

## UNILU NEWS AND EVENTS



UNIVERSITY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



### From Pastor Jon

Pretty impressive, huh?

Ok, not so much right now, but in the spring I expect this view to be full of daffodils - Dorothy's Daffodils! In memory of Renee's mom, I planted hundreds and hundreds of bulbs this fall. But before planting I needed to amend the clay with topsoil. Which also meant digging out rocks, cutting tree roots, creating individual holes for each bulb, planting the bulbs then covering it all with leaf mulch. Now I wait and watch. Much like the anticipation of Advent I am waiting eagerly. Expectantly. Hopefully.

December 12, 2018

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I pray that in the midst of what can be a very hectic season you are able to slow down a bit. To give God thanks for all God's good gifts seen and unseen. To remember our sisters and brothers who may be hurting or grieving at this time. To trust in God's promises that new life is waiting to break forth all around us; even if for the moment it is hidden from our view.

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

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### Congregation Meeting

The regular December Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 16th at 9:45. We will be electing new Council members (bios at the end of the newsletter), voting on the budget (which was sent out last week) voting on the Constitution and bylaw changes that were sent to you on October 5th, and any other business that may come up.

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## Christmas Dinner and 2nd Annual Men's Christmas Bake-off!

The Christmas dinner is rescheduled for this Sunday, 12/16 at 5 pm **in the UniLu Fellowship Hall**. Please bring a dish and/or dessert to share. Praise Band will be leading us in carols, there will be special activity for children, and lots of fellowship. Men are encouraged to bring a tasty treat for the bake-off contest! Contact Cheryl Summers, 653-5790, with questions.

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**Due to the December 9th snowstorm we  
will be collecting toys until  
December 16th.**

**Help a parent select their child's  
Christmas gift at the**

**SANTA SHOP  
THE DREAM CENTER –  
EASLEY**

Bring in any unwrapped new toy or book and they will be delivered to the Santa Shop. Parents will be able to select and purchase gifts at a very low price. Parents may earn credit money by taking classes or helping out. This project supports the Family Promise Homeless Program and others with limited income. Questions: contact Karen Dreher

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If you'd like to make a donation to be divided and given to the staff for Christmas gifts, please put your check in the offering plate marked "Staff Gifts." **Please make your gift by Sunday, December 16.**

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## Poinsettias!

If you'd like to order a poinsettia for the sanctuary, please either write your dedication on the attendance pad or email it to [unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com) and put your check in the offering labeled "poinsettia" by December 16.

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## Ken Cothran Invites you to

*Christmas*  
with the *Chorale:*  
**Handel's MESSIAH**  
Tuesday, December 18 • 7:30 PM  
McAlister Auditorium, Furman University

FOR TICKETS  
**864-467-3000**  
[greenvillechorale.com](http://greenvillechorale.com)

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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## News from the Audio/Visual Team

The University Lutheran Audio/Visual Team is very happy to announce that the church now has the capability to produce videos of the weekly Gospel Readings and Sermons. These videos are posted to the church website, usually before noon on Sunday mornings. Just go to the website—[uniluclemson.org](http://uniluclemson.org)—and select the Sermons listings. You will have the option of listing to an audio transcription of the sermons or watching the full-blown video.

The Audio/Visual Team believes this enhancement will enable congregational members who cannot attend a service to hear the word of the Lord on a timely basis. It will also provide valuable information about what our church has to offer to anybody who is looking for a meaningful place to worship.

We are looking for additional team members to assist in providing this valuable ministry. It may look complicated but really isn't. If I can do it anybody can. We believe that this is a very good way for the youth in the congregation to participate in congregational activities, but everybody is welcome. If you are interested in joining the Audio/Visual Team please contact myself, Charlie Smith, or Miles Rockow.

Ned Johnson

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Remember our Shut-ins



## FAMILY PROMISE

We would like to shout out a huge "Thank You" to Eunice Lehmacher and Rachel Quesada for their service as co-chairs for Family Promise! Unilu partners with Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, the host Congregation, for 4 weeks during the year to:

- provide food for breakfast and bag lunches
- provide food and prepare dinner
- eat dinner with the guests
- stay overnight
- set up at the beginning of the week (Sunday afternoon)
- clean up at the end of the week (Sunday morning and afternoon).

Over the past several years, these two women have worked with Holy Trinity to ensure that Unilu has provided volunteers to help perform these duties. After many years of great service, in 2019 they are stepping down from this role.

As we make our New Years Resolutions, it is time for each of us to determine how we wish to serve our community in 2019. If you wish to keep this ministry flourishing, please prayerfully consider taking on the role of Chairman or Co-Chairman of this committee. There are many eager volunteers to perform these tasks. We simply need a leader or co-leaders to make sure all tasks are covered.

Tentative dates in 2019 are:

January 27-February 3

June 2-June 9

July 7-July 14

August 4-August 11.

If you would like to say "YES", contact Patty Hudson at 864-639-6931 or Judy Aikens at 724-831-8104.

