



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

September 30, 2020



FROM PASTOR JON

Well, the view from this year's Habitat for Humanity Homecoming build will be a little different, but what remains the same is a family will be participating in building their own house with the help of students and community members.

Did you know that University Lutheran has been generously supporting this build for the last 26 years?!

Through financial donations, leaders willing to serve as Shift Supervisors, supplying sports drinks or bringing cookies to the site, making in-kind contributions, the support has been tremendous. This is all support provided above and beyond Lutheran Campus Ministry's enormous contributions through the years.

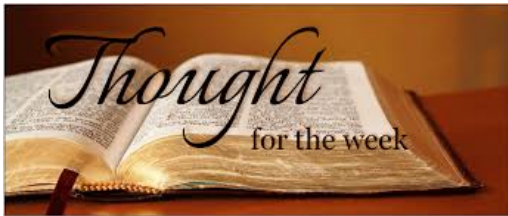
This year, Pastor Josh & I are hoping to have over 50 individuals/households of University Lutheran make a contribution of \$5, \$50, \$500 or \$5000 to the house. We'd like everyone in the congregation to be able to drive by the home being built on Stephens Road (across from Publix on Tiger Blvd/Hwy 123) and say, "I helped make that happen. We are expressing our love for our neighbors in a very tangible way."

To give, checks can be made payable to University Lutheran Church with a note for “Homecoming Build” or you can give online with the following link: <http://uniluclemson.org/> . Click on the phrase “Give an offering” by scrolling to the bottom of the page. You can then select “Homecoming Build for Habitat for Humanity”.

Thanks for all your support in the previous years, and if you are able, we hope you can support this year’s build.

God’s peace & hope,
Pastor Jon

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Lectionary readings for today (September 30) include Judges 16:23-31. This is the story of Samson pushing over the pillars that supported the Philistine temple causing it to crash down and kill Samson and many Philistines.

In our *Tuesdays Together Bible Study* we are studying Nancy Guthrie's book *The Son of David* which sees how the historical books of the Old Testament foretell of Jesus. This week we studied Judges. After the death of Joshua, the Israelites had no strong leader. They quickly established a pattern. They turned from God and followed the ways of the remnants of the people they had conquered. God would get angry and turn them over to their enemies. Finally, Israelites would cry out to God to help them and God would give them a Judge (leader). Under the Judge, the Israelites would re-establish their rule over the land. Samuel was one of these Judges.

The Philistines had ruled over Israel for 40 year when Samson, using his great strength, killed 1,000 Philistines with a donkey's jawbone. Samson then led the Israelites through 20 years of peace. Then Delilah enters the picture. Samson loses his power when she cuts off his hair and the Philistines capture him. In verse 28 of chapter 16, Samson prays to God, *Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge.* Samson had faith that he could call on God in times of need.

There are few times in my life that have been as challenging as the last 6 months. These days God, family and friends, and my faith family seem to be the only parts of my life that I can count on to make sense. It is a great comfort to be able to pray *God, strengthen me* and know that, just as God strengthened Samson, He strengthens me so I can deal with what the rest of the world puts on my plate.

God, give that strength to all of us!

Jean Mehlman



PLEDGE, TIME, AND TALENT

We are using an online Pledge, Time and Talent form electronically this year for your convenience and safety in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But, don't worry, if you would like to have a paper copy, we can provide one.

Please email Marty High (marty@martyhigh.com) or Abi (unilusecretary@gmail.com) for a paper form.

To access the online form click on this [link](#). You may use the link as many times as you like. For example, you can make a pledge for a family and a separate submission for Time and Talent pledge for an individual (child or adult). Every individual in the family can submit a time and talent form without the pledge form. Everyone in the family can participate in our Church.



CALLING ALL CRAFTERS & VOLUNTEERS!

The youth would like to host an (online?) auction of handmade items to raise money for the next National Youth Gathering. We're still working out the dates and details but would like to ask all our congregational crafters to start gathering items and services to donate! We're also looking for volunteers to help coordinate the event. Please contact Amy Cribb at cribb4@gmail.com if you

would like to contribute your time or talents!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD OCTOBER 14 - 24

This year's Homecoming build will be held but with some significant changes. The build will not take place on Bowman Field but rather at the location where the house will actually remain. The number of student volunteers will be reduced to 8-10 per shift.

What hasn't changed is that a family who has long awaited their own home will have it within their grasp with wonderful student volunteers coming together to make a family's dream come true.

What can we do to help? We are asking you to please donate "Gatorade" type drinks. Please bring them to the Narthex until Friday October 23. These drinks will be brought to the site each day and appreciated by the hard working students and their supervisors.

Please help with this very worthy outreach. Questions? Call Katie Healy at 678-458-1840.



FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mollie Barrow is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sunday School K-12

Time: 10:00 am Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sunday at 10:00 am until Dec 27th.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81812001614?>

[pwd=bmk5cEdmN1FkdGtONUtMQmpjeDJSQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81812001614?pwd=bmk5cEdmN1FkdGtONUtMQmpjeDJSQT09)

Meeting ID: 818 1200 1614

Passcode: SSK-12

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.

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!

FREE COVID-19 TESTING IN PICKENS COUNTY

DHEC now recommends that individuals who are out and about in the community get tested at least once a month.

MOBILE TESTING SITE COVID-19



Abel Baptist Church

150 Abel Rd
Clemson, SC 29631

September 30
2 pm to 7 pm

To find out more, visit:

[musc.col/testing](https://musccoltesting)

[clemson.edu/extension/covid19/
cu-covid-testing-sites/](https://clemson.edu/extension/covid19/cu-covid-testing-sites/)

- No cost to the community
- No appointment needed
- With or without symptoms
- If available, bring valid picture id
- Patients under 18 years old must be accompanied by legal guardian
- Results will be available within 5 to 7 days
- Please wear a mask



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

UNILU ONGOING EVENTS

SUNDAY:

Worship 9:00 am on Facebook Live

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

Adult Bible Study 10 am - Linda Holt lindaGTholt@bellsouth.net

"Love for one another"

Youth Sunday School 10 am - Mollie Barrow mbarrowjr@aol.com

MONDAY - SATURDAY:

Morning Devotion "Jammies with Jesus" 7:30 am on Facebook Live

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

TUESDAY:

Bible Study 10 - 11:15 am - Karen Dreher jkdreher@att.net

"The Son of David"

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Study 10 am - Marty High marty@martyhigh.com

"The Book of Acts"

FRIDAY:

Zoom Drop in with Renee & Pastor Jon 5 - 6 pm

Drop in for a few minutes or hangout for the full hour.

Contact Pastor Jon pastorjon12@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

UNILU CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:

Sarah Heyer's family; Gregg Dupree; Kenneth Cheek; Marty Copenhaver & family; Jimmie Pletta & family; Gail Paul; Pat Wagner; Rosalyn Flanigan; George Harris; Tony Quesada; Randy Gilchrist; Larry Bock; Joyce Lillehamer.

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating Birthdays this Coming Week: K.D. Gerwig; Alice Cox; Nancy Turner.

PARISH INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

[SC LUTHERAN MAGAZINE](#)

[UNILU WEBSITE • LECTIONARY/READINGS](#)

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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/>

REMOTE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Abi can be reached during the above hours at: **864-722-5504** or unilusectetary@gmail.com

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.