



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

13 MAY 2020



FROM PASTOR JON

In my devotion this morning, the internet connection was misbehaving so I couldn't walk off the deck. Here is one of the Japanese Iris that is now blooming in our yard that was a "pass along" plant from Donna Coakley.

I love walking through our yard and remembering and giving thanks for "the people/ministries behind the plant." We've been the gracious beneficiary of pass alongs from Janet, Judi, Eunice, Max, David F., David J., David P., Chris, Laura, Pat, Addy, John, Kathy, Jennifer, Karin, Jean, St. John's Lutheran, Grandfather Home for Children...

Now, I have oodles of Liriope to share (the spreading kind, *L. spicata*, not the self contained mound type) if anyone is looking for some groundcover.

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/liriope/> I am beginning to have some extra Periwinkle <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/periwinkle/> if you're in need of a few sprigs. Both of these can be received at our house while practicing safe physical distancing if you are interested.

Next spring I'll be dividing some Lenten Roses

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/lenten-rose/> and Guacamole Hostas <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/hosta/> if you would like any additions to

your yard.

Gardening fills me with joy because I love being close to the earth. I love seeing God turn our yard & garden waste into rich compost. I love seeing plants flourish in the right spot and bloom prolifically. I'm reminded of the need for pruning, the importance of patience, and unexpected surprises growing from my compost pile. Plus the fresh air, physical labor, the birds singing, hawks screeching and owls hooting at various times just puts a smile on my face. It also gives me time to think of others, to pray for their situations and to remember Julian of Norwich's saying and God's promise: "All shall be well."

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

UNILU YOUTH



Shelby Cribb was named a community hero by her neighbor! Since April 21st she has worked over 90 hours at the Seneca Shaver Center, which was set up as a response center for those impacted by the April 13th tornado. At the Shaver Center Shelby is responsible for unloading donations from the community, as well as sorting and storing those donations. Shelby also works with folks as they come looking for help. Congratulations, Shelby!

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

To give electronically, look for this icon on the lower right of the University Lutheran webpage at <http://uniluclmson.org/>. Click on "Give an Offering."

Or [CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to the giving page.

Older adults and those with health problems are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.



[scdhec.gov/COVID19](https://www.scdhec.gov/COVID19)



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:

<https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/educational-outreach-materials-2019-ncov>

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

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.

God's Peace, Lena Jones

**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 and YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQVMnXOXzFkX65vue_fON0g.
- 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.
- 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 almost reached the goal. 74,125 are pledged as of this morning! See their website: 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. Ellen now has a drop off box inside the narthex door as you come in from the upstairs parking lot. Please package in bags of 25 masks. Any additional ones, place in box loose.

Any questions, contact Judy Aikens at [724-831-8104](tel:724-831-8104); 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) Be sure to take care of yourself: get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather, take advantage of the fresh produce - strawberries can be picked locally, start your day with other Unilu members at "Jammies with Jesus" each morning, Monday - Saturday at 7:30 am on facebook (link below). We are no good to others if we are depleted.

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

2) Donate locally: give to Clemson Community Care or other charities in Clemson and Seneca.

3) 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!

4) 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!

5) Hospitals are experiencing a blood shortage right now. If you are healthy and qualify, please donate!!!

6) Sign up to cook a meal for Family Promise in June. [See Family Promise article below](#). A huge "Thank You!" to those who have already signed up. We have the first two weeks covered!

7) 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



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.

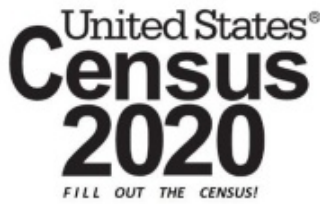
We are taking three weeks in June to do meals (first was scheduled, the second two are to make up for the two weeks we had to cancel).

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.

A huge Thank You to all who volunteer!

Judy Aikens; jbaikens57@gmail.com



Pickens County, SC Response Rates

As of 3pm EST on 5/10/2020

Figures below show the percent of projected population who have filled out and returned their census, online, on the phone or by mailed form.

% of households who have completed the 2020 Census	Current Day %	Previous Update % 5/08/2020
USA	58.5%	57.7%
South Carolina	53.2%	52.4%
Pickens County	55.0%	54.4%
Central	41.6%	41.1%
Clemson	47.5%	47.0%
Easley	61.0%	60.4%
Liberty	60.6%	59.7%
Norris	46.3%	45.1%
Pickens	53.4%	52.6%
Six Mile	55.1%	54.8%

- Now is our chance to help public health officials and emergency responders identify the resources they need to protect our communities. 2020 Census data will inform funding for hospitals, clinics, and emergency services across the country.
- Complete the #2020Census to help shape the next 10 years for healthcare and infrastructure. There's still time to respond! Visit 2020Census.gov.
- Spend a few minutes online today to impact the next 10 years of funding on healthcare, infrastructure, and education. We all see how important these are today. So please go to 2020Census.gov and respond today to make America's tomorrow brighter.
- Getting an accurate count of everyone who lives in the United States is so important. Especially right now! The census helps inform how billions of dollars in federal funds are spent every year for services that are critical to all of us, including hospitals, health clinics and emergency response like EMTs and fire departments. Today we all see how important these services are. So, please respond at 2020Census.gov now.

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: Marc Dedecker; Callie Heyne; Zoe Carlson; McKenzie Kargel; Judi Key; Jacob Macciomei; Smith Hunter; Derek Johnson; Judith Walker.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this Week: John & Kathy Fulmer.

PARISH INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

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

Church Office Hours

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