



UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

December 4, 2024



FROM PASTOR JON

With the season of Advent upon us we hear words such as preparation, waiting and watching. Preparing for the Christ child on Christmas; waiting and watching for the Son of Man's eventual return.

These three terms, preparation, waiting and watching all resonate with me in the gardening or landscaping world. Preparing beds for planting, watching for signs of change and growth, waiting patiently, or impatiently, for what will blossom and thrive, and what may need a change of location.

Surprisingly to me, for Jesus being a carpenter or stone mason (*tekton* is the Greek word for artisan/craftsman), he uses far more agricultural

references in his parables than building references. Not sure what to make of that.

So, in this season of Advent, with the blessing of the City of Clemson's horticulturist Chris White, I have embarked on a small project at Earle Anderson Park. Preparing a native garden patch by removing some non-native plants such as Elaeagnus and Chinese Privet, preparing the area by hauling in mulch from the City's mulch pile, and planting a few shrub seedlings of Sweetshrub and Buttonbush that I grew from seed. For good measure I added some Cardinal Flowers and Purple Coneflowers to see if they may take root over the winter. It's been fun interacting with people walking by and a special surprise when a couple teenage boys were curious and genuinely interested in learning about native plants. That, or their parents had taught them to be very polite.

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Dear Congregation,

Our staff have provided exemplary service to our Church in ministering to our congregation, community, and beyond. Now, you have an opportunity to recognize our hard-working staff with a Christmas gift. Please consider providing a gift for our staff by placing a contribution in the box in the narthex marked "Staff Gifts." Our staff will appreciate your acknowledgment of the efforts and talents that they provide to our congregation. **Kindly provide your staff gifts by Dec. 22.**

Stephen Avery

Council President

ADVENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP



On Wednesday evenings (December 4th, 11th and 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.

Following the first Wednesday Advent service on December 4th, all are invited to stay a little longer to hang a few Chrismons on the tree. Chrismons are symbols representing Christ and many aspects of the Christian faith. Our ornaments have been lovingly handmade by members of the congregation over a span of years.

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



LCM EXAM WEEK - 12/9 thru 12/13

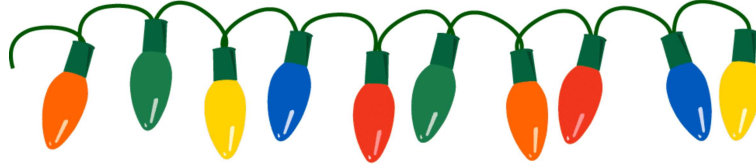
The sun is setting on another semester in Clemson. If you notice the students being a little more reserved in the next couple of weeks, then you might remember that next week is exam week. That means they'll be studying and finishing up final projects as intently as they can.

You can support them a few different ways:

1. Pray for them! They feel the difference it makes when folks are thinking about them.
2. Bring treats for their "stockings". Snacks, gift cards, candy, etc. Bring some things to add to their stockings (perhaps 20 or so) which will be in the Narthex this Sunday, 12/8.
3. Bring some treats to the Lounge. Lemon bars, cookies, etc. Drop them off in the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall upstairs or bring them to the

Lounge yourself.

Thanks for all you do to support this ministry! In the good days and in the more anxious ones!



CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

UniLu Fellowship Hall

December 7, 2024

4:30 PM

Ham, Rolls and Beverages provided

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Is there an old Christmas sweater hiding in your closet? If so, wear it to dinner and it might win you a prize in our sweater contest! We'll also do a little singing as we wish each other a Merry Christmas!

If you're concerned about driving after dark, please contact either Annette Godsey (843-304-5815) or Carol Miller (864-247-8084)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 8 at 10 am between Services**. At this meeting, we will be taking up a slate of Church Council nominees, and the 2025 Budget. Please click [HERE](#) to review the budget. Please click [HERE](#) to review Council nominee's bios. Please click [HERE](#) for the 2024 April Congregational Meeting Minutes.

In addition, the Church Council will be updating the congregation about the call process for our parish pastor. We look forward to seeing you at the December 8th meeting.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Beautiful poinsettias adorning the sanctuary is a welcomed worship experience for the Christmas season. If you would like to honor someone or remember someone with a poinsettia in the sanctuary, please place an order by completing the information on one of the envelopes to be found on the table in the narthex and enclose \$30 in cash or check. You can also contact Jan Fritz; janfritz@charter.net to place an order. **The deadline for your request is Sunday, Dec. 8th. No orders can be honored after that date.** After Christmas Eve services, you are welcome to pick up your plant(s) to enjoy in your home.

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Fritz by email or phone (864-630-4945).

SANTA SHOPPE

The Dream Center – Easley

Bring unwrapped toys or books to the Narthex by MONDAY, DEC. 9th

You can also make cash donations to University Lutheran, mark memo: Santa Shoppe. Please make **monetary donations by December 1**

The good news: Parents will be able to select gifts for their children at the Santa Shoppe.

Parents can earn credit money by taking classes or supporting the Dream Center.

Thank you for your support!

Questions or comments: Karen Dreher - jadreher@att.net

Community Ministry Team

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



2025 ESTIMATE of GIVING

Thank you to all who have turned in Estimate of Giving and Time and Talent statements for 2025! As a community of faith, the annual stewardship appeal helps us to support our ministries.

The Stewardship Committee is using an online process to submit your 2025 Estimated Giving and Time and Talent Drive for your convenience and safety. Paper copies of the forms are also available in the narthex. You may also email Abi to request a paper form at unilusecretary@gmail.com. Paper forms

may be placed in the wooden box located on the large round table in the Narthex or mailed to the church.

The online Estimated Giving Form is accessible at this link:

[Estimate of Giving](#)

You may use the online link as many times as you like. For example, you can make an estimate of giving for one individual and then use the link again for another individual in the same household.

The TIME AND TALENT DRIVE: The 2025 Time and Talent Drive form is accessible at this link:

[Time and Talent Drive](#)

The online forms can also be found on University Lutheran Clemson's website at www.uniluclemson.org. Both forms are located under the "Learn" tab under "Newsletters".

UPDATED ADDRESS FOR PASTOR COURTNEY NOYA

Pastor Courtney Noya
22950 Vista Edera Circle #2206
Estero, FL 33928



HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Greenville Chorale
Greenville Chorale Soloists
Chorale Orchestra
Bingham Vick, Jr., Conductor

Saturday December 14, 2024
7:30pm
McAlister Auditorium
Furman University

Sponsored By: 
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metropolitanarts council

Purchase Tickets: greenvillechorale.org

 **FosterVictor.**
We do things a bit differently.

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: Jan Fritz, Pastor Jon Heiliger

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES this coming week: Jim & Annette
Godsey

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](tel:864-280-5605)

or unilusecretary@gmail.com

ONSITE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Pastor Jon Heiliger, Parish Pastor: pastorjon12@gmail.com

Pastor Josh Kestner, Campus Ministry Pastor: jkkestner@gmail.com

Abi Donhauser, Office Administrator: unilusecretary@gmail.com

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Click [HERE](#) for Prayer Fellowship List

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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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