



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

January 13, 2021



FROM PASTOR JON

This is one of my recent plantings, a “White By the Gate” camelia. Even on the days with dreary skies and heavy news these bushes have shown forth these bursts of beauty.

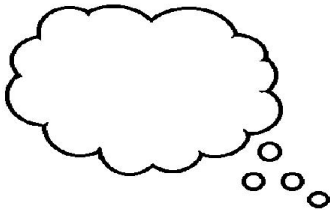
Today I’ll be resuming my continuing education from 2020 – the Master Gardener’s Class offered through Clemson Extension. I’ve always loved nature and felt a responsibility for its upkeep long before I knew or understood the word “Stewardship.” So, whether it is in the grandest of settings like Yosemite National Park, or our own little patch of the vineyard here in Clemson, respecting and caring for nature has been important to me. This class not only helps with very practical matters, it also opens my eyes even further to the glory of God’s creation.

These are tumultuous times in our country. Covid-19 continues its rampage. We continue to grieve not being able to interact as we’d like with extended family, friends and faith communities. And yet we can celebrate Mollie Barrow, Leslie Pletta Smith (and perhaps others) who have already received their second dose of the vaccine and several others who have now received their first dose. Soon those who are 70 and over will be receiving their shots. The tide is turning.

Politically, there is an impeachment vote scheduled for later today and investigations are ongoing regarding the violence at the Capitol last week. Prayers for our leaders and those tasked with serving and protecting our communities are warranted and welcomed. Prayers for “God’s kingdom to come, God’s will be done on earth as in heaven” should ring familiar to all of us.

As the sun is slowly burning through the morning’s fog, may this too be a day that shines brighter with God’s truth and brings us closer to God’s justice and peace.

Pastor Jon



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I am a worrier! My normal reaction to a potentially bad situation or dangerous activity is to figure out everything that could go wrong and decide what I would do if that happened. Then I try to decide if I could live with myself if things went wrong. If I could not, then I won't do the activity or do everything in my power to avoid the situation.

You might have noticed that I did not mention God in the paragraph above. I am a strong-willed, independent soul, who likes to do things herself in her own way. The last 10 months have shown me the folly of my ways as no other period in my life has. I am not in control of the situation! But, one of the bible verses that Sarah Young used in *Jesus Calling* yesterday reminds me, as God always has, that I am not alone on my journey. In the following verse, God is talking to Moses who is afraid to start out on the journey to the promised land. Moses wants to know who God is sending with him on this journey to help him. God's response is

Exodus 33:14

"The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest' "

During last night and this morning as I tried to figure out where people 70 and over can get their Covid-19 vaccination, now that they are in Group 1-A according to the governor, I realized that the governor's pronouncement has

little weight right now since the vaccines are not yet available in sufficient quantities. But last night as I tried to go to sleep and this morning when I woke up, I knew that God is with me! That makes all the difference!

God be with you!
Jean Mehlman

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES



SPECIAL EPIPHANY ZOOM GATHERING WITH PASTOR BRUCE BOOHER - **TONIGHT 7 PM**

Pastor Bruce Booher is hosting a special Epiphany Zoom gathering to explore possible astronomical explanations for the Star of Bethlehem. He is a retired ELCA pastor who studied physics and astronomy at MIT and serves on the steering committee of the Lutheran Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology. He invites you to visit his website at: www.mysteryandawe.com.

Topic: Star of Bethlehem Epiphany Celebration with Rev. Bruce Booher

Time: **Tonight 7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking:

[https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89794466334?
pwd=K2NZTUttekd2dVRNRUhBMXRMQjlhQT09](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89794466334?pwd=K2NZTUttekd2dVRNRUhBMXRMQjlhQT09)

Meeting ID: 897 9446 6334

Passcode: 359153

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ANNUAL REPORT

LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE ANNUAL REPORT

There will be a different report format this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The UniLu Council would like to open up to the entire congregation the opportunity to be included in this year's review!

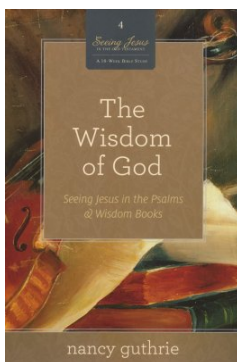
The deadline to email things to Abi is Monday, January 18th.

unilusecretary@gmail.com

We are looking for pictures, pictures, pictures! Members can include a favorite bible passage as well.

We are also asking **all committee chairs to prepare a brief report on the status of their committees and to email those reports to Abi no later than Monday, January 18th.**

- Marion Fisher, UniLu Council President



TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY via ZOOM

The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms & Wisdom Books DVD and study book by Nancy Guthrie

10 sessions: Jan. 12 – March 16, 2021, 10:00 to 11:15 am

THE WISDOM OF GOD books are available with home study or you can just watch the lecture video when you join 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; jkdreher@att.net

We can help with using Zoom, if you need it.

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



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)

Join Zoom Meeting at 10 am Sunday:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87019778020?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87019778020?pwd=emVTUW1GcDVZbTVIalFFSTFJeWZuUTo9)

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Meeting ID: 818 1200 1614

Passcode: SSK-12

We do not meet on the first Sunday of each month so that everyone can get to drive through Communion.

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMtduCvqTMqGNT7E7gMqKL9](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMtduCvqTMqGNT7E7gMqKL9uvZILtNGR2vw/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGvrjojHdOdsBuHRpwEAoj4Xe3wtlxfjY1pyzqyBA1CSS-vI_R4G55rPv_i)

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See you on Sundays!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Come and join the adult Sunday school class that is meeting via Zoom! We are starting a new quarterly study on the

topic *Call in the New Testament* where we will examine God's call in stories found in the New Testament. 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 we'll develop a broader and deeper understanding of God's call and an appreciation for the ways people respond positively to that call.

Join Zoom Meeting at 10 am Sunday:

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

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Meeting ID: 962 7387 2837

Passcode: 865931

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

Youth Sunday School, 10 am

Mollie Barrow mbarrowjr@aol.com

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

"Tuesdays Together" Bible Study, 10 - 11:15 am

Karen Dreher jkdreher@att.net

"The Wisdom of God"

January 12 - March 16

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 hang out 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:
Larry Reamer, George, Martha & Nancy Harris; 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: Herm Spitzer; Donna Hershberger; Barbara Chapman; Kandee Beckley; Larry Reamer.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this Coming Week: Keith & Katie Kargel.

PARISH INFORMATION

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

Click [HERE](#) for UniLu Calendar

Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

LINKS

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[LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY • SC SYNOD](#)

[ELCA GOOD GIFTS](#)

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.*