



## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

### MAY 6, 2020



#### FROM PASTOR JON

When Renee and I were walking through Clemson Downs, this sign caught my eye. I appreciated it because it got its message across but did so with some humor. Which got me thinking about signs in general, law & gospel, command and promise.

Later, I thought of the proverb “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” (Proverbs 15: 1 to be exact; NRSV)

I don't know about you, but when I am tired, not feeling well, or hungry I am not a fun person to be around. Losing my sense of humor is one of the signs I look for in monitoring my own behavior. It's my canary in the coal mine. A couple behaviors that I've learned to change over time to help in these situations are taking deep breaths, and not immediately, or sometimes even quickly, responding to upsetting emails or social media posts so that I can check my attitude first. When I don't do this it never ends well. Then confession, repentance and asking for forgiveness is the pathway that I must travel.

To be clear, if something is an emergency, in twenty years of pastoring, I have always responded as quickly as possible. But for those areas with a little

wiggle room, I truly hope to give you the best you deserve by being at my humorous best. Thank you for your extra understanding during these most unusual times.

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

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## LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

### RECOGNIZING SENIORS

One of the realities of being a congregation that supports campus ministry is that we regularly say goodbye to people we've grown to love. This year is a little different, because our goodbyes are coming at a distance. The following students will be graduating this summer. If you would like to reach out to them personally, talk to Pastor Josh to get in touch with them.

**Emma Berry** graduated in December with a B.A. in Performing Arts, concentration in Audio Technology. She has been in Clemson this past semester working at Brooks. And she plans to work as an audio tech for a production company, as well as a stage assistant for Joyce Meyer Ministries.

**Alice Cox** will receive her Master's in Agricultural Education in August, after having received her Bachelor's just this past December. She is hoping to return to Southwest or Southern Virginia to teach Agriculture in a High School.

**Katherine Floyd** is graduating with degrees in Microbiology and Biochemistry. And this fall she will move to St. Louis to begin working towards a PhD in Molecular Cell Biology.

**Kristen Klein** is graduating with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering with a minor in Music. She is heading to Lancaster, PA sometime this summer to work as a process engineer for Armstrong World Industries.

**Daniel Koon** is graduating with a degree in Environmental and Natural

Resource Management, with a minor in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology. He has a job lined up with the SCDOT Environmental Office once the pandemic dies down.

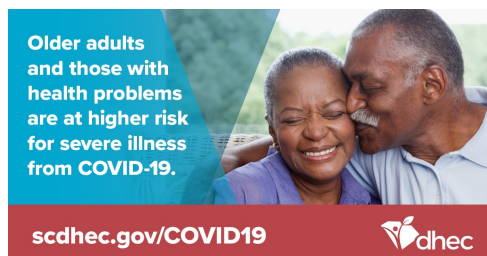
**Calvin Norman** is graduating with a Master's of Science in Forestry. He has accepted a job with Penn State Extension, and he will be working as a Forestry and Wildlife Extension Agent starting this June in Altoon, PA.

**Megan Pietruszewski** will also be moving, and hopes to continue to teach for Clemson online.

**Rebecca Suhr** is graduating with a B.A. in History and a minor in Travel and Tourism. This summer she will be a part of the Senior Staff at Lutheridge, and then she will pursue a career in Heritage Tourism.

**Matthew Vetter** received his Master's of Business from Winthrop University. Matthew works for the Pawtucket Red Sox baseball team in Rhode Island.

## PARISH UPDATES



### STAY INFORMED & STAY SAFE

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) is launching a public service announcement campaign that enlists the assistance of local and state influencers to encourage residents to do their part to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and help save lives. The virus has impacted certain groups harder, including those of us who are older and may suffer from conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and lung disease, and it has had a devastating impact on African Americans who are at higher risk of severe illness due to the disease. Dr. **Linda Bell, DHEC State Epidemiologist** stated **“I want to thank the many South Carolinians who have been making great sacrifices to protect themselves and our communities from COVID-19. But the virus is still spreading. We can't let up now.”** The videos and additional information can be found on the SCDHEC web site at:

While the Home or Work Order has expired and other orders have loosened to allow for outside dining and reopening of state and county parks, **it is very important that we all continue to take precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. Evidence is increasing about the high rates of infection in people who do not have symptoms and do not know they are infectious.** This places everyone at risk of getting the virus or unknowingly transmitting it to someone else. South Carolinians are encouraged to stay home as much as possible and minimize contact with people outside their households to prevent the spread of the disease. Other steps the public should take include:

- Practicing social distancing
- Wearing a mask while out in public
- Avoiding touching frequently touched items
- Regularly washing your hands
- Monitoring for symptoms

God's Peace, Lena Jones

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## COMMUNITY TESTING FOR THE CORONAVIRUS IN THE UPSTATE

African Americans are disproportionately affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. While African Americans represent 27% of population in South Carolina, they comprise 44% of all diagnosed cases and 53% of deaths from the virus.

