



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

June 3, 2020



FROM PASTOR JON

I have hope.

More than a little hope. More than a naïve hope. I have a deep and abiding hope, and here's why:

Things are changing. This is a Kairos time in our nation's history, an awakening moment. I believe, as we listen and respond to the cries for justice from our neighbors, especially our siblings in Christ in the African American community, we will continue to change. To be transformed more into the likeness of Christ. To be provoked into going deeper in love and broader in good works, to paraphrase the author of the book of Hebrews.

Yet, I'm not naïve. In this world I also believe the words of Frederick Douglas spoken on August 3, 1857:

"If there is no struggle there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation are men who want crops without plowing up the ground; they want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, and it may be both moral and physical, but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a

demand. It never did and it never will.”

We are still in the midst of multiple crises. The pandemic. The resulting skyrocketing unemployment. For persons of color, persecution past many people’s breaking points. For families sheltering in living spaces that seem to shrink each day, making it through the day as safely as possible without driving each other nuts. For people living alone, a prolonged period of social isolation. For the sick, for the dying, for the grieving, for the angry, for the hopeless... It is difficult.

If you are having a difficult time, please reach out to me or Pastor Josh or one of your siblings in Christ. You need not be alone. You need not be without hope, because God gives us hope and in the words from Romans 5: “...*hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*” And with the gift of the Holy Spirit, God has called us.

God’s call to us through the prophets and incarnated in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is one of pursuing justice and peace. Living a life of repentance and confession and receiving God’s forgiveness. Always and forever living in God’s unbounded grace, mercy and love.

This morning in the garden I was met with this beautiful flower. I’m not always super attentive to each plant, but this flower seemed to appear out of nowhere. That mysterious appearance got my attention such that I left my desk and re-examined the Rose of Sharon (*Hibiscus syriacus*) and found other flower buds. All the flowers are on this season’s new growth, but supported from years of previous growth, strength and rootedness. There’s got to be a message in that too.

**God's peace, justice and hope,
Pastor Jon**

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES

SHOULD I GET TESTED FOR



CORONAVIRUS IF I AM NOT SICK?

The test done with a swab of the nose or mouth detects if the virus is present. There is a delay between the time that someone is exposed to the virus and the time that the virus can be detected through this testing. It can only be reliably detected when someone is sick with symptoms. If someone tests negative for the virus when they are not sick, this does not mean they will not eventually become sick. This should be considered when someone gets tested when they do not have symptoms.

DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week. The Public Health Laboratory's current time-frame for providing results to health care providers is 24-48 hours.

As part of an ongoing effort to increase testing in under-served and rural communities across the state, DHEC is working with community partners to set up mobile testing clinics that bring testing to these communities. Currently, there are 58 mobile testing events scheduled through June 26th with new testing events added regularly. In addition to the mobile testing events, there are also 145 permanent testing locations at health care facilities throughout the state.

To find a location near you – including address, hours of operation and additional details – at www.scdhec.gov/covid19testing

Have a general question about COVID-19?

Call the DHEC Care Line at 1-855-472-3432 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.

Additional information can be found on DHEC's FAQ site at:

<https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/frequently-asked-questions-covid-19>

God's Peace,

Lena Jones, RN, BSN, MS

Guidance for persons who have tested positive for COVID-19

If you have tested positive for COVID-19, it's important that you take precautions to protect other people's health and limit the spread of this illness.

DHEC recommends that you isolate yourself from others and do the following:

1. Do not have direct contact with others.



- Stay home and avoid contact with others.
 - Do not go to work or school during this period.
 - Discuss your work situation with your employer before returning to work.
- Do not take public transportation, taxis, or ride-shares while practicing social distancing.
- Do not go to crowded places (such as shopping centers and movie theaters) or participate in public activities.
- Avoid contact with others in your home. Household members should stay in another room or be separated from you as much as possible. Household members should use a separate bedroom and bathroom, if available.
- Keep your distance from others (about 6 feet) and don't allow visitors.
- Avoid contact with pets and other animals. If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wash your hands before and after you interact with pets and wear a facemask or cloth face covering.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60 to 95% alcohol.
- Wear a facemask, if available, when around other people. If you can't wear a facemask, others should wear a facemask, if available, when they're around you.
- Avoid sharing personal and household items such as dishes, bedding, towels, and other items. Wash these items thoroughly after you use them.
- Clean 'high-touch' surfaces frequently with a household spray or wipes. These surfaces include such things as counters, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, phones, keyboards, and lamps.
- DHEC recommends that you do these activities until your respiratory symptoms (such as cough and shortness of breath) and other symptoms are better AND at least 10 days have passed since your illness onset AND you have been fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication for 3 days.

2. If you need to seek medical care during this time:



- Call your healthcare provider before going to their office.
- If emergency medical treatment is required for any condition, call 911. Tell the 911 operator and the emergency crew that you are in Home Isolation due to COVID-19.



Visit scdhec.gov/COVID19 for more information or call the CARELINE at 1-855-472-3432 for general questions.

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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 and YouTube 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.
- 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

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.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

CLEMSON COMMUNITY CARE NEEDS

Clemson Community Care has special need for the following food items:

Jello, cans of soup, pudding, and cans of mixed vegetables.

Any food items will be appreciated!

Non-food items which are always needed:
diapers, wipes, toiletries, laundry detergent.

We are so thankful for your continued support!



JOIN THE 75,000 - NOW 150,000! 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 mask challenge has increased to 150,000 masks. 98,975 are pledged as of June 3, 2020. 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 June. 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!!! Linda Holt went on "Taco Tuesday!"

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

**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. CURRENTLY, there are no guests at Family Promise. We had a recent graduation! Family Promise is doing intake interviews and is devising a plan as to how best to house a family in light of COVID-19

As of now, there are no guest families. However, Family Promise is actively working to establish new policies and procedures and we are still planning to provide meals - just in case - 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

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: Sarah Heyer; Eunice Lehmacher; Cindy Sanders; Jennifer Neary; Lydia Schleifer; Ada Lou Steirer.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this Week: John & Evelyn McGavin; Chris & Laura Heavner.

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.