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**Sunday Worship  
at 8:30am and 11am  
Congregation Meeting  
and  
Sunday School  
at 9:45am**

## **Miss a service?**

The recorded church sermons, audio and video, are posted weekly to the website:  
[www.uniluclemson.org](http://www.uniluclemson.org)

## **UniLu Web Site**

[www.uniluclemson.org](http://www.uniluclemson.org)

## **Council President**

Jean Mehlman  
[jpmehlman@bellsouth.net](mailto:jpmehlman@bellsouth.net)

## **Church Office Hours**

The church office is open  
Monday through Friday  
8am-12noon and  
1pm-3pm.

Mailing Address  
111 Sloan Street  
Clemson, SC 29631

Phone: 864/654-4232

## **Staff Listing**

Jon Heiliger- Parish Pastor  
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Chris Heavner- Campus Pastor  
[PastorC@clemson.edu](mailto:PastorC@clemson.edu)  
864/506-0080

Gene Copenhaver - Pastor Emeritus  
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Judi Key- Minister of Music  
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Melissa McKenzie -Custodian  
can be reached through the church  
office.

## **DEADLINE for NEWSLETTER**

**Please have your information to  
[unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com)  
by Tuesday at 3 pm.**

## Mission Statement

*University Lutheran is a family of faith, called by the Holy Spirit to be one ministry serving both our community and university. The Spirit calls us to make known, by word and deed, the story of God's love in Jesus. Our worship together empowers us to grow as disciples as we receive, celebrate, and share God's gifts with all of God's creation and created ones.*

## Serving this Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister at 8:30      | Anita Edge                       |
| Assisting Minister at 11:00     | Judy Aikens                      |
| Communion Assistant at 8:30     | Cheryl Summers                   |
| Communion Assistant at 11:00    | Jan Fritz                        |
| Altar Guild                     | Myrna Johnson and Brenda Monn    |
| Cantor at 8:30                  | Courtney Green                   |
| Cantor at 11:00                 | Jan Fritz                        |
| Lector at 8:30                  | Karen Waltz                      |
| Lector at 11:00                 |                                  |
| Greeters at 8:30                | Erika Summers and Cheryl Summers |
| Greeters at 11:00               | Barbara Blackmon                 |
| Ushers at 8:30                  | John and Kathy Fulmer            |
| Ushers at 11:00                 | Herm Spitzer and Becky Spray     |
| Acolyte at 8:30                 | Julia Summers                    |
| Acolyte at 11:00                |                                  |
| Tellers                         | Robert and Elaine Knoerr         |
| Audio Visual Team at 8:30/11:00 | Ned Johnson and Gary Smith       |

### PRAYER CONCERNS

† For University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends: Wayne Gilchrist; Marvin Doerr; Sarah Heyer; Gail Paul; Emma Piazza; Pat Wagner; Jack Flanigan; Keith Phelan; Mark Smith; George Harris; Tony Quesada; Gene Copenhaver; Elise Burns, (Pastor Jon's and Renee's daughter); Randy Gilchrist, Sue Reneke; Larry Bock

† for Grace Schmeelke and family in the death of Pastor Bob; for Amy Cox and family in the death of Rita Kromer

† for expectant parents Josh and Jessica Wiltgen

☪ Celebrating birthdays this week: Barbara Blackmon; Carol Miller; Roy Sanders; Paula Sommerville; Joy McGuire; John Fulmer; Kerry Smith

♥ Celebrating wedding anniversaries this week: Ed and Jean Mehlman; Doug and Debbie Paul; Gene and Marty Copenhaver

☀ Worship was cancelled last Sunday due to inclement weather.

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## Calendar

**Parish**

**THIS SUNDAY**

**LCM**

Worship at 8:30am and 11am

Sunday School at 9:45am

Congregation meeting at 9:45am

Congregation Christmas Party at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Monday**

*Pastor Chris will be on vacation Monday through December 23.*

Council meeting at 7pm

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

Bible Conversation at 10am

Advent Meal at 6pm

Advent Service at 7pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30pm

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 8:30am and 11am

Sunday School at 9:45am

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## Prayer Fellowship

The following is a list of people for whom prayer has been requested. If you know of anyone in need of prayer, please email [unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com) with their name, address if you'd like a card sent to them, and the reason for the request if it is not confidential. Please also let us know if they improve and need to be removed.

Dana Beville  
Marge Butler  
Mary Durnin  
Kathy Francis  
Lee Honeycutt  
Theo Hurst  
Ken Ingram  
Don Joseph  
Bob and Faye Lawson  
Ilse and Eberhard Lemcke  
Barbara Lemcke  
Fran and Billie Mentz  
Joseph Moore  
Kay Powers  
Abby Roe  
Linda Smith  
Gavin Todd  
Robert Washabau

Friend of Marie Lynn  
Sister of John Wagner  
Friend of Marie Lynn  
Friend of the Wagners  
Brother of Frank Honeycutt  
Grandson of Michael and Aija Seflic  
Father of Cheryl Smith  
Friend of Bruce Booher  
Friends of the Sanders  
Parents of Susanne Lemcke  
Sister of Susanne Lemcke  
Uncle and Aunt of Kerry Smith  
Friend of Linda Holt  
Friend of Patty Hudson  
Friend of the Lusk Family  
Friend of Rosalyn Flanigan  
Son of Cindy Donnan  
Brother-in-law of Ada Lou Steirer



