

## Greystone Bible Study

All are welcome to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 1 p.m. for the **Lunch and Learn Bible Study at the Greystone**. We gather and provide a light lunch with the residents who participate. After lunch Pastor Camille facilitates a discussion of passages from the Book of Luke. The residents enjoy reading the passages aloud for the group before we take time to think about what the passage means to us individually and have an open discussion. We welcome additional congregants to join us tomorrow!

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> & November 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>**

### The Homeless in our Area

There are sandwiches and slices of banana bread in the freezer downstairs and water bottles on a table nearby that you are encouraged to give to any homeless folks you encounter when you are at the church.

Please give one each at a time.

### October Birthdays & Anniversaries

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Walter & Ladonna Scheppe

October 4<sup>th</sup> – Melissa & Aaron Clark

October 6<sup>th</sup> – Bany & Diane Harbin

Lauren Abrams

Joe Palmer

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Larry Garrett

October 11<sup>th</sup> – Janet Farr

October 12<sup>th</sup> – Marni Neal

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Vivian Adams

October 20<sup>th</sup> – Leigh Farr

October 21<sup>st</sup> – Gary & Carol Wright

October 29<sup>th</sup> – Ladonna Scheppe

October 30<sup>th</sup> – Candi Mears.

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

- Silver Creek Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 227, Silver Creek, GA 30173
- Online giving click here: [SilverCreekDONATE](#)

## Silver Creek Serial

October 22, 2023

[The Sunday worship service continues to be live-streamed and can be viewed on the SCPC Facebook page or the church web page – or click: \*\*SCPC-LIVESTREAM\*\*](#)

### Joys & Concerns

#### A statement from Pastor Camille

*“As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace!”  
(Luke 19.41-42)*

As I watch the news about the horror in Israel and in Gaza, this passage from Luke is one that stands out. Right now Jesus stands over Israel and weeps. Jesus stands over Gaza and weeps. Jesus stands and weeps over every place where hatred is a barrier to peace.

What Hamas did, what Hamas is doing is an act of terror. Hamas is still committing acts of terror, still murdering innocents. Israel has a right to defend herself. Israel has a right to root out Hamas terrorists, to respond to the threat to her people. There is another more subtle, but perhaps a greater, danger for Israel: if in responding to these acts of terror she indiscriminately slaughters innocents, Israel herself violates human decency.

We must speak out against acts of hatred toward our Jewish brothers and sisters in this community or anywhere. We must also speak out against acts of hatred toward our Muslim brothers and sisters in this community or anywhere. Terrorists acting under the identity of Islam committed terrible, inhumane acts. We must never assume, therefore, that all Muslims are terrorists.

The “thing that makes for peace” is love. The most radical act we can take to make the world less threatening, to make the world a better place, is to learn to love as audaciously, as indiscriminately as Jesus loves. Peace, true peace will only come when we learn to love as Jesus loves. Let your Jewish neighbors know that you love them, that you stand with them, that you stand against acts of hatred and terror against them. Let your community know that you will stand against acts of hatred against any person, against any group of people, no matter who the perpetrator may be.

*“Peacemaking doesn’t mean passivity. It is the act of interrupting injustice without mirroring injustice, the act of disarming evil without destroying the evildoer, the act of finding a third way that is neither fight nor flight but the careful, arduous pursuit of reconciliation and justice. It is about a revolution of love that is big enough to set both the oppressed and the oppressors free.”*