Prisma Health is now offering one day testing clinics for COVID-19 testing at community locations across South Carolina in an effort to address the disparities in healthcare in people of color or low-income populations. The community testing, done in partnership with the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), reaches populations who may not otherwise have access to traditional testing or online virtual visits. At the sites, people will be screened and *those with symptoms* will be tested without a doctor's order.

- Testing will be provided regardless of an individual's ability to pay.
- No appointment is needed. Community members taking part will be given masks upon arrival and will be asked to maintain social distancing.
- Test results are expected within four days.
- Individuals will receive follow-up communication about the test results – whether positive or negative – from providers with Prisma Health.
- Those attending the testing events also will receive information about isolating at home if sick, tips on caring for themselves and when to seek additional care should their symptoms worsen.
- All events will run from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. regardless of locations or dates.

For more information see Prisma at

<https://www.prismahealth.org/coronavirus/community-testing/>

Testing is also available in Oconee, Pickens and Anderson counties.

Information on scheduling a test via a free virtual visit can be found on the Prisma Health or AnMed websites. The Rosa Clark clinic in Seneca also offers testing to those eligible.

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## **A LETTER FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

To give electronically, look for this icon on the lower right of the University Lutheran webpage at <http://uniluclemson.org/>. Click on “Give an Offering.” Or [CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to the giving page.

**Dear Congregation,**

We know all members of the congregation are under some form of distress given the coronavirus pandemic and subsequently the severe storms and tornado. We all miss seeing each other in Church. The ministries of the church do go on, and you should all know that you can reach out to the church for assistance. Many of us stand ready to fetch medications and groceries and provide other help.

Our other regular ministries go on as well. So, if you are able to continue contributing financially to our Church, please do so. We appreciate that some of you cannot. Electronic giving is available from the Church website or you can go directly to the giving page by [CLICKING HERE](#). Of course, you can also mail your contributions directly to the church. The mail is being collected – in a proper socially distant manner.

Everyone in the Church is receiving prayers. Please keep our Church in your prayers, too.

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## THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND AS WE NAVIGATE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY TOGETHER (Subject to Change as Circumstances Change)

- **All worship services and church meetings will be conducted online until CDC/NIH give a declaration that people can gather in groups of more than 100.** Sunday service livestreamed at 9 AM on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/> later posted to our website [www.uniluclemson.org](http://www.uniluclemson.org) and YouTube [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQVMnXOXzFkX65vue\\_fONog](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQVMnXOXzFkX65vue_fONog).
- Council has requested that the pastors not have in-person pastoral visits, except in the case of life-threatening emergency.
- Pastors will use telecare or other methods for the duration of this public health emergency.
- Pastors can be reached via cell phone 24/7. Please **DO NOT CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.** Pastor Jon: 843-304-5664; Pastor Josh: 919-744-1590.
- Church administrative assistant, Abi Donhauser will work remotely from her home office. She can be reached during normal office hours Monday - Thursday, 7 am to 12 noon & 1 pm to 2:30 pm; Friday 8 am to 12 noon at 864-722-5504 or by email; [unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com).
- LCM meals will be provided as boxed/to-go meals rather than usual group meals. A small number of people will help with meal preparation.
- This public health emergency may leave people feeling isolated. To combat this, Council and others in the congregation, who desire to do so, (volunteers are welcome!) will be asked to contact others regularly to check in (lists will be provided).
- Church facilities remain available to congregation members, but we suggest that this be for **INDIVIDUALS ONLY AND NOT FOR GATHERINGS/MEETINGS.** Please thoroughly sanitize after use.



- **Clemson Community Care will continue their regular schedule of operations. Donations can be made at the church (baskets in narthex) or can be brought directly to their facility. Online monetary donations are also greatly appreciated**

## COMMUNITY MINISTRY

### PLEASE SEND CARDS FOR 90th BIRTHDAY!

**Patricia Barrow (Allen Barrow's mother) will turn 90 on May 17th.** We, her family, are not able to visit her to celebrate due to the COVID-19 rules at her facility. We would love to have her get lots of cards to mark this special day. If you don't mind, please send her a birthday card - homemade is fine.

