



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

December 18, 2024



FROM PASTOR JON

'Tis the season...I took this sunrise photo in 2015, following a surprise snowstorm in Beit Jala, just outside of Bethlehem in the West Bank. A fellow photographer and sojourner grabbed

his camera, we left the hotel and began wandering the snow-covered empty streets. While walking back to our hotel, suddenly, a white panel van came roaring up the hill, swerving on the slippery surface. It spun ninety degrees in the middle of the road and the van door opened abruptly. Young Palestinian men jumped out in our direction...and then amid laughter and smiles began having a snowball fight with one another, frolicking in the new fallen snow.

I'd be lying if I didn't say that my initial thoughts, my initial prejudices, were of abduction scenes from movies like "Taken" or the "Bourne Trilogy". I couldn't

have been more wrong. Yes, there are times for appropriate caution, but fear can prevent us from experiencing the fullness of life. Fear of the unknown. Fear of the other. Fear of...our neighbor?

'Tis the season to hear once again the angels' message to the shepherds (and us).

“Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David (Bethlehem) a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”*

Luke 2:10-11

God's peace & hope,
Pastor Jon

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24

4 pm: Children's Service

7 & 11 pm: Service of Candlelight & Carols



ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Tonight, Wednesday evening, December 18th at 7 pm the congregation is invited to worship together using the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer. A meal will be offered prior to worship beginning at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.

Please join us for this special evenings of fellowship and worship.

Join us for TUESDAYS TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY

TAKE COURAGE

A study of Haggai

DVD: Jennifer Rothschild

**Haggai is an Old Testament book
What does it have to say to us today?**

Tuesdays 10:00am – Youth Room

Dec. 3 - Jan.28, 2025

No class on Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st

UNILU ONGOING EVENTS

SUNDAY

Indoor Worship Services at 9 am & 11 am

Facebook Live Worship Service at 9 am

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

Preschool, Youth & Adult Sunday School, 10:00 am

Renee Heiliger (Preschool) rch719@gmail.com

Molly Parkhill (K - Grade 5) parkhill.molly@gmail.com

Sam & Elena Plonk (Middle & High School) samplonk@hotmail.com

Linda Holt (Adult) lindagtholt@bellsouth.net

Children's Choir 10:45 am - 11:15 am

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 am (No class on Dec. 24 or 31)

Jean Mehlman: jmehlman43@gmail.com

Karen Dreher: jadreher@att.net

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study at 10 am

Choir Practice 5:30 pm

Bell Choir Practice at 6:30 pm

UNILU CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

UNILU PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYER CONCERNS for University Lutheran Members, Family and Friends:
Marilyn Bull, Russell Brown, John Broadwell, Jackson Flanigan, Larry Reamer,
Alton Fanning, Scott Crane, Gregg Dupree, Gail Paul, Pat Wagner, Rosalyn
Flanigan & Family, Tony Quesada, Joyce Lillehamer, Mona, Jean Erskine, Chris,
Elise (Smith) White.

UNILU CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this coming week: Kerry Smith

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week: Allen & Mollie
Barrow

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 & Wednesday 7 am–3:30 pm

Friday 7 am - 12 noon

Abi can be reached during the above hours at **864-280-5605**

or unilusecretary@gmail.com

ONSITE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday 9 am to 1 pm. Other days by appointment.

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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.



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