE ACTUAL DATE OF THE BAR-B-QUE. WE NEED A PIT CREW AND KITCHEN HELP ON THE DAY OF THE BAR-B-QUE. THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP SHEET IN THE CHANDELIER ROOM FROM MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> THRU MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>. WE ARE HOPING THAT WE GET A GOOD GROUP TOGETHER FOR THIS EVENT.**

**YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN ARE ALSO WELCOME TO HELP. FOR THE MORE WE HAVE THE EASIER THE EVENT SHOULD GO.**

**SO PLEASE HELP OUR CHURCH AND OUR MEN'S GROUP WITH YOUR TIME. (Remember the sign up sheet in Chandelier Room on March 13 and 20<sup>th</sup> to be a volunteer to help in some way before and day of bar-b-que) THANK YOU.**

**“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.**

**PORK AND SAUERKRAUT DINNER... Committee wishes to thank all who came out to work and all those who supported the dinner. It doesn't happen without the congregation!**

**Receipts: \$1919.50 cash and checks**

**848.81 bills**

**\$1070.69 profit**

**ANNUAL BRUCH AT WESLEY VILLAGE..... APRIL 10, 2011**

**THE ANNUAL BRUNCH AT WESLEY VILLAGE IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 10, 2011. IF YOU HAVE EVER ATTENDED THIS ANNUAL BRUNCH, YOU KOW THIS IS A REALLY DELIGHTFUL WAY TO ENJOY YOURSELF AND TO HELP THE RESIDENTS AT BOTH WESLEY VILLAGE AND TUNKHANNOCK MANOR.**

**STARTING AT 10 A.M. AND CONTINUING UNTIL 2 P.M., THIS BRUNCH WILL BE HELD IN THE DINING ROOM OF THE PARTRIDGE-TIPPET NURSING CENTER.**

**YOU WILL ENJOY A VARIETY OF MEATS, SUCH AS CARVED ROAST BEEF, GRILLED SALMON, A WIDE VARIETY OF SALADS AND VEGETABLES, CRISP ROLLS, FRUIT PLATTERS AS WELL AS A WAFFLE BAR AND OMELETS MADE TO YOUR ORDER. PUNCH AND A WIDE ARRAY OF DELICIOUS DESSERTS COMPLETE THIS FEAST.**

**THE COST IS \$12.00 FOR ADULTS AND \$6.00 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12. TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED THROUGH MEMBERS OF THE "FRIENDS OF THE UNITED METHODIST HOMES OF PA" AND ALSO ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT.**

**COME, ENJOY AND HELP THE RESIDENTS OF OUR UNITED METHODIST HOMES.**

**LAST DAY TO ORDER FOR THE SENIOR CHOIR FUND-RAISER!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**SENIOR CHOIR....FUND-RAISER..... During the month of MARCH, the Senior Choir will be taking orders for NUT AND POPPYSEED ROLLS (24 oz - \$10.00 each) and KOLACHE (\$7.00 per dozen). Payment will be due when ordered. Orders will be available SATURDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>. (Time to be announced) and after church on PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>. BAKING DONE BY : R&R. The choir thanks you for your support. Order sheet is available on the table in the Chandelier Room.**

**MONIES ARE DUE TODAY... SEE LINDA DEGILLIO OR BETSY AMOS FOR YOUR LAST MINUTE ORDER AND MONEY. THE SENIOR CHOIR THANKS EVERYONE WHO HELPED SUPPORT THE FUND-RAISER.**

**CELEBRATION.... FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE COME TO THE CHANDELIER ROOM TO HELP CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAYS OF JIM AND BARBARA MCAFEE AND FIRST BIRTHDAY OF HENRY MCAFEE.**