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## In Memory of Charles Lester



**Mr. Charles D. Lester** passed away June 30, 2011. Charles died peacefully at home with his family at his bedside after a courageous battle with cancer. He loved his Lord Jesus Christ and the Morrow Presbyterian Church. Charles & Barbara joined MPC in December 1966. Charles was ordained as a Deacon on December 3, 1967, and as an Elder on January 9, 1977. He served his church faithfully for 45 years. He was a loving husband and wonderful Papa. The life values he instilled in his family will always be remembered. Charles was retired from Delta Air Lines and served his country in the U.S. Navy. Charles is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara N. Lester; daughters, Debbie L. Noon (Alan) Hampton, Cindie Busby (Rusty), Lyons; son, Charles David Lester II (Marlene), Fayetteville; sister, Carolyn Lester, Forest Park; brother, Doug Lester (June), Canton; grandchildren, Carrie

Washburn, Jesse Mathes, Chris Acree, Hannah Folds, Bruce Lester, Eric Acree, Melanie German, Samantha Noon, Miles Lester and Kyle Noon; 6 great grandchildren. Any donations in his memory may be made to the Morrow Presbyterian Church Food Pantry.



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## The Pastor's Pen



The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed onto a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, as any of us would. Every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Believing that he would live the rest of his days on the island, he built a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few prized possessions. One day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames. Dark clouds of smoke billowed toward the sky. Everything was lost: not only the man's protection but also all he had worked hard to keep safe. Anger welled up within. "God, how could you do this to me?" he screamed to the sky. "I asked for rescue, and all I got was more disaster!" The man dropped on the warm sand and didn't move until morning. The dawn's first light didn't stir the man as in previous mornings, but the blast of a ship's horn did. The man rose up to see a cruise liner approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" the weary man asked his rescuers. "We saw the flames on the beach, and your smoke signal," they replied.

How many times have we categorized things that go wrong as *failures*, and not possibly the beginnings of success? How many times have we given up when we haven't done something as perfectly as we wanted, instead of imagining what lessons we might have learned from our mistakes? We do this a lot, don't we? If it doesn't work the first or second time, then we give up. We give up on the project, on others, and on ourselves. We may even give up on God, believing God to be distant and unfeeling about our situation.

Some failures are the beginning of successes. In fact, if we see failure as a part of life, we might realize that any failure is a wonderful opportunity to learn something new. According to some reports it took Thomas Edison 2000 times to create a viable light bulb, and when asked about the failures he said, "But I learned 2000 different ways not to create a light bulb." Great lessons can come to us through failure.

We fail to realize that maybe that thing which failed should have failed, so that something greater might come forward. Things may go wrong because they were supposed to, because we were supposed to grow through our mistakes. An island hut, a job interview, a carefully-detailed plan, a championship match: If they hadn't have failed us, we would not have received the greater, the more appropriate, thing which God wanted us to have all along.

"The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry." That's because we are sinful people who never get it right the first time. It is not fun to fail. However, once in awhile we have to fall on our faces in order to look up and see God reaching out his hand toward us. While we sit in the holes of our failure, we cannot do anything but look up and see God. Every other direction may be cut off to us. Up is the only way. It is best to grab onto God's hand and let him lift us up. Let him dust us off. And then hear how he encourages us to move forward.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John



## Prayer Requests



**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Jean Costa (Chris Costa's mother), Jonathan Johnson, Andrew Ladores (requested by Mary Ann Moriles), Brent Paul, Wes Basham, Darnell Bell, Jo Bevil, Zachary Bradley, Allie Brandon, Charlie Brown, Randy Buck, Gene Cathey, Judy Chapman, Mrs. Cooper, Fannie Crain, Paula Dashtpeyma, Robert B. Edwards, Jr., Hazel Fink, Spencer Grant, Gene & Euna Hammond, Bryant Harden, Talia King, Richard & Florence McCray, Julia McLeod, Dahlia Minton, Russell Moore, Linda Morgan, David Moss, Carol O'Neil, Jorgel Orozco, Gladys Oliver, Sonny Oswalt, Lloyd Sanders, Viola Shell, Margaret Strelsky, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Becky Tri, Brandon Williamson, and Jeff Yarbrough. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al Tinio & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth Turk & children at Mission Haven in Decatur. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott Bland - Navy, Virginia; Shaun Bland - Navy, Georgia; Stephen Brown - Army Reserves, Arizona; Kevin Brown - Army - Fort Sam Houston, TX; Jeffrey & Maribel Brown - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Jeremy Butler - Japan; Robert Crain, Tennessee; PVT Joseph Eason, Afghanistan; Najee Hall, Afghanistan; Kevin Krebs, Tennessee; Capt. Walter D. Lillegard, Ft. Campbell, KY; Adam Martin; SGT Edward "Buddy" McKenzie, III, - Milledgeville; Cole Springer - Army basic training, Columbus, GA; A1C Richard Venizelos - Scott AFB, Illinois; PFC Justin Warlick - Ft. Lewis, WA.

**Christian Love and Sympathy to the Family of Eric Carlton**, former member and son of Tricia Koehler, who died recently. Please remember Tricia, Eric's brother Christopher, and Eric's daughter, Riley in your prayers. Address: Tricia Koehler, 421 Morris Road, Apt. 48-B, Wayne, PA 19087. Christopher Carlton, 109 Summerhill Lane, St. David's, PA 19087. Donations may be made to Morrow Presbyterian Church earmarked for either the Food Pantry or Member Emergency Fund.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Update



Recently, Crawford & Darnell Bell were visited by the Prayer Shawl Ministry Life Group. They went to lunch and had a wonderful visit!

