





\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Summers

**The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Jane Reggie by the Reggie Family.**

**The Special Mother’s Day Bulletin Covers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Alberta Taylor by Lois Jean Schwartz and Family.**

**Please remember in your prayers our members who are patients known to us as of Thursday: Meadows Nursing Center: Marguerite Burk**

**CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor – Rev. Donald A. Roberts

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**PERSONS ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

10:00 A.M. Worship

Greeters – Wyoming Avenue	Mrs. Mary Romanowski
- Yeager Avenue	Jeanne Hostetler
Head Usher -	Mr. Harold L. Taylor
Group Leader -	Mr. Joseph Simon
Nursery -	Mrs. Candace Day and Alisa Karsko
Crib Nursery -	Mrs. Paula Keener
Acolytes –	Autumn McAfee and Grace Jeffery
Cross Bearer –	Alisa Karsko
Lay Reader -	Mrs. Ellie Hottenstein
Fellowship Time -	Richard & Linda Yarosavich and Richard & Sharon Armstrong

May 1, 2011

Record Update – 17th Sunday of 52 Sundays

9:00 A.M. Church School .....29

10:00 A.M. Worship .....158

7:00 P.M. Worship ..... 14

**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 – May 8**

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

**MONDAY – May 9**

7:00 Bible Study Group to meet in the Lounge

**TUESDAY – May 10**

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

**WEDNESDAY – May 11**

6:00 Stewardship Committee to meet in the Amicitia Room

7:00 Finance Committee to meet in the Amicitia Room

**THURSDAY – May 12**

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 Sanctuary

SUNDAY – May 15

Education Work Area to meet after the Worship Service in the Sanctuary for a brief meeting.

**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!”

**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 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**

**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 9<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 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 – June 5th**

**The United Methodist Men will be meeting on SUNDAY MORNING, June 5th 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 SANCTUARY  
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 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 MCAFFEE AFTER CHURCH. SHE WILL BE TRAINING NEW STUDENTS UNTIL MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

**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**

**SCHOLARSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE....Anyone pursuing post High School Education and is a member of the church may obtain an application for the Alberta & Jane Taylor Scholarship Fund. Forms available in the Church Office. Return no later than July 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**GRADUATES....If your son or daughter is graduating from High School or College.... Please let the Church Office know so that we may recognize these young people in our Worship Service in June. We do not want to miss any name in the church bulletin. The High School graduates will be receiving a Bible presented to them from the Methodist Men.**

**IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....**

**MAY 22, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. - THE FINAL CONTEMPORARY PRAISE WORSHIP UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

**JUNE 5 – CHILDREN’S DAY – OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHURCH PICNIC WILL BE HELD IN THE PAVILION AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

**JUNE 12 – PENTECOST SUNDAY AND WE WILL CELEBRATE CONFIRMATION**

**JUNE 19 – 8:30 A.M. – WILL BE OUR FIRST EARLY SUMMER WORSHIP IN THE PAVILION**

**SIERRA LEONE INITIATIVES COMING TO PLAINS UMC...- MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>. Plains UMW to host and have a dinner for Perna and a UMC member from Sierra Leone, at 6:00 p.m. We want to invite all in the district to attend and to share ideas with our guests. Call the Church Office for more information.**