Patricia Barrow 100 Joseph Walker Drive, Apartment 517  
West Columbia, SC 20169

Thanks,  
Mollie Barrow



### JOIN THE 75,000 FACE MASK CHALLENGE!

*A huge Thank You to all the mask makers!!!*

*Our masks are traveling nationwide!!*

*If you are personally in need of a mask, please contact me!!!! We have plenty to share!!*

Lutheran World Relief's 75,000 masks challenge has reached a pledge of 57,575 masks thus far. See their website: [lwr.org/masks](http://lwr.org/masks) to make your pledge and get instructions on how to make their masks. Ellen Reneke has offered to mail all masks we make for LWR when we are done. We will set up a drop-off place at the church - will let you know where that is!

Any questions, contact Judy Aikens at [724-831-8104](tel:724-831-8104); [jbaikens57@gmail.com](mailto:jbaikens57@gmail.com).

## ***OPERATION INASMUCH***

### **ALTERNATIVE**

**When: Now Thru End of Physical Distancing**

***Serve Eagerly!***

*Jesus said in essence, “Inasmuch as you serve the least of these,  
you serve me.”*

**UNILU’s doors will remain shut through May.**

**However, our hearts remain open to continue to love our  
neighbors by:**

- 1) **Donate locally: give to Clemson Community Care or other food banks in Clemson and Seneca.**
  
- 2) **Keep sending cards! See the list of names of our “LCM Friends,” “shut-ins,” those who are ill, first responders/health care workers by clicking [HERE](#). If we have left anyone off this list, please let us know and we will send out an updated list. We know these are appreciated! Send cards to those impacted by the tornado too!**
  
- 3) **We have many members who work in health care or are first responders. Pray for them during this time. In addition to these, any other folks working in the community (grocery stores, postal workers, etc.) where they are exposed to more people need our prayers. Those being laid off need our prayers. Those with COVID-19 need our prayers. If you have names to be added to the list, let the church know!**
  
- 4) **Hospitals are experiencing a blood shortage right now. If you are healthy and qualify, please donate!!!**
  
- 5) **Sign up to cook a meal for Family Promise in June. [See Family Promise article below.](#)**
  
- 6) **Continue with all the things you have been doing – attend church online, shop for someone who is high risk, make a phone call, be creative!**



Blessings to all during this unique time. Any questions, contact Judy Aikens, 724-831-8104, [jbaikens57@gmail.com](mailto:jbaikens57@gmail.com)

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## **FAMILY PROMISE JUNE MEAL PREPARATION**

**2020 has been a bit unique for Family**

**Promise. We, with Holy Trinity Episcopal (HTE)**

**were scheduled to host a week in February and a week in March. These had to be canceled due to construction at HTE.**

**Subsequently, we have been forced to close our doors as a result of COVID-19. Family Promise is still working to ensure our guests are properly housed. Family Promise of Pickens is currently housing a maximum of two families at the house owned by Easley Presbyterian Church indefinitely. No "Hosts" are staying. As of today, there is one family, a mother and son (who just turned 18), in the Pickens Family Promise Program. The task asked of churches during this period is simply to provide meals for families, drop them off, but no visiting allowed.**

**We are taking three weeks in June to do meals (first was scheduled, the second two are to make up for the two weeks we had to cancel).**

**What we need from our two churches are folks to prepare meals for the following dates:**

**May 31 thru June 6**

**June 14 thru June 27**

**Please sign up at [Family Promise June Meal Signup](#) or email me if you are willing to prepare a meal, dates you are available and if you are willing to drive the meal to Easley. If not, there are folks both at UNILU and HTE that are willing to deliver the meals. Also, let me know if you don't wish to cook but would be willing to deliver a meal.**

**UNILU's goal is to prepare at least 12 of the meals. Thus far, we have 5 of them**

covered.

A huge Thank You to all who volunteer!

Judy Aikens; [jbaikens57@gmail.com](mailto:jbaikens57@gmail.com)

## UNILU CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

### UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:  
Gail Paul; Pat Wagner; Rosalyn Flanigan; George Harris; Tony Quesada; Gene Copenhaver; Randy Gilchrist; Larry Bock; Joyce Lillehamer; Marie Lynn's sister, Ellen; Judy Morrison's nephew, Christopher Stott; expecting parents, Donny & Cathy Harris.

### UNILU CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating Birthdays this Week: Mollie Barrow; Emily Donnan; Karen Waltz; Frank Honeycutt; Keith Kargel; Freddie Waltz.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this Week: John & Jackie Broadwell; Jon & Tammy McGinney; Dwayne & Susan Lusk.

## PARISH INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

### LINKS

[SC LUTHERAN MAGAZINE](#)

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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:

<https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/>

### **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.*