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**In Memory— Connie Funk**



**Constance Delores Funk (Connie)**, age 87, passed away on May 1, 2016. Originally from Frederick, MD, Connie resided in East Point for 47 years. This last year Connie moved to Tyrone to be closer to her children. Connie was married to Earl Funk for 68 years. In the early years of marriage, Connie began a career with the Bell System and later retired from AT&T. However, this played a bit part in her life. Her real passion and dedication was her love of God, her husband Earl, of 68 years, and her family. Connie and Earl joined MPC in 2001. They were very active until the decline in Earl's health. Connie leaves behind sons, Mike and Corey, and daughter, Stacy Weems. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by husband, Earl, daughter Lenna K. Rowe, and son, Kevin Funk.

Her family wrote "Thank you God for this amazing vessel that gave us life. We will dearly miss you, Mama. But not just us, you have been "Mama" to so many. Thank you for your amazing love of God. It has been our foundation in everything. We have benefited from so many of your gifts: your strength and endurance, your wisdom and ability to teach, your love of music and the expression with your beautiful voice, your laughter, your endless generosity, and patience. God gave you an abundance of gifts. Most extraordinary, is how you surrendered those gifts to be used by God, and how countless many have been touched by his love through that sweet surrender. Until we meet again, we love you, Mama!!"



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Psalm 148, "Let all creation praise and worship the Lord."

The psalm begins with the heavens on high giving praise to God. The angels join in. The sun and the moon also praise God along with the stars. The psalm goes back to speaking about the heavens, but this time the waters above the skies shout forth their praises toward God. Next are the great creatures of the sea and the ocean depths. Let us not forget lightning and hail, snow and stormy winds that show honor. The mountains and the hills, the fruit trees and the cedars. The wild and the tame animals, those that can fly and those that can crawl. After all creation gives their worship to God, kings and queens of all nations along with the commoners offer their voices.

What strikes me about Psalm 148 is that it doesn't just mention people praising God. Objects and animals praise their Lord with their own voices. Inanimate objects like trees and mountains honor the Lord with their branches and lofty terrain. All of creation, including human beings, worship God in their special ways.

The next time you look at a mountain, consider not just how high it is but also how it is raised up toward God to be as close to God as possible. Look at a tree and figure out its variety, but also witness how the branches wave in the air as though a person is lifting her arms to God. Jesus once said, "If the people keep quiet, the stones will cry out [in praise]" (Luke 19:40). The stones do shout forth praises to God by their bulk and density – they affirm that God truly is our mighty God.

See how the animals of the field, sky, and sea praise God. John Bunyan, the author of *A Pilgrim's Progress*, wrote about the chicken that lowers its head to pick up seed with its beak. It then lifts up its head not only to get the seed down its gullet but also to give thanks to God for giving it. We see cows lounging around in the fields, looking as though they enjoy the downtime. With Psalm 148 in mind, imagine those cows worshipping God in their leisure and thanking God for providing green pastures in which to eat and rest (cf. Psalm 23:2).

Notice the lightning and hail that offer their praises to God. We usually see these elements of the sky as unwanted and scary things. And yet, could we picture them as uncontrollable things that reflect how uncontrollable God is? Could we imagine them revealing how mysterious God is in his holy ways? The weather points to a God who is wholly (and holy) Other, the God who rises above our sufferings and pains and rescue us to his eternal kingdom.

Lastly, the royalty and commoners offer praise to God. Rich and poor both have a place with God, if they want God's free gift of salvation. Young and old worship the Lord in their unique ways, and God is honored by everything they give. All nations and tribes and clans will take a knee someday, and all will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. God is exalted in our lives and in the world, and the worship never stops with each passing generation, from people to rocks to animals to plants.

Psalm 148 is a striking psalm. It makes us pause and consider all the ways God is worshipped, not just through human words and actions but through all of creation's silent and sublime movements. Praise the Lord!

