



## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

### January 8, 2020

#### From Pastor Jon

As I write this, it is 9:45 AM on Wednesday morning January 8, 2020. After following news reports on Twitter last night, I was relieved that there was not a hasty press conference by the White House regarding our response to the missile attack from Iran. Pausing has allowed more facts to be discovered and more conversations to be had. I was appalled by the fervent war mongering espoused by some. It reminded me of a crowd on a school playground screaming “Fight! Fight! Fight!” as they watch and call for others’ blood to be spilled. But with nations possessing missiles, and some nations with missiles with nuclear capabilities, this fight if continued to escalate would have devastating consequences far more severe than a broken or bloody nose.



Just a few short weeks ago Christians around the globe celebrated the birth of Jesus; King of kings, Lord of lords, Prince of peace. This year in Matthew’s gospel we will hear Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, “Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.”

I am praying that our President will continue to de-escalate. I am praying that diplomats, civilians, non governmental agencies, anybody, everybody, will pray and work towards a peaceful resolution. At a minimum, I hope for a level of coexistence on the one planet we share. Improving on that, we

strive to follow Jesus' two greatest commands, "Love God. Love Neighbor."  
And maybe at a maximum we follow Jesus' words and actions to "Love our enemy and pray for those who persecute you."

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

Note: The picture is from the traditional site on the Mount of Beattitudes.

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## **FYI - Recent Email Spoofing**

Many of us on the Unilu mailing list, the office included, have recently received an email that looks like it was sent from Pastor Jon with the header

"Many Blessings."

This particular email was sent from email address [jkestne.gclemson@gmail.com](mailto:jkestne.gclemson@gmail.com). This email DID NOT come from Pastor Jon and is a "spoofing" email, which is the creation of email messages with a forged sender address.

Please Google spoofing, spamming, and hacking to learn more about these practices.

And, always remember to verify the return email address before responding to such emails!

More to come...

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## **Fellowship & Service**



**Thrivent - Live Generously**

You may have seen this logo from Thrivent on Tshirts during our "God's Work, Our Hands" events, or on the backs of students or others. Whenever a Thrivent Member sponsors an "Action Team", Thrivent provides \$250 as seed money to purchase supplies to help get a project off the ground, or to make it have an

even greater impact in our community. Complimentary Tshirts are part of the promotional packet.

**Some recent/previous Thrivent Action Team Grants:**

- Purchase of supplies for “God’s Work, Our Hands” and “Operation Inasmuch” projects
- Materials for the Minister’s Cookoff
- Books for “Let’s Talk Race, Clemson” & “Clemson Area Pledge to End Racism”
- 500th Anniversary of the Reformation materials
- Daffodil bulbs to beautify the exterior walkway between N. Clemson Ave. & Sloan St.

If you are a Member of Thrivent, you have the opportunity to sponsor 2 Action Teams per year. Also, if you are a policy holder or investor through them, you have the opportunity to direct “Thrivent Choice” dollars to a ministry of your choosing, including Lutheran Campus Ministry or University Lutheran Church! If you have an idea for a project that could benefit from a Thrivent Action Team, or if you have any questions about Thrivent Action Teams or Choice dollars, please see Pastor Jon or Cyra Phelan. Thank you!

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR  
*TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY***

**THE PROMISED ONE**

**“Seeing Jesus in Genesis”**

**Nancy Guthrie: DVD Bible Study**

**TUESDAYS: Jan. 7th – March 10th**

**10:00 a.m. - Youth Room**

**YOU MAY ATTEND ANY OR ALL OF THE CLASSES.**

**WORK BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO WANT ONE.**



## Men's Breakfast

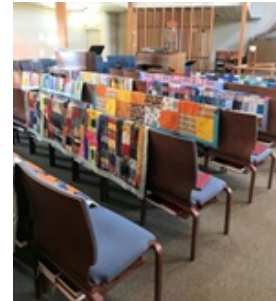
Men's Breakfast will meet at **8 AM on Thursday, January 9th at the Seneca Family Restaurant.**

For information, please contact Jim Jones at **240 671-7182 or [lmjones4@nctv.com](mailto:lmjones4@nctv.com).**

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## Quilt Tying For The New Decade!

