



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

November 27, 2019



From Pastor Jon - Prayer Ornaments

The Season of Advent begins this Sunday, December 1. Following the 11 AM worship, the Worship & Music Ministry Team will be decorating the sanctuary by setting up the Chrismon Tree and the hanging of the greens; everyone is invited to join in!

Also, this year throughout the Advent and Christmas season the Worship & Music Ministry Team is inviting you to write out a prayer (or several) on the back of a paper ornament. These prayer ornaments will be added weekly to the garland strands encircling the sanctuary. These will be visual reminders of all the people and situations we are praying for; joys and sorrows, thanksgivings and petitions.

As the hustle and bustle of the holiday season kicks into high gear, I hope you will join me in intentionally making time to slow down, give God thanks, lift up those who are suffering and grieving, and make room in our schedules to listen for God. To remember God's love for you, and God's love for our neighbors.

Fellowship & Service

Poinsettias



In a few short weeks, we will be preparing for Christmas by adorning our sanctuary with poinsettias. As in the past, we are setting up a Poinsettias Fund and invite all interested members to make a contribution with a dedication in honor or memory of someone. The full cost of a poinsettia is sometimes beyond the reach of some of our members, so any amount is acceptable. We will then purchase as many plants as we can cover with the fund. If you would like to cover the full cost of \$20, you certainly may.

Please look for the envelopes on the table in the narthex for the next two Sundays.

Forms **MUST** be in the church office by **December 8th** for ordering from florist. Thank you.



Hanging of the Greens

After the 11:00 am worship service **THIS SUNDAY, December 1st**, the Worship and Music Committee will be hanging the greens in the sanctuary and putting up the Chrismon tree. You are invited to help! There are many beautiful Chrismons to be hung, giving you an opportunity for an up-close viewing of these beautiful symbols. Plan to be a part of this Advent season activity as we prepare our worship space for the coming of our Lord.

Advent Dinners and Worship

All are welcome to join in for a hot meal and fellowship the Wednesdays of Advent prior to



worship. Dinner will be served beginning at 6 pm on 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18 with Advent worship to follow at 7 pm.

Please contact Cheryl Summers, 864-653-5790, if you have questions.



Annual Congregation Christmas Dinner & Men's Dessert Contest!

Sunday, December 8th beginning at 5pm

Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church, 220 Carson Rd, Seneca. Please bring a dish or dessert to share and goodies for the students' stockings. All men are invited to bring a special dessert for the dessert contest! Please contact Cheryl Summers, 864-653-5790, if you have questions.

Congregational Meeting

The final congregational meeting of 2019 will be held

Sunday, December 15th at 9:45 am in the sanctuary.

We will be voting on 3 Council members (terms 2020-2022) and the 2020 Budget.



Candidates are Marty High, Allison Mero, Molly Parkhill, Karen Waltz, and Addy Willis. Bios will be available in E-News next week.



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.

Collection dates through Dec. 8th in the Narthex.

Sing Noel!



Have you ever wished you could sing with the choir on Christmas Eve, but felt you couldn't make the commitment? Then this plan is for you and will only take one hour of your time!

Here's how the "Christmas Choir" works. **Come for 20-minute practice sessions on three consecutive Wednesday nights; December 4, 11 and 18.**

Practice begins five minutes after the conclusion of Wednesday Advent services. (Approximately 7:40 - 8:00 pm) That's it! Then sing with the choir on Christmas Eve for services. The choir is already practicing and is ready to welcome you! Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to be doubly blessed at Christmas! **Let Judi know if you can join us!**

Hilltoppers

The Hilltoppers will be attending two holiday performances in December.

We invite anyone who would like to attend to join us!

Sunday; December 15th at 3:00 pm

The *Clemson Little Theatre* in Pendleton is presenting the Christmas favorite, *It's A Wonderful Life*. Tickets at \$12.00, which is a group rate.

We will go out to eat either before or after the performance.

Tuesday, December 17th at 7:30 pm

The Greenville Chorale is presenting their annual Christmas concert at McAlister Auditorium at Furman University. Our own Ken Cothran is a member of this group. This is a wonderful annual concert. We will car pool from Clemson and stop for dinner along the way. Tickets are \$35.00 and can be purchased from the Peace Center Box Office.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for both events.

Although Consecration Sunday was last month, we are still seeing pledge cards and time/talent forms continue to trickle in to the church office. To date, we have received 68 pledges for a total of \$286,350. We have also received 86 time/talent forms. These totals are down somewhat from last year when we received 87 pledges for \$333,201 and 102 time/talent forms. If you have not yet turned in your pledges of time/talent and financial support for next year, please place these in the offering plate any Sunday or drop them off (or mail them) to the church office. You may also give our Administrative Assistant this information over the phone, if you prefer.

**A major 'thank you' to all who participated in this year's
Stewardship Campaign!**

Help Wanted!

Are you good at organizing? Do you love books? The Education Committee is recruiting a librarian! We would love to have your help! Also, we are always looking for Sunday School teachers. If you would like to learn more about either of these "jobs," please contact Mollie Barrow.

mbarrowjr@aol.com

UniLu Concerns & Celebrations

UniLu Prayer Concerns

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends: Wayne Gilchrist; Gail Paul; Pat Wagner; Rosalyn Flanigan; George Harris; Rachel Quesada; Tony Quesada; Gene Copenhaver; Randy Gilchrist; Larry Bock; Joyce Lillehamer; George Rasula; Katie Healy's friend, Mary B.; Jim Keogh's brother, John; Robert & Elaine Knoerr's niece, Julie Kanagy; David Foster's brother & sister-in-law, Bill & Sue; Rachel Quesada's brother-in-law, Kenneth Cheek; The Childress Family as they await the arrival of Baby Boy #2.

UniLu Celebrations

☐ Celebrating Birthdays this Coming Week: Cooper Wiltgen; James Bartsch; Laura Black; Bill Neary; Aija Seflic; Jim Vetter; Lily Cummings.

Community Happenings

CAROLINA BRONZE HANDBELL ENSEMBLE PRESENTS

Seasons of Christmas



*Come hear the Handbell Ensemble
present music that captures the feeling
and excitement of the holidays.*

December 6th at 7pm
Clemson UMC Worship Center
Free Admission



300 FRONTAGE ROAD CLEMSON, SC 29631 | WWW.CLEMSONUMC.ORG/SPECIAL-EVENTS

Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 06, 2019, 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Location: Newton Hobson Auditorium,
737 Wesleyan Dr, Central, SC US 29630

Website: <https://swu.edu/finearts>

Download: [Download Event](#)

Always a campus and community favorite, Southern Wesleyan University's Departments of Music and Spiritual Life combine to present the celebration of Christ's birth through scripture and song.

Admission is free!

Parish Information

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

Click [HERE](#) to see this Sunday's Servers

LINKS

[LIVING LUTHERAN MAGAZINE](#)

[UNILU WEBSITE • LECTIONARY/READINGS](#)

[LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY • SC SYNOD](#)

[ELCA GOOD GIFTS](#)

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

* Miss a service? The recorded church sermons, audio and video, are posted weekly to the website: www.uniluclemson.org and to the University Lutheran Facebook page.

* Church Office Hours *

Monday–Thursday 9 AM–12 PM; 1 PM–2:30 PM
Fridays 9 AM - 12 PM

University Lutheran Church 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.