Outreach Opportunities to Help Ukrainians

The images seen of Ukraine evacuees have been heartbreaking. So many women and children leaving behind nonmilitary husbands and fathers to fight for their lives and homes. Even though it seems a world away, our small community has direct ties to area.

Abby Hasting's parents, Billy and Janet Fricks, hosted a Ukrainian student for several years. Victoria is now a nurse at Redmond and lives in Silver Creek with two children. Her youngest child is currently in the hospital in a cast. Her sisters are in the US, but her parents are still in Ukraine. Her mom has been sheltering in a WWII bomb shelter used by her grandmother, and her father has been in a separate shelter. They are now headed to Poland. Sue will update us later if she finds out a way to provide help.

Ken and Debra Ward from Lindale have been going on annual mission trips to Moldova since the 1990's. They established a relationship with a pastor and church there, and Ken even celebrated one of his birthdays there with them. They were featured this week in the Rome News. Moldova is providing shelter to the evacuees. They provided a link with information about the group. There is a "donate" button just like the one we provide on our webpage. They state 100% of the donation goes straight to this cause.

The link is http://www.kbc-ministries.org

You can also just type in KBC ministries in your search line.

From Pastor Camille: The Outreach Foundation has boots on the ground in the region. I personally know them (used to be on their staff) and they rank right at the top of Charity Navigators list.

https://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/ukraine-appeal

Silver Creek Serial

March 20, 2022

Although we are no longer under a mask mandate, the Session encourages you to continue to take whatever precautions you feel most comfortable with re masking. The Session does request that you please wear your mask during worship when children/babies are attending worship.

Joys & Concerns

- Prayers for Volodymyr Zelenskyy as he continues to lead the Ukrainian people through the invasion by Russia. Prayers for the people of Ukraine, as well as the people of Russia who do not support the war that is being waged against the Ukraine by the Russian government leaders. Many Russians have family and friends in the Ukraine and fear for their safety. Gods speed to those in both nations...those taking up arms to protect their homeland and those protesting the attack by their government against Ukraine...
- Prayers for our President Joseph R. Biden Jr. and Vice-President Kamala Harris and other leaders as they make tough, but well thought out, decisions in how our Nation supports the Ukrainian people and the impact that support will have on our Nation and other countries.
- Prayers for Lilly Farr who was released from Children's Helathcare on Saturday afternoon after being treated there for migraines. She has follow-up appts. w/a specialist. Address: 29 Walking Horse Dr., NW, Rome, GA 30165
- Prayers for Sue Hastings who got home on Thursday from her shoulder replacement surgery. They are fine with meals for now. Sue prefers text messages instead of phone calls at this time (770.548.7766). Special prayers for her caregiver, Fred too! Address: 185 Bowman Rd., SE, Lindale, GA 30147
- Prayers for Carolyn Holliday is now at home and continues to improve. Address: 3202 Village Blvd., Rome, GA 30161
- Prayers for Juanita Harris, friend of the church, who has shingles. Address: 757 Wax Rd., SE, Silver Creek, GA 30173
- **Bob Finger** requested prayers for **Odell Justice**, a former member, who has Parkinson's and lingering issues from COVID. He is now at home. Address: 21 Shadowood Circle, Silver Creek, GA 30173

Prayers for Vicki Blankenship and Jane Byars – issues with Vertigo.

- Prayers for Lilly Farr migraines/cluster headaches.
- Prayers for Diane Harbin's sister, Barbara, whose husband, Eddie Pokojski, died on Friday and their family.
- Prayers for our Nation as a whole: the division in our nation, violent crimes, sexual abuse and human trafficking, and for the refugees beginning a new life in a new country,
- <u>Unspoken Prayers...there are many among our immediate and</u> extended church family.
- Our military at home, deployed, those at war, or facing terrorism.
- Those with health issues: Marni Neal Carl Parkinson's; Terri Ott husband Steve Ott; Sue Hastings sister, Sharon; Vicki Blankenship friend diagnosed with Parkinson's dementia; Lloyd Farr's mother, Bette Alzheimer's and sister, Ginger her caregiver; Larry Garrett PTSD; and Sheila Cox Mary Jane Spiller grief and GI issues; Doug and Melinda Orr heart issue.
- Members requested prayers for those suffering from cancer: Sue
 Hastings brother-in-law Tommy; Carolyn Holliday's brothers –
 Cliff & Eddie; and Marni Neal's daughter-in-law, Jennifer Neal –
 stomach cancer.
- Our Presbytery and Denomination, Our Church, Reverend Camille, the Session, & Congregation
 Please update me with additional prayer requests that you become aware of at 706.346.7268

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 15th – Alicia & Tom McLoone March 28th – Madeleine Vaughn March 31st – Brian McDonald

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 5th – Steve and Penny Thacker April 6th -Cherie Finger April 7th – Logan McCloone Next **Sunday, March 27**th, we will have our first **Fellowship Luncheon** of 2022 immediately following our worship! I think we squeezed one gathering in last year in-between COVID outbreaks. If you can, bring a dish or two to share with those gathered. If not, we always have enough to share. Luncheons are scheduled for the **LAST Sunday** of each month!

The Session will meet for their monthly meeting immediately following the luncheon.

Church Caring and Sharing Freezer

Now that we are past the holidays, it is a great time to re-stock our **Caring and Sharing Freezer** in the middle Sunday School Room downstairs. Our goal is to keep it stocked so that we have food on hand for those who are ill/recuperating and anyone we are aware of that needs a meal or more in our community. Your help is appreciated. If you have questions, please call or text Janet at 706.346.7268.

Are you familiar with the <u>Silver Creek Presbyterian Face Book</u> page? We invite you to "like" our page and to visit it often **and** to "like" and share posts that "speak to you." By doing so, you are helping to introduce others to our welcoming little church.

COOKBOOKS COOKBOOKS COOKBOOKS

Since many of you have not been in the Fellowship Hall in a <u>couple years</u>, folks have really added to the bookshelf of cookbooks! The cookbooks are there for you to take home and browse, enjoy, and return, so someone else can also enjoy them. There are a lot of regional cookbooks, fancy dining, down home dining, and more. I hope you will check them out! <u>It may even help you find dishes to bring to the last Sunday Luncheon March 27th!!!</u>

Address for mailing donations to the church: or using electronic links:

- Silver Creek Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 227, Silver Creek, GA 30173
- **Links found at www.pcusa.org and Church Face Book page**

See back cover for Mission Outreach Opportunities.