



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

January 6, 2021



FROM PASTOR JON

Ok, so we've done a little remodeling/redecorating at our house! Our daughter Elise, our son in law Ben and our two granddaughters Willow & Olivia have moved in with us while they research where in the upstate they'd like to settle. What a joy for us!

They arrived Monday night following a three day cross country drive from LA, with minimal stops and overnighting twice in Air Bnb's. We exchanged initial masked hugs (it's been a long 18 months since last being together) then practiced masked, physically distancing till bedtime. I had placed a Merv13 filter in our HVAC system and ran a separate fan overnight by our bedside with another Merv13 filter attached. Thankfully Renee and I had previously used the Clemson community Covid-19 test site and received negatives and they were able to get tested first thing yesterday (Tuesday) morning. Their results were returned by dinner time, all negative, so we enjoyed a maskless dinner. What a celebration, a fiesta, over homemade fajitas, rice & beans!

In an effort to roll back the spread of the virus Clemson is offering FREE Covid-19 testing (a highly accurate and timely spit test, not a nasal swab) at the Fire Station on Issaqueena Trail. All the details can be found at the following link:

My plan until things calm down a bit is to be tested at least twice a month; if there is any reason to believe I may have come in close contact with anyone testing positive, I'll get additional tests as needed.

With vaccines being shipped and administered and this additional testing capacity we have the opportunity to be proactive against the virus even as we continue to follow the safety practices of wearing a mask around anyone outside of our quarantine group, practice physical distancing as much as possible, be outside as much as we are able and continue to wash our hands regularly. Thank you all for doing your part as we continue to love our neighbors by looking out for their health.

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP FOR EPIPHANY WITH LCM TONIGHT AT 6 PM UNILU LOWER PARKING LOT

Tonight at 6:00 p.m. the LCM students are going to gather in the lower parking lot after their dinner for a brief candlelight service to celebrate Epiphany. We'll use the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy, read a few Epiphany passages, and send off with "Go Tell It on the Mountain." Anyone in the congregation is invited to participate in the worship service.

Again, we'll start at about 6:00 p.m. The spaces in the lower parking lot will likely be full of student cars, so you'll need to park in the upstairs lot, in the parking deck, or on the street. It is going to be relatively cold, so dress accordingly. And, **please wear a mask and stand at least six feet apart from anyone not in your household group.** We appreciate this as an opportunity for us all to gather together, and we want to make sure we take proper, safe precautions.

This service will not be livestreamed on Facebook Live

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/81099541932?
pwd=dmc3aWthNUJqNVNDcG81UjhVbjBaQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81099541932?pwd=dmc3aWthNUJqNVNDcG81UjhVbjBaQT09)

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In Sarah Young's *Jesus Calling* devotion for Sunday,



January 3, one of the bible passages is John 16:33. In the 16th chapter of John's gospel, he is telling his disciples that he is going away and his disciples will scatter and grieve. He promises that He will return and they will see him again and rejoice. Jesus finishes his lesson with these words:

John 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

As we begin the new year with hope for the future, the present reality is scary. Covid-19 is ravaging many parts of the country, including here in the upstate of South Carolina, and undoubtedly going to get worse before it gets better. The news is full of "politics as usual." As I take a deep breath and think about God's promise that he has overcome the world, the following hymn comes to mind.

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in Prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear -
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

We need to remind ourselves to take our problems to Jesus who has overcome the world.

Jean Mehlman

PARISH NEWS & UPDATES



**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!

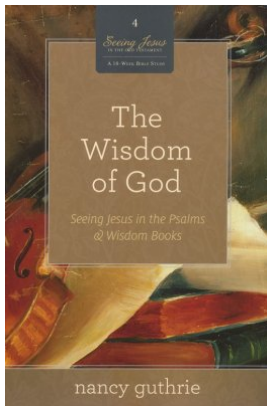
The deadline to email things to Abi is Monday, January 18th.

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.

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: Edwin Hicks; Marie Lynn

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this Coming Week: David &

Carina Huizenga; Richard & Zoe Carlson.

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

[SC LUTHERAN MAGAZINE](#)

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[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.