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Sunday Worship May 14, 2017

Worship at 8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. for children and youth.

May Sermon Series – Crazy Kinfolk

What's it like with your family?

Do you have some crazy stories? (Or maybe it's just me...)

This is nothing new. It's tempting to imagine that there was a time when things were simpler than for modern families. In May, we're going to explore some, well...interesting families from the Bible. You may discover some ancient lessons and wisdom for living in the 21st century.

Mother's Milk Mystery – May 14 (Mother's Day)

I'm On My Own – May 21 (Graduation/Confirmation Sunday)

If Only You Had Been There – May 28 (Memorial Day weekend)



Ramadan Post-Fast Dinner on May 30

Colonial Church is hosting a Ramadan post-fast meal with our Muslim neighbors with the Dialogue Institute on Tuesday, May 30 in the Social Hall. Registration 8:00-8:15 p.m.; presentation about Ramadan 8:15 p.m, dinner 8:50 p.m. This late start is required so that the Ramadan fast is not broken until after sunset.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the religious holiday, to visit with some of the Muslim faith, and to expand on our goal to reach out to our brothers of another segment of the Abrahamic religions.

Reserve your place at <http://tinyurl.com/colonial-ramadan>. If you would like to be a part of this celebration, please contact Bruce Edwards (678-662-0956, b2ruce@gmail.com) or Mariam Fleming (913-648-5848, mariamfleming@gmail.com).

Mother's Day Diaper Drive

Bring diapers or money for diapers to church this Sunday, May 14. There is always a shortage of diapers at Cross-Lines and all the other places that distribute them. All moms know that if you don't change diapers often enough, babies get diaper rash, and cry all the time – a disaster for moms who themselves weren't very well raised and don't know how to be a good mother. Diapers help! The grocery cart is in the narthex, or write a check to Colonial with "Diaper Drive" in the memo line. Agencies can get diapers at very good prices from Harvesters. Remember, your Mother would want you to do it!

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Council Minutes:

Minutes of the Church Council are posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Crier Deadline:

Please submit items for the next Crier by Friday, May 19 to Sally Huggins at sallyhuggins@yahoo.com.

Support Effort to End Hunger

Colonial Church cares about hungry people. Each Sunday generous members bring food to fill our red wagon and write checks to the food pantry. These donations help folks locally next week, but what about the week after that and after that? And, what about the nearly 800 people around the world who lack sufficient nutrition?

The Justice and Witness Committee believes we can do more. We can support Bread for the World, a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad by 2030. We can add our voices to the thousands of others who are urging Congress to make funding decisions that support programs helping families alleviate hunger and get out of poverty. Colonial can commit thousands of dollars. Our representatives can appropriate millions with their vote if we press them to do so.

On Mothers Day, May 14, Justice and Witness members will have petitions available in the narthex to be sent to Representative Kevin Yoder and Senators Roberts and Moran with the following message: **Please support a budget and appropriations bill that protects vital safety net programs like WIC, Global Nutrition, SNAP and Refundable Tax Credits. Congress must invest in the lives of hungry men, women and children if we are to be a great and healthy nation.**

We invite everyone to add their name to ours as we do our part to realize God's vision where all people "will hunger no more" (Revelation 7:16). We will also have contact information for those who care to call or email their legislator. And if you can't make it to church on May 14, you can sign the petitions on the J&W bulletin board in the hall.

More² Annual Banquet

Each year, MORE² holds a celebration banquet to acknowledge the successes of the past year and look into the future. It serves as a fundraising event, where member faith communities, businesses, and supporters can come together to speak about the issues at hand and be inspired for the work yet to be done. This year the event is Thursday, June 8, at the Marriott Muehlbach Imperial Ballroom, 1201 Wyandotte, Kansas City, MO. Social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. Speakers are Rev. DaNiece Welch, senior pastor at Bidwell Street Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, and Rev. Dr. John Welch of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Register at <https://colonialucc.infellowship.com/Forms/359232> for the dinner. Cost is \$65 per person. More² is an interfaith social justice organization.

Serve the Homeless

When you sign up to help with the Sunday meal for Artists Helping the Homeless, make certain that you check the date of the meal. To help with the preparation, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial>. Meals are cooked at Colonial and served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. The next date is May 28.

Help with Worship Music During the Summer

This summer we want your help with planning our special music during worship. So, we'd like you to tell us what hymn, instrumental, or spiritually significant song that you'd like to have as part of our Sunday morning worship. You are welcome to offer to perform the music, have Joseph play it, or suggest the recorded version that we use. Please enter your suggestion at: <http://tinyurl.com/summer-worship>

Clothing for Family in Need

Pastor Aaron is working with a family that is in dire straights. Clothing is needed for the children. If you can provide any of the following items, please bring them to the church and they will be delivered to the family.

Teenage female: size 3 jeans/shorts; size small shirts; size 5 shoes.

12 year old female: jeans size 14 Petite; shirts medium; shoes size 9.

9 year old male: jeans size 8-10 kids; shirts 8-10 kids; shoes size 5.

4 year old female: jeans size 5T; shirts 5T; shoes size 10.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate

The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase the second Sunday of the month following the 10:15 service. The next opportunity will be May 14.

Attention Colonial Members!!!

The Board of Property Management is looking for an individual to work part time, 30 hours a week, to do event set up and take down and custodial duties. Sundays and Thursdays off, excellent position for a retiree looking for extra income or anyone who wants good part time work in a great environment. Background check required. If you or anyone you know might be interested, contact Bill Sanderson for more details.

Colonial Family

We extend our sympathy to **Kathy Huey** on the death of her mother.

Hospitalizations

If you are going to be hospitalized, please contact Pastor Aaron Roberts or the church office.

Watch our Weekly Messages Services and Sermons

You can watch our worship services on YouTube and get the sermon, bulletin and study guide on our website (www.colonialucc.org). Our 10:15 a.m. worship service is live-streamed, so please contact the church office if you have a privacy concern.

Colonial on Social Media

Stay up to date with what's happening at Colonial through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colonialucc>

Instagram: [colonial_ucc](https://www.instagram.com/colonial_ucc)

Twitter: [#ColonialUCC](https://twitter.com/ColonialUCC)

Follow Pastor Aaron:

[@PastorARoberts](https://twitter.com/PastorARoberts)

Send Us Your Photos

We want to build a file of photos of Colonial activities to use in the welcome part of our video worship display. Please send photos to media@colonialucc.org.

Time to Sign Up for VBS! July 11-14

God Built You for a Purpose! Calling all kids 4 years old through 6th grade. Join us for four days of fun, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/colonial-vbs17> to register children. **Shoes that Grow** – This year for VBS we would like to again purchase the Shoes That Grow for our mission project. Last year the kids raised funds for 100 pairs of shoes. We would like to send this to Malawi with Stacey Algren when she goes in July. Since she leaves the week before VBS we need to sell car wash coupons before the car wash. This is an interesting economics lesson for the kids. We will be showing the shoes and collecting cash or checks in the Heritage Room after the second service. If you would like to donate in the collection plate, just mark your checks for "VBS shoes." On May 7, we collected \$95, or funds for 5 pairs of shoes. Thank you for your generous support. – *Martha and Camille*

Colonial Friends To OP Arboretum.

Colonial Friends will tour the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens on Wednesday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. Admission is \$3 per person. Following the tour, the group will have lunch at Carrabba's, 10586 Metcalf Lane, 66212. Meet at Carrabba's at 9:00 a.m. to carpool to the arboretum (8909 W. 179th Street, 66013). RSVP to Catherine Bowser (Bowcat2@aol.com