



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

November 4, 2020



FROM PASTOR JON

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you but
to do justice, and to love kindness and to
walk humbly with your God. -Micah 6:8*

This picture is the inside of *Freedom's Hill Church* located on the grounds of Southern Wesleyan University (SWU) in Central.

<https://www.swu.edu/conference-services/freedoms-hill-church/>

This church structure was originally located in Alamance County, NC; the first Wesleyan congregation established in the south in 1848. It was an abolitionist congregation and served as a station for the Underground Railroad.

The white doors to the left are the original doors, and although it's not clear in the photo, there are two large black arrows pointing to bullet holes where the church had been fired upon. The preacher was dragged from the pulpit and beaten on more than one occasion and even poisoned twice. Why? For calling all God's children equal. For standing against slavery. For seeking to love one's neighbor as one's self.

God's call to look out for the widow, the orphan, the alien in our midst is repeated over and over and over again in scripture. May God give us the

grace, courage and joy to do so.

God's peace, justice and hope,

Pastor Jon



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Last Saturday, October 31, was Reformation Day. The lectionary for the day was the one often used on Reformation Sunday. The psalm for the day was Psalm 46 which starts out as follows:

Psalm 46:1-3

**"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall
into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their
surging."**

The last week has been wild with the tropical storm, political campaigns, and covid-19 all contributing to a sense of chaos that I felt rather acutely at times. As the psalmist says, God is our refuge through all the storms of life. Jesus' last words to the disciples in Matthew's gospel complete this picture. Jesus says in Matthew 28:20, "And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age." We are not alone! This is being written on Tuesday afternoon. It is very comforting to know that God is always with us and is our refuge and strength and will see us through whatever the future brings.

God be with us!

-Jean Mehlman

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES



NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL CANDIDATES

We will be electing three new council members at our December congregation meeting. If you would like to nominate someone for council or nominate yourself, please contact Abi

Donhauser (unilusecretary@gmail.com) or Cheryl Smith (cheryli@clemons.edu). All members nominated will be contacted to confirm they would like to be placed on the ballot.



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.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

If you are in the mood for some wonderful Lutheran camaraderie and Bible Study on **Wednesdays at 10:00 AM**, please join us at this [link](#). If you have technical questions, contact [Marty High](#). If you have questions regarding the class, contact [John Wagner](#).

We would love for you to join us!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult Sunday school class that is meeting via Zoom would like to encourage you to join in. We are all still getting used to the digital meeting

space but we are connecting and learning together. The topic for this quarter is *Love for One Another* and this week's lesson is titled *Love Your Enemies*. There are some of the participant books available at the church, in the classroom (cry room) beside the sanctuary, if you'd like to pick one up. But, you do not have to prepare, **just join in at 10 am on Sunday morning** and let's share a bit of time exploring how our love is a response to God's love for us.

Join Zoom Meeting at 10 am Sunday.

[https://9zest.zoom.us/j/96273872837?
pwd=RoVobW14aC9EN3FscENaeGxaRUo2Zz09](https://9zest.zoom.us/j/96273872837?pwd=RoVobW14aC9EN3FscENaeGxaRUo2Zz09)

Meeting ID: 962 7387 2837

Passcode: 865931



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 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



STRATEGIC GIVING FOR RETIREES

You may be wondering if you can still do a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) for 2020 even though RMDs are waived. The answer is yes! QCDs from IRAs are still available in 2020 and still offer tax benefits. And, you can support University Lutheran!

QCDs allow IRA owners who are age 70 ½ or older to directly transfer up to \$100,000 annually from an IRA to a charity, tax-free. If you are married, you and your spouse may both transfer \$100,000 for a total of \$200,000. QCDs are also available to IRA beneficiaries over age 70 ½ but are not available from company plans or active SEP or SIMPLE IRAs. The QCD is paid directly from the IRA to University Lutheran.

After tax reform arrived in 2018, QCDs became more valuable than ever. Many taxpayers now take the standard deduction that eliminates the tax deduction for charitable gifts. QCDs add to the standard deduction by allowing the donations made from the IRA to be excluded from income. With a QCD, you get a tax break for your charitable contribution even if you are using the standard deduction.

If you would like to make a QCD contribution to University Lutheran, feel free to contact the Stewardship Committee (marty@martyhigh.com) for more information.

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.

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

WIDER COMMUNITY OUTREACH



SANTA SHOPPE - THE DREAM CENTER, EASLEY

Please bring unwrapped toys or books to the Narthex by **MONDAY, NOV. 30TH**. Home pick-up is available for gifts, just give us a call. You can also make **cash donations to University Lutheran, mark memo: Santa Shoppe**. Please make monetary donations by **NOVEMBER 24TH**.

The good news: Parents will be able to select gifts for their children at the Santa Shoppe. Parents can also earn credit money by taking classes or

supporting the Dream Center.

Thank you for your support, the need may be even greater this year!

Questions or comments: Karen Dreher; jkdreher@att.net or 864-888-2828.

-UniLu Community Ministry Team

UNILU ONGOING EVENTS

SUNDAY

Worship at 9 am on Facebook Live

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

Adult Bible Study, 10 am

Linda Holt lindaGTholt@bellsouth.net

"Love for one another"

(Link to join at 10 am on Sunday in *Adult Sunday School* article above)

Youth Sunday School, 10 am

Mollie Barrow mbarrowjr@aol.com

(Link to join at 10 am on Sunday in *Children's Sunday School* article above)

First Sunday of Each Month 10:30 - 11 am Drive Up Communion

In church upper parking lot

MONDAY - SATURDAY

Morning Devotion "Jammies with Jesus" at 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 Isaiah"

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:
Mike Strand, Alton Fanning; Brenda Monn's mom, Betty Lighty; Stephen Sanders; Kenneth Cothran, Sr.; Sarah Heyer's family; Gregg Dupree; Kenneth Cheek's family; 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: Don Lynn; Leslie Smith.

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/>

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.*