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

## Prayer Requests

**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Grace Cabrera (friend of Mary Ann Moriles), Wonderful Foste (prayer card), Family of Dennis Rowe (Stacy Weems' brother-in-law), Ruth Batchelor, Jo Bevil, Jeff Blanton, Wes Bradley, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Allene Brown, Susan Brown, Dr. Todd Bruno, Mary Butler, Rey Cabayan, Betty Colwell, Craig Coleman, Kayla Coleman, Janis Cone, Tanya Costa, Debbie Crawford, Ilona Dorsey, Lei Eason, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Betty Freeman, Jessica Giddens, Ruth Ginsberg, Wayne Goza, Nolan Grant, Rev. Penny Hill, Charles Hoequist, Laura Howard, Otisha Howell, Charlie Johnson, George Kempson, Mike & Priscilla King, Stephen Lawson, Leah Lipps, Missy Trotter Luce, Noli Luna, Carrilton Marsh, Maliki Marshall, Jeannell McElrath, Julia McLeod, Linda Morgan, Grandma & Grandpa Moriles, David & Faye Moss, Jim Mullinax, Nan Norton, Oba Odu, Rev. Luis Ortiz, Michelle Oswald, Janice Palmer, Destiny Perry, Samantha Phillips, John Popovich, Ron & Arolue Prater, John Prince, Beverly Pruett, Rey Ramos, John Randolph, Rob Rathbun, Gordon Richardson, Gary Robinson, Natalie Sledge, Keith Stanley, Butch Stavely, Margaret Strelsky, Ann Thornton, David Weems, Eddy Wheeler, Terry & Margie Williams, Bruce Winkles, Susan Wolpin. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** – Mission Haven. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; SPC Kevin **Brown**, Army—Fort Riley, KS; CPL Jaime **Brown**, Army, KS; Jeremy **Butler** – Marines; PFC Najee **Hall**, Army, CA; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; SSG Richard **Venizelos** – Air Force, CO. A full prayer list is available in the narthex next to the library.



### Father's Day Breakfast, June 19, 9:15 a.m.

**Father's Day Breakfast and Man of the Year - Sunday, June 19.** Make plans now for a time to honor and remember our dads and other important men in our lives. Breakfast will be provided during the Sunday School hour. We will then present the "Man of the Year" during the worship service. This will be a special day to honor and remember the Godly men in our lives.

### Promotion Sunday / Teacher Appreciation, June 5, 9:45 a.m.



**Sunday, June 5 – Promotion Sunday/Teacher Appreciation.** Children in our youth Sunday School classes who are moving up to the next level class will be recognized during the Sunday School hour on June 5 at 9:45 a.m. **The congregation is invited to show appreciation to our teachers during a reception following the worship service. Please bring a pie of any kind.**

## Presbyterian Women

**PWCT— June 5, 12:30 p.m.** The PWCT will be meeting on Sunday, June 5, at 12:30 following the church service.

**Virginia Dews Circle, June 13, 6:30 p.m.** The Virginia Dews Circle will meet **June 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Pacers' Classroom. Maria Cruz has the devotion and Bible Study. Pauline Buchanan has the refreshments. Project is toiletry products for teens coming from Rainbow House for Mission Days.

**Dorcas Circle—June 14, 10 a.m.** The Dorcas Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, June 14. Suzanne Lukat will lead the Bible study. Hostesses are Inez Coke and Brenda Garner. Betty Spier has the devotion.

**Morning Glory Circle— June 26, 9:30 a.m.** The Morning Glory Circle will continue with their new study, "The Armor of God." They will discuss Session 1 of the book. Books are available at LifeWay.

**Congratulations to Affiliate Member Gail Hardy,** who received the Presbyterian Lifetime Membership to East Tennessee District at their Annual Meeting in April.

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### Latin American Musical Festival, June 21, 10 a.m.