### ***PRAYER OF THE DAY for Upcoming Sunday***

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Council Member Bios

### John Dreher

I've been a member of UNILU for 14 years. During those years, I've served in several leadership positions. I served one prior term on council about nine years ago. I was chairperson of the Capital Fund Campaign in 2008 and chairperson of the Building Committee for the construction of the new narthex. I was chairperson of the Call Committee for Pastor Jon. I currently serve on the Finance Committee and Property Committee. I stay active in local church outreach programs such as Habitat for Humanity and Our Daily Bread. Karen and I love being members of UNILU. We try our best to support all the church's activities.

### Marion Fisher

I have been a member of University Lutheran Church for over 22 years. I work at Milliken and Company, for the past 23 years, currently serving as process improvement manager for safety and quality assurance. I Live in Pendleton, my home town is Cleveland, Ohio and I have a daughter and two grandchildren that live in New Castle, England.

I have served on many committees and congregation councils. My passion to serve is for this worshipping community, youth mentoring and social justice opportunities.

### Courtney Green

I have been a UniLu member for about a year. In that time, I have contributed to the congregational community by playing handbells, singing in the choir, cantoring, lecturing, and bringing a really cute small toddler to 8:30 service (Iggy). As a Concordia College, Moorhead graduate (ELCA), I am passionate about "Becoming Responsibly Engaged in the World" and hope to bring a more global and diverse perspective to council. I am currently a seminarian at Luther Seminary, St. Paul and am taking distance learning classes towards a degree with a focus in justice and reconciliation. I have been involved in organizing the "Let's Talk Race, Clemson" events and Social Justice Bible Study and have participated in a *Be The Bridge* racial reconciliation group in Clemson. I am excited about continuing my work at University Lutheran as an advocate for justice and inclusion.

### Marty High

I was born in Reading PA and am a lifelong Lutheran. I went to school at Penn State (go Nittany Lions!) and University of Tulsa. When Karen and I lived in Stillwater OK, I served several terms on church council and as council president at Salem Lutheran Church. Karen and I moved to the Clemson area in 2015 and joined University Lutheran shortly thereafter. We enjoy all things University Lutheran. I particularly appreciate the Wednesday morning Bible study community. I have always tried to live as a servant-leader and will continue to do so on our Council.

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### **Jim Jones**

Lena and I have been members of University Lutheran since 2015. We are both retired from the US Navy. Lena was a Navy nurse and I was a Cryptologic Technician, serving on three ships and four shore stations. We moved to the upstate to be closer to our children. Our daughter Andrea and son-in-law Joshua, live in Greenville, SC. Andrea is a high school biology teacher and Josh works for Clemson University. Our son Patrick lives and works in Asheville, NC.

I have served on church councils at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran in La Mesa, CA, St. John's Lutheran in Beaufort, SC and I am currently finishing a one-year term on the council at University Lutheran. Lena and I co-chaired the Evangelism Committee for the past three years. I am active in Lutheran Men in Mission and serve as a lector. Additionally, Lena and I have transported quilts and personal care kits up to St. Mark's Lutheran in Asheville, NC for the last four years.

### **Jim Keogh**

After prayer and reflection, I accepted the nomination to run for church council at Unilu in October 2018. I have been attending University Lutheran since March of 1993, but did not join the church until 1998; the decision overcame me during Ken Cochran's solo of "Were You There" during that year's Good Friday service. Since then I co-taught Sunday School with Michelle Martin for Junior and High School aged students, served one year on the church council during the year the plans for the narthex addition were developed, have been a teller for 9 years, while becoming increasingly active in Music and Worship and Property activities at Unilu. University Lutheran provides me with spiritual growth and opportunities to participate in a way which allows me to both discover the gifts God has graced me with and offer them in gratitude to the service of His church. I pray I discover God's purpose for my participation on the church council, even if that purpose is to remain in the current capacities with which I've been blessed. Being a member of the family of University Lutheran Church has enriched my life immeasurably with companionship, opportunities to grown spiritually and personally, for which I am grateful.

### **Karen Waltz**

My husband and I joined University Lutheran in the fall of 2014 after we both retired and moved here full time. We had been attending here off and on since February 2012. We moved here from Guyton, GA where we were both high school teachers. We were members of Holy Trinity Lutheran in Springfield, GA where I also served as church secretary for several years. Since moving to Clemson and becoming a member of University Lutheran, I have been active in the quilting group, teaching Sunday School for the last 2 ½ years, and serve as President of WELCA (Ruth Circle). I have also been an active member of the Evangelism Committee for the past 3 years, am a part of the Novel Bunch and volunteer with the reading program at Central Academy for the Arts (formerly Central Elementary). During worship service, I have served as greeter, usher, and lector. In my leisure time, I enjoy reading, baking homemade bread, and spending time with my family.