*(from Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals”)*

**What tangible acts of love will you commit to as a continuation of your prayers this week?**

- *...unspoken prayers.*
- *Prayers for all those across the globe in the path of weather disasters.*
- *Prayers for Terri Ott who had surgery for an intestinal blockage. Address: 2 Maplewood Drive, Rome, GA 30161*
- *Prayers for Sue Hastings who is now at home recovering. Prayers for Fred too as he cares for Sue and they go to follow-up appointments. Address: 185 Bowman Rd., SE, Lindale, GA 30147.*
- *Zach Sherwin is recovering from a recent fall which caused a rotator cuff injury. Doctors have him exercising and hope that will help with the healing and avoid surgery. Address: 57 Trillium Trail, Rome, GA 30165*
- *Prayers for Lilly Farr who continues to have health issues and is recovering from a badly sprained ankle. Lilly is a freshman at Rome High School and in the band. She attends school in-person when her health permits and is served as a hospital/homebound student when she can't attend. I am sure she would appreciate hearing from her church family. Address: 29 Walking Horse Dr., NW, Rome, GA 30165*
- *Prayers for Carol Wright who is recovering from spinal surgery. Carol is recovering at home. Prayers that each day is a better day. Address: 39 Wellington Way, Rome, GA 30161*
- *Joy! Lloyd Farr continues to get stronger...now walking on his own...slowly and able to drive. Now to keep him from overdoing. Address: 2 Horseshoe Bend Re. SW, Rome, GA 30165*
- *Prayers for Blake Collier, grandson of Joanne Collier, who was deployed to Jordan this week.*
- *Prayers for Westminster PC as they begin a new pastoral transition.*
- *Prayers for Trent Norton, the church custodian, awaiting results of recent heart tests.*
- *Joy! Pastor Camille's brother Kevin has begun to respond to the specialized treatment at the rehabilitation facility in Jacksonville that he was moved to continue his recovery from the TBI he received during a fall two months ago. Answered prayers!*
- *Those grieving the passing of a loved one.*

- *Sheila Cox alerted us that her neighbor's grandson, Deshawn continues to be hospitalized at Emory as they evaluate his best treatment protocol. Please keep this young man in your prayers.*
- *Prayers continue to pray for the people of war-torn Ukraine and the people of Russia who do not support the war their country is waging.*
- *Our military at home or deployed.*
- *Those with health issues: Jane Byars – vertigo; Vicki Blankenship as she continues to recover from a concussion from a fall; Gwen Templeton's whose grandson Deshawn is at Emory; Terri Ott's friend – Becky Sims, memory issues; Carolyn Holliday's – brother Cliff – hospitalized for evaluation of health issues; Jason and Beth Costlow's daughter, Laura Beth – Type 1 Diabetes; Monte Fricks, health issues; Marni Neal – Carl's Parkinson's; and Larry Garrett – PTSD.*
- *Members requested prayers for those suffering from cancer and their caregivers: Vicki Blankenship's friend John Johnston receiving Hospice care; and Marni Neal's daughter-in-law, Jennifer Neal – stomach cancer.*
- *Our Presbytery and Denomination, Our Church, Reverend Camille, the Session, & Congregation*
- *Prayers for our President Joseph R. Biden Jr. and Vice-President - Kamala Harris as they lead our nation.*

**Presbyterian Women**

**Bible Study**

**November 6, at 10:00 a.m. Chapter 7**

**Silver Needles**

**November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

*Great News – The church has been awarded a grant from the PCUSA, which will help the church continue our Community Outreach Ministry at the Greystone. We need to thank both Zach Sherwin and Pastor Camille for their diligence in preparing the grant application and answering additional questions.*

*Below is a list of folks, including college students, who would welcome mail any time of the year. Receiving a cheerful note is always welcome...whether you are in a facility, homebound, in college, or a busy person. It means that someone cares about you and thought you might benefit from a cute card or note.*

*Of course, a personal phone call, if that is easier for you to make, can make someone's day too. Just checking in with a friend can lift their spirit. Let me know if you need any church family or extended church family phone numbers!*

. In addition to our two college students, Sydney and Madeleine, Penny & Steve Thacker have four grandchildren in college whose addresses I have added to the list. In this "day and age," small acts of thoughtfulness mean so much and can make such a big difference in a person's outlook! **If you would like anyone added to this list, please let me know!**

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**Julie Moore**

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Calhoun, GA 30701

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Crown Point, IN 46307

**Madeleine Vaughn**

University of Georgia  
Morris Hall, Room 414  
90 S. Lumpkin Street  
Athens, GA 30609

**Lucie Claire Corbett**

Russell Hall, Room 238  
515 Baxter Street  
Athens, GA 30609

**Ruby Henley**

1013 N Bonnie Brae  
Los Angeles, CA 90026

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1170 Chulio Rd., SE  
Rome, GA 30165

**Mrs. Monte Fricks**

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Hudson, OH 44236

**Sydney Vaughn**

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Jacksonville, AL 36265

**Hawkes Corbett**

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Watkinsville, GA 30677

**Ella Henley**

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Madison, WI 53703

## COMMUNITY KITCHEN

# ITMES NEEDED

- Produce (Fresh, Canned, Frozen)
- Protein (Chicken, Beef, Pork)
- #10 Size Canned Goods
- Bottled Water
- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Pop-top Canned Goods
- Breakfast/ Protein Bars
- Monetary Donations

Deadline: October 31st, 2023

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