**Young at Heart—Mark Your Calendars!** The Young at Heart will be going on Tuesday (note change of day), June 21, to Clayton State University for the Latin American (Mexico and Caribbean) Musical Festival. They will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. and go to Spivey Hall. Cost will be \$4.00 for two concerts (10:30 and 12:30). Please see Roxie Romine to order advance tickets. The University Center will be offering global-inspired foods for sale.

**July 27** will be the **Tomato Luncheon** at MPC. Bring your favorite thing to go with tomatoes. Drinks will be provided.



## Congratulations to Brenda Garner—2016 PW Life Member



**Congratulations to Brenda Garner,** our newest addition into the Morrow Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership. She was honored on May 15 for her many contributions to this church.

Our 2016 Honorary Presbyterian Women Life Member, Brenda Garner, was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She is a graduate of the University of Alabama (Roll Tide!). Brenda started at Delta Airlines as a secretary and worked her way up to management. She and her husband, Don, joined Morrow Presbyterian church on April 9, 1995, where she promptly became active in the Presbyterian Women. She's served as the *Search and Resources Coordinator*, *Moderator-in-Training*, and *Moderator*. She has been on the PW Handbook committee, and co-chaired both the Virginia Dews Circle and the Dorcas Circle. We have always admired Brenda's hostess abilities -- she's known throughout the church for her grits and coconut cakes. She and Don are avid Braves fans and have been season ticket holders for many years. They have generously offered their cabin every year for the Baskets & More Auction.

**Congratulations, Brenda! Well deserved!**

## Thank You Notes



**From Brenda Garner...**What a surprise and honor it was for me to be presented the 2016 Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership on Sunday, May 15! Needless to say, I was shocked, and certainly join a long list of outstanding MPC Women with this honor—an exceptional group and an honor I never expected to achieve. I have learned so much from so many MPC ladies—both older and younger— as I served on the PWCT—a very warm and nurturing group who do so much for our Church and community with the many projects coordinated each year. Special thanks to all of you for the honor and all the support I have received from everyone in Morrow Presbyterian. Don and I are very fortunate to be a part of such a loving Church.

**From Wayne Goza...**Dear Morrow Presbyterian Church. Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, food, emails, visits, and especially your prayers during my surgery and recovery. You are a very special group of people who show their love and compassion to each other in so many ways. God bless you all!

**From Twarna Johnson...**For some people volunteering is about giving. But for others, it's a way of living. Thanks to all the hard work at the Kids Club Lock-in. Special thanks to: David Turner, Tricia Koehler, Libby McNair, Deborah Venizelos, Rebekah Venizelos, Brittany Roberts, Laura Howard, Nora Bryd, Lacita Robinson, and Erika Jenkins. I appreciate your dedication to our kids!

**From Morrow Presbyterian Church...**For years now, MPC graduates have enjoyed beautiful wooden frames every graduation. Morrow Presbyterian Church would like to thank **George Kempson** for lovingly doing them all these years. Thank you, George, for sharing your love and talent in woodworking for our graduates. It is a wonderful gift that they and their families will treasure. God bless you!

## The Greater Good

**“A beloved member of our church family** became seriously ill. A beautiful soul from our church visited and brought the family food, drinks, and candies. She then prayed with the family and sang hymns with them. The family treasured those uplifting moments of love. A friend felt led to be with a family during a difficult time in their lives. What a privilege to be a blessing to others!”

**“While on vacation, I listened patiently,** on two occasions as an elderly widower spoke lovingly of his deceased wife (after not quite one year following her death) having been married for almost 65 years. He said he was wandering about without much purpose, but he still smiled as he spoke of her and as I listened. This prompted a younger fellow traveler to ask if my parents had ever told me not to talk to strangers.”



### Our Mama Duck and babies are doing great!

For those who noticed Mama sitting on her nest at the fellowship hall door for the past month or more, her eggs are hatched and 8 ducklings have made the trek safely down to the lake.