



## UNILU NEWS & EVENTS

January 15, 2025



### FROM PASTOR JON

Quite an eclectic collection of memories on my office shelf. A 3-D Printed “LOL” (Lord of Life; but laugh out loud works too!) from a confirmand of at least a decade past. 2 furry capped

acorns from Patty Hudson, or more accurately, from a Burr Oak that Patty retrieved.

Unopened geodes from a VBS long ago, a Christmas Tree ceramic from Jan Fritz in the recent past. A slice of petrified wood from my mom, gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh from my sister-in-law Robin, an almost empty bottle of Patron tequila compliments of a day after cleanup in the

church parking lot. What can I say, I really like the smell of tequila. A mouse from Jimmie Pletta's collection (gifted by Leslie, not pilfered when Jimmie wasn't looking) and a Viking from our recent trip to Scandinavia. This one could easily fit in a carry on.

A couple of bird nests, a creche scene made of olive wood brought back from Bethlehem and a ceramic container from our daughter Lauren's first pottery class taught by Mitzi Schafer while at seminary. Within that container a baptismal shell, some lemongrass scented oil created on a rostered leaders retreat led by Becca Stevens of Thistle Farms <https://thistlefarms.org/pages/our-mission> and a ball of cotton, used while anointing the forehead of the baptized along with the words, "You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever." Forever. That is God's promise to you. That is God's promise to me.

What memories fill your shelves? What memories fill your hearts?

God's peace & hope,

Pastor Jon



## **CELEBRATION OF PASTOR JON & RENEE HEILIGER'S MINISTRY**

Please save the date, mark your calendar...

**On Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
(between services in the Fellowship Hall),**

University Lutheran will be holding a special coffee hour to recognize Jon and Renee Heiliger for their twenty-four years of service and sacrifice to the Lutheran church. Twenty-eight years ago, this very close family of faith truly answered the call of God.

Jon gave up a very successful commercial career at mid-life, and moved to Columbia, SC to tackle four years of seminary. To support their young family of four, Renee returned to work teaching. What a true act of faith!

And now after twenty-four years of ministry, he has decided to retire. This man and his wife have done so much for us as a congregation and friend, both professionally and personally. So please don't miss this opportunity to express your personal appreciation and gratitude for all their efforts over the last eight years.

If you would like to help with refreshments, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Adult and Children's Sunday School classes will not be held this day.

## 2024 GIVING STATEMENTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP IN THE NARTHEX

If you were a UniLu pledger in 2024, contribution statements are now available in the Narthex for pickup. If you need your statement mailed to you, please email Abi at [unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com) and I will drop it in the mail to you.

Thanks!

## WELCA MEETING

WELCA Ruth Circle will meet on **Monday, January 27 at noon in the fellowship hall.** This will be a planning session for the 2025 year so bring your lunch and lots of ideas! Dessert and beverages will be provided.

Hope to see you there!

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

An Afghan teen needs help completing an asylum application form. The young man speaks English well, but he will need some help interpreting the questions. I anticipate that this will take no longer than three hours of time

to complete. He can meet at the Church or any other mutually convenient location. If you are interested in helping this young man, please contact Marty High at [marty@martyhigh.com](mailto:marty@martyhigh.com) or 864.300.2444 for more information.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our adult Sunday School class meets at 10:00 am on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.

For the winter quarter of 2025 we will be using the curriculum *Hope in the Lord*. We will ponder what hope means in our lives and the mission of Christ's church in order to act with faith and love in our world. Through our study of God's word, Christ's Spirit strengthens us to be people who hope in the Lord. Such sturdy hope empowers us in mission.

The class is informal, and no preparation is needed so feel free to drop in any Sunday that you are able.

## 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

## NAMI FAMILY-TO-FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM

**FREE for \*family members and significant others  
of an adult individual with:  
Major Depression  
Bipolar Disorder (Manic Depression)  
Schizophrenia and Schizoaffective Disorder  
Borderline Personality Disorder  
Panic Disorder and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder  
Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)  
Co-occurring Brain Disorders and Addictive Disorders**

**A series of 8 sessions designed to help families understand and support their loved one while maintaining their own well-being. Participants improve their self-care and communication skills, learn problem-solving techniques, and how to advocate for their family member. The course is taught by a team of trained NAMI family member volunteers who, also, have loved ones affected by these brain disorders. You are not alone!**

**The course is FREE, and you will receive new materials each week.**

**Pre-registration is required.**

**Clemson, SC**

**February 16 - April 6, 2025**

**Every Sunday from 2:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.**

**Contact: Michelle Ready**

**864-882-5131 (landline- no texts)**

**[michelleready@hotmail.com](mailto:michelleready@hotmail.com)**

**\*For parents, spouse/significant other, siblings, or adult children of a person (age 17 or older) with a mental illness. Class size limited to 20 persons.**

**This NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is sponsored and funded by NAMI SC and the NAMI Anderson-Oconee-Pickens affiliate.**

**[www.namiaop.org](http://www.namiaop.org)**

# 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](mailto:rch719@gmail.com)

Molly Parkhill (K - Grade 5) [parkhill.molly@gmail.com](mailto:parkhill.molly@gmail.com)

Sam & Elena Plonk (Middle & High School) [samplonk@hotmail.com](mailto:samplonk@hotmail.com)

Linda Holt (Adult) [lindagtholt@bellsouth.net](mailto: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

Jean Mehlman: [jmehlman43@gmail.com](mailto:jmehlman43@gmail.com)

Karen Dreher: [jadreher@att.net](mailto: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:

Jean Mehlman, 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: Kande Beckley, Larry Reamer

## PARISH INFORMATION

### MISS A SERVICE?

The recorded church sermons, audio and video,  
are posted weekly to the website: [www.uniluclemson.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:pastorjon12@gmail.com)

Pastor Josh Kestner, Campus Ministry Pastor: [jkestner@gmail.com](mailto:jkestner@gmail.com)

Abi Donhauser, Office Administrator: [unilusecretary@gmail.com](mailto:unilusecretary@gmail.com)

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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.*

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