



# UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

December 4, 2019

*Above all  
else love  
each other  
deeply*  
- 1 Peter 4:8

### From Pastor Jon

For whatever reason, the Holy Spirit perhaps, when I was thinking of writing this column the words of a former confirmation student Billy Ball came to mind.

As a twelve year old he prophetically stated, “When Jesus said, ‘love your neighbor as yourself’, he didn’t say ‘love your Christian neighbor as yourself’ or ‘love your neighbors you like as yourself’. No, he said ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’” The love Billy was describing was far deeper than love that is reciprocated. It is a love that stretches me. A love that may make me uncomfortable. A love that is more of a conscious effort and action than an emotional response; a love that is offered due to God’s call on my life not on my own ability to manufacture it.

Perhaps “loving my neighbor” was in the recesses of my mind due to two meetings I had earlier this week. One with our homeowner’s association. Here, the dedicated few (not me, this was my first meeting in three years!) have been trying to look out for the many (all homeowners). But there is the inevitable differences on how to best put that into practice. It requires listening to one another. It requires give and take.

The second meeting was more profound, with a leader in our community who is a person of color. They trusted me enough to share that DWB

(driving while black) crosses their mind every time they step in their car. Being pulled over never crosses my mind. Yet, this neighbor of mine consciously carries this with them each time they drive. The greater statistical probability that they are more subject to being pulled over than I am. We covered other areas of inequality that makes their daily life like swimming against the current. Every day. I asked if I could ask something very personal; “How do you keep going?” Their response, “My faith. I’m a Christian and God has called me to this work.” If this encounter leaves you with questions, please contact me and we can talk about it. As for me, their response gave me goose bumps on my arms, and a fire in my heart.

God’s peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

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## 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 invite all interested members to make a contribution with a dedication in honor or memory of someone. The full cost of a poinsettia is \$20, but any amount is acceptable. Please look for sign-up forms on the round table in the narthex.

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

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### 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.

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## Annual Congregation Christmas Dinner & Men's Dessert Contest!

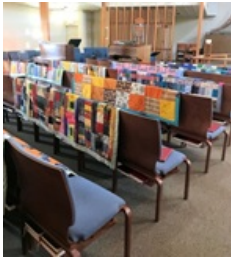


Sunday, December 8th beginning at 5pm

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.

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### Quilting Tying This Coming Monday

On **Monday, December 9, from 9:00-noon**, the UniLu Quilters will meet to assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The only skill you need to participate is tying knots—nothing fancy—whatever kind of knot you can tie. We invite you to join us for a few minutes or for the entire morning!

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### Lutheran Men in Mission



Lutheran Men in Mission will meet at **7 PM on Monday, December 9th at the home of Tony and Rachel Quesada**. The Quesada home is located at 520 Timber Lane in Anderson, SC. For information, please contact Jim Jones at 240 671-7182 or [lmjones4@nctv.com](mailto:lmjones4@nctv.com).

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### 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 new Council members (terms 2020-2022) and the 2020 Budget.

Candidates are Marty High, Allison Mero, Molly Parkhill, Karen Waltz, and Addy Willis. Please click [HERE](#) to read their bios.

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## Sunday Server Schedules

The Sunday Server Schedules for January - March 2020 will be distributed next week. Because of timing, we were unable to include several of those members who volunteered for 2020. These individuals will be included in the April - June schedule.



Thanks to all for serving!

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**DECEMBER 8TH - LAST DAY TO BRING IN TOYS!!!**

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. 8<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex.**

Questions contact: Karen Dreher

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## 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.**

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## 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](mailto:mbarrowjr@aol.com)

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## 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; 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: Margaret Cox; Jan Fritz; Pastor  
Jon Heiliger.

## 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!**

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## Parish Information

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

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

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### LINKS

[SC LUTHERAN MAGAZINE](#)

[UNILU WEBSITE](#) • [LECTIONARY/READINGS](#)

[LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY](#) • [SC SYNOD](#)

[ELCA GOOD GIFTS](#)

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\* 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](http://www.uniluclemson.org) and to the University Lutheran Facebook page.

\* Church Office Hours \*

Monday–Thursday 7 AM–12 PM; 1 PM–2:30 PM  
Fridays 8 AM - 12 PM

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### 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.*