## Gospel Night at MPC



Make plans to join your church family at our August 21 Family Night Supper for a fun-filled evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. with dinner prepared by the Turners. The menu will be hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings and ice cream and toppings for dessert. Following dinner, we will enjoy a time of entertainment, featuring our talented Bruce & Ken Campbell as they perform some "Good Old Timey Gospel Music."

### YOU ARE INVITED

The 9th Annual Tomato Sandwich Party

August 6, 2011 5-7:30 pm

Morrow Center at South Lake Mall

(to benefit the Good Shepherd Clinic)

The Good Shepherd Clinic is a nonprofit that offers free primary medical care for residents of Clayton County not covered by insurance. The services provided by the clinic are: *Primary Medical Care, Patient Health Education, EKG, Laboratory Tests, Selected surgical skin procedures, Psychological Counseling, Evaluation of selected specialists, Sample medications*

If you would like to make a donation to the Clinic, make your check payable to Good Shepherd Clinic and mail to:

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## Young-at-Heart News

**ATTENTION, YOUNG-AT-HEART GROUP!** Our activity for the month of August will be something a little different! The plan is for a meeting in the church Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, August 24, beginning with **BREAKFAST AT 9:00 am.** After we eat, Haywood and Anne Fordham will present a program for us. They recently enjoyed a tour of parts of some of the Western states and they are anxious to share their experiences with us. Some of us may decide we want to check out and enjoy some of these spots for ourselves. Reservations are necessary for this special program, so get in touch with Ken Campbell **NO LATER THAN AUGUST 17TH!!!**

## Kid's Club Resumes—September 11

**Kid's Club Kick-Off – Sunday, September 11, 5 – 7 p.m.** All children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to start coming on Sunday nights from 5-7 p.m. for singing, Bible study, recreation, and food. **On Sunday, September 11, we will have WET NIGHT!** Wear your bathing suit under your clothes and bring a towel.

RUTH LASTER (Number Correction)

Home & Cell #: 423-341-2728

## PRAYER FOR OUR SCHOOLS



**On Sunday, July 31, we will pray for all of our schools - Pre-K through Senior High** during the morning worship hour. We will pray for our students and our teachers. As school resumes for the 2011-2012 year, the congregation is asked to keep all of our students and teachers in your prayers as they work hard and deal with different, and sometimes difficult, situations.

Our congregation is widely spread over several counties and our children attend 36 different schools. Please keep the following schools in your prayers during this next year:

*Community Christian School, Creekview High School, Dutchtown High School, Eagle's Landing High School, Forest Park High School, Locust Grove High School, Luella High School, Morrow High School, Mt. Zion High School, Northgate High School, Spalding High School, Union Grove High School, Woodland High School, Babb Middle School, Carver Road Middle School, Flat Rock Middle School, Memorial Middle School, Morrow Middle School, Rex Mill Middle School, Riverdale Middle School, Stockbridge Middle School, Union Grove Middle School, Woodland Middle School, Arnold Elementary School, Cannongate Elementary School, Eastlake Elementary School, Flippen Elementary School, Hickory Flat Elementary School, Morrow Elementary School, North Fayette Elementary School, Unidos Dual Language Center, Clayton County Headstart, Eastlake Academy, Fairview Kids Academy, LeVoyage Center for Growth, and Mt. Zion Learning Center.*

How wonderful and important to cover our schools in prayer and pray for God's protection and guidance!



## Thank You Notes

**From Tricia Koehler ...** Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, calls, and love shown toward Christopher and me during this heartbreaking time. We are trying not to stand still in our sorrow, but to move forward in the knowledge that God has a great plan for all of us. We were comforted by the journals and writings done by Eric in the last few months. They were hopeful, realistic, and God-centered. Please continue to pray for us as well as Riley and the rest of Eric's family. Thank you, friends. I will see you in September.

**From Nate, Senovia, Zac, and Ashley Bradley ...** Thank you. We appreciate the prayers. (*Zac Bradley has been on our prayer list since a tree fell on his car at Clayton State.*)

**From Eddie L. Freeman, Chairman, Spalding County Board of Commissioners...** A terrible tragedy struck the Spalding County community on April 28, taking lives, separating families, and destroying homes and businesses. You, along with many others, have demonstrated your care and concern for Spalding County. On behalf of the Spalding County Board of Commissioners and staff, I thank you for all of your assistance over the past few weeks as we worked to move from disaster to recovery.

**From The Uptown Congregation...** To MPC/Church Family, It is with happiness and gratitude that we share with you how successful the Vacation Church School (VCS) and summer camp was. Because of your continued financial support, the children not only enjoyed their classes, but, also, learned a lot concerning our faith in God. The theme of the VCS was: the Fundamental Faith of United Church of Christ in the Philippines; faith traced from the Presbyterian missionaries who came to our island of Leyte, Philippines in 1907. We are again deeply thankful for another assistance of \$100 sent through Dr. Romeo Moriles. Thanks a lot. Any amount would help to finish the Church Community Center, God willing. Our prayers with faith. God will provide. Everything to God in prayers. Thank you once again for your continued support for the Uptown Congregation!

## Congratulations!



**Congratulations to Cal & Hannah Folds** on the birth of their baby girl, **Kara Ruth Folds**, who was born on July 4, 2011, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 inches long. Congratulations, also, to proud great-grandmother, Barbara Lester, and great-great-grandfather, Carl Nisbet.

The rosebud and cradle cross on the pulpit on July 10 were provided by the Presbyterian Women in Kara's honor.

## Youth Fall Kick-Off

Sunday, August 28

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

The Campbell's Home & Pool

3493 Overland Court, Ellenwood



770-960-1145



Bring your swimsuits and towel.

Pizza, drinks, and dessert provided.