

# UNILU NEWS & EVENTS August 19, 2020

#### FROM PASTOR JON





The Reverend W. Eugene Copenhaver

September 20, 1938 - August 16, 2020

I confess, the first time I saw the photo of The Reverend W. Eugene Copenhaver "Rev" Pastor Emeritus during the call process I thought "crud." Or words to that effect. He appeared stern and unsmiling.

Thankfully, nothing could have been further than the truth. It is no wonder there is such grief over his death, because he loved, and loved deeply. In the relatively brief time Renee and I got to know Gene & his wife Marty their warmth, welcome and graciousness to us and the congregation was apparent.

Pastor Gene, or "Rev" to a generation of Lutheran Campus Ministry students, parents and friends, served University Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry (Center) from January 1, 1969 through June 1982. These were pivotal years in our nation's history, and a pivotal time for UniLu. One long time member recalls that the congregation was fading, but Rev and his wife Marty brought new life to the congregation and campus ministry.

Several current members of University Lutheran were students during Rev's Campus Ministry days. Others in the congregation formed decades long friendships and stayed in contact, even got to be joyfully reunited upon Marty and Gene's return to UniLu where he was honored with the title of "Pastor Emeritus" in 2013. Neither he, nor Pastor Chris or I ever figured out what that title meant officially, but unofficially it meant "encourager, bringer of joy and laughter, gentle dispenser of wisdom."

If you'd like to send a note or a card to Marty, her address is: Marty Copenhaver, 4312 Lee Highway, Marion, Virginia 24354.

You can read Pastor Gene's obituary here:

https://heraldcourier.com/obituaries/copenhaver-reverend-w-eugene/article 2440ea11-ce19-5598-9085-5a8a11bea571.html

Rev, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

God's peace, hope & love, Pastor Jon

## **PARISH NEWS & UPDATES**



#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In the devotion for Tuesday, August 18, in *Jesus Calling*, Sarah Young uses Psalm 91:1.

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

Dwelling in the *Shelter of the Most High* is not automatic. We can go through life relying on our own devices and forgetting about God. Verse 2 of Psalm 91 gives the real story.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.

We need to acknowledge God and then he will shelter us. The last 5 months have made it rather hard to forget about God. Still, I am an independent soul who needs a constant reminder.

My song for today, and every day is On Eagle's Wings.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!'

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, and make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

God's peace be with you,

Jean Mehlman

#### **HUG SIGNS**

If you would like to share a picture or story about your "Hug Sign" in the newsletter, please send the information to Abi at unilusecretary@gmail.com and it will be included in the next newsletter!

**HUGS FROM DONNA HERSHBERGER!** 



#### **HUGS FROM RICH & CAROLYN RINGEISEN!**



#### **HUGS FROM JIM & MARILYN BULL**





#### FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who packed a backpack for Lutheran World Relief. We have over 40 packed and ready to be delivered. If you have some to bring in, please try to get them to the narthex by Sunday, August 30th.

This Sunday, August 23rd is the Blessing of the Backpacks. If you need a tag for your backpack, please email Mollie Barrow at <a href="mailto:mbarrowjr@aol.com">mbarrowjr@aol.com</a>. She will get one to you.

Sunday school for kids Kindergarten through 12th grade will start on August 23rd on Zoom. Mollie Barrow will lead.

#### **Join Zoom Meeting:**

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81812001614?

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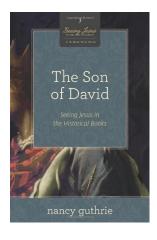
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Virtual Sunday School for Adults will begin on September 13th and will be led by Linda Holt. More information to come.

When we are able to resume "in person" worship and Sunday School, we will have our regular classes:

- PreK K will be taught by Renee Heliger and Alison Mero
- 1st 5th will be taught by Karen Waltz and Molly Parkhill
- Middle and High School will be taught by Mollie Barrow (confirmands pulled out by Pastor Jon)
- Adult discussion in the Fly room led by Linda Holt
- Adult Bible class in the downstairs room is looking for a leader.

#### TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM



# The Son of David Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books DVD and study book by Nancy Guthrie

10 sessions: Sept. 15 – Nov. 17, 2020 10:00 to 11:15 am

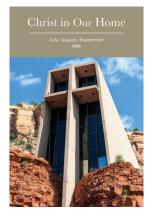
SON OF DAVID books are available with home study or you can just watch the lecture video and join the Tuesday's class. The lectures are printed in the book if you miss a class. We will deliver books.

Sign up or questions please contact

Karen Dreher <u>jkdreher@att.net</u>

We will have help for using Zoom.

For more information about the material see *The Son of David*by Nancy Guthrie on the internet.



#### **CHRIST IN OUR HOME EMAIL EDITION**

With the outbreaks of Coronavirus disease in North America and around the world many people may be without a physical copy of *Christ in Our Home*. To assist with devotional life during this time, Augsburg Fortress is offering a limited-time complementary email subscription.

To sign up, follow the link below to submit your email address.

Augsburg Fortress will deliver the daily devotional to your email at 4am

Central Time through September 30, 2020.

https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/CIOH-EMAIL/Christ-in-Our-Home-Email-Edition

#### **COMMITTEE**



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

Or **CLICK HERE** to go directly to the giving page.



# WHAT'S SO AMAZING THAT KEEPS US STARGAZING?

Wednesdays – August 26; September 2 & 9 8 p.m. EDT

For nearly sixty years, the marvels of God's universe have been a source of joy and wonder for Pastor Bruce Booher. You are invited to join him for a three session Zoom event to explore some of these marvels and consider how they can inspire faith and awe. There will be links and resources to help you continue to explore the marvels of God's creation, and the opportunity for you to share your thoughts and questions.

Wonders of the Universe -8/26/20 – Marvel at the beauty and majesty of some of the most exciting objects in the cosmos. Discover ways to make new faith connections with God's magnificent creation.

Touring Our Solar System -9/2/20 — We will explore stunning images of the Sun, Moon and planets from observatories and space probes. Discover what you may expect to see through telescopes as an amateur astronomer.

Introductory Stargazing – 9/9/20 – Learn the basics of telescopes and binoculars and how to use them. Find out easy ways to locate some of the brighter deep sky objects in the night sky. Learn some constellations and the stories behind them.

These events are free, but you must register in advance.

Sign up for any or all of these sessions by going to:

https://bit.ly/33e7R5t

Each presentation will last about 30 minutes, followed by time for questions and discussion. These events are intended for ages 12 and up.

# 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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/">https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/</a> later posted to our website <a href="https://www.uniluclemson.org">www.uniluclemson.org</a> and YouTube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQVMnXOXzFkX65vue">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQVMnXOXzFkX65vue</a> 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

### **UNILU CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS**

#### UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends: Jimmie Pletta & family; Gail Paul; Pat Wagner; Rosalyn Flanigan; George Harris; Tony Quesada; Gene Copenhaver; Randy Gilchrist; Larry Bock; Joyce Lillehamer.

#### **UNILU CELEBRATIONS**

Celebrating Birthdays this Week: Diana Vetter; Christoph Aurich; Sharon Runge; Jessica Wiltgen.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this week: Robert & Elaine Knoerr.

### PARISH INFORMATION

Click <u>HERE</u> for UniLu Calendar Click <u>HERE</u> for Prayer Fellowship List

#### LINKS

SC LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

<u>UNILU WEBSITE</u> • <u>LECTIONARY/READINGS</u>

<u>LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY</u> • <u>SC SYNOD</u>

**ELCA GOOD GIFTS** 

#### MISS A SERVICE?

The recorded church sermons, audio and video, are posted weekly to the website: <a href="www.uniluclemson.org">www.uniluclemson.org</a> and to the University Lutheran Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/">https://www.facebook.com/uniluclemson/</a>

#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday 7 am-12 pm; 1 pm-2:30 pm Fridays 8 am - 12 Noon

#### 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.