



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

December 23, 2020



FROM PASTOR JON

Merry Christmas Season!

We invite you to join us either **online via Facebook Live for our 4 PM Christmas Eve service or, if it's not pouring rain, in person in the Sloan Street Parking lot at 7:30 PM.**

The 4 PM worship will be our traditional service with special music, additional carols, communion and candle lighting. It will however be **online only with the exception of any worship participants.**

The weather looks promising for the 7:30 PM gathering in the Sloan Street Parking lot. This worship will include the reading of the birth story from Luke's gospel interspersed with singing carols and concluding with candle lighting. An outline of this service will be emailed Christmas Eve midmorning, but we'll have printed copies with the music to handout. Please dress warmly, wear a mask, practice physical distancing of at least 6 feet with people outside your household and bring a chair if you'd like to sit. For safety purposes the lot will be closed to all vehicles so you'll need to park in the lower lot, on the street or in the city parking deck. **This service will not be livestreamed on Facebook Live.**

Have a blessed Christmas Season,

Pastor Jon

WHEN WILL MY CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETINS ARRIVE VIA EMAIL?

Please look for your 4 pm worship bulletin in your email early Christmas Eve morning (links to watch service live or later will be included in bulletin).

For the 7:30 pm gathering, an outline will be emailed to you later Christmas Eve morning (printed copies will be provided for you upon arrival). **This service will not be livestreamed on Facebook Live.**



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I really enjoyed the Blue Christmas service Monday evening. I have found myself singing *Christ, Be Our Light* since then.

Here are the first two verses and chorus:

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us you living voice.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

I can't think of any other Christmas in my life where I have needed the reminder that God came down from heaven and became human to save us as much as I do this year. Because God sent his Son to us, there is hope. There is light. The baby in the manger came to save us and shines in our hearts this

Christmas and every day!

Thank you, God.

Jean Mehlman

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES

CLIFF NOTES VERSION OF DECEMBER ANNUAL MEETING

The ministry plan was approved unanimously (74 yesses).

Those elected to serve three year terms on Council:

Mollie Barrow

Rachel Quesada

Adriane (Addy) Willis



CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Please note that the (remote) Church Office will be **closed Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25, and Monday, December 28** in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

Abi will again be available on Tuesday, December 29th.

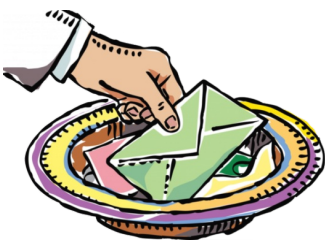


STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

If you would like to consider making a gift to our staff this Christmas season, **please indicate so on your offering envelope or check (on the memo line)**

"Staff Christmas Gift." We will plan to issue gifts on the last Sunday of December.

-Marion Fisher, UniLu Council President



OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available for pick-up in the narthex. Please email Abi at unilusecretary@gmail.com if you would like them mailed to you.

CHURCH PEW FOR SALE

Original from the old church. The pew is 7ft. 8in. long.

Excellent condition; \$200.

Jimmie Pletta; 864-886-0318

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

"Call in the New Testament"

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

No Adult Bible Study on 12/27/20

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)

No Youth Sunday School on 12/27/20

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

No Class on Dec. 29th

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:
George, Martha & Nancy Harris; Martin & Harriet Schneider; Alton Fanning;
Brenda Monn's mom, Betty Lighty; Kenneth Cothran, Sr.; Gregg Dupree;
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: John Broadwell; Kathy Fulmer;
Courtney Green; Joan Hicks; Shirley Jones.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this Coming Week: Allen & Mollie
Barrow.

PARISH INFORMATION

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

[SC LUTHERAN MAGAZINE](#)

[UNILU WEBSITE](#) • [LECTIONARY/READINGS](#)

[LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY](#) • [SC SYNOD](#)

[ELCA GOOD GIFTS](#)

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](tel: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.