On **Monday, January 13, from 9:00-noon**, the UniLu quilters will meet to assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We do this by layering a backing, batting (the warm fuzzy part), and a pieced top together by tying knots with string. 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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## HILLTOPPERS

**WEDNESDAY- JAN. 15<sup>TH</sup>  
FELLOWSHIP HALL – 12 NOON**

**EVERYONE WELCOME - SIGN UP IN NARTHEX**

**BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH**

**DRINKS AND DESSERT WILL BE FURNISHED**

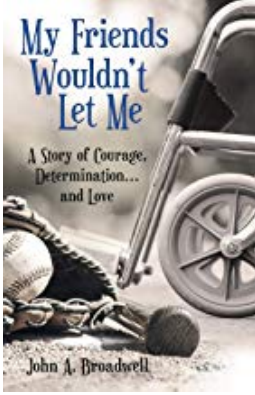
### **PROGRAM: REFUGEES AND ASYLUM**

**Past and Present U.S. Policy - Do the majority of Americans care?  
SHOULD THEY CARE?**

**Speaker: David Dreher (retired U. S. Foreign Service Officer)**

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***A Novel Bunch - All are welcome to join us!***



On Thursday, January 16th, we will meet during the noon hour in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and discussion of *My Friends Wouldn't Let Me* by our very own John A. Broadwell. John will be joining us as we discuss his first novel about Bobby Murphy, a high school senior and baseball star who is seriously injured and disabled in an automobile accident and who rebounds with the help and encouragement of friends, his parents, coaches/teachers and his therapists.

- **February 20th book selection:** *God's Scorekeeper and Other Stories* by Frank G. Honeycutt.
- **March 19th book selection:** *One Foot In Eden Marsh* by Ron Rash

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## Reading Buddies

Do you enjoy reading with children? If so, you are invited to join like-minded folks who volunteer time reading with elementary school children at Central Academy of the Arts. If you can volunteer **as little as a half hour per month from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on school days**, you are invited to join the Reading Buddies. The only pre-requisite is attendance at a 45 minute training session and completion of a Volunteer Application (part of the training session).



If this sounds like fun, email Ellen Reneke, [ereneke@nctv.com](mailto:ereneke@nctv.com) for more information.

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## WELCA - Ruth Circle

The Ruth Circle will have our annual planning meeting on **Monday, January 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Katie Healy.**  
**Katie's address is 140 Folger Street, Clemson, SC.**

We will have breakfast and then plan our meetings for the entire year. We look forward to seeing our current members and we welcome any new ladies who would like to join us.

Please RSVP to Katie at [katieinc3@gmail.com](mailto:katieinc3@gmail.com) or call or text (678) 458-

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## Thank You!

*Thank you Rebecca Quesada for all your work preparing our Ehipany  
Children's message on Sunday.*

*Thank you also to all the youth and their families who participated at  
both services!*

**-Cyra Phelan**

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## Youth Events

**THE YOUTH of University Lutheran** will be collecting non-perishable food items for Clemson Community Care as part of the 30th annual "Souper Bowl of Caring."

Please bring all donations to the labeled box in the Narthex  
by **February 2nd!**

Check out [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org) for more information.

**THE SR. YOUTH of University Lutheran** will be hosting a simple soup meal  
on

**February 2nd at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Please join them for the meal and fellowship. They will be collecting a love offering for the *National Youth Gathering* and the *LMM Water Missions*.

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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: Marie Lynn; Edwin Hicks; Kit Schleifer; Herm Spitzer.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this Week: David & Carina Huizenga.

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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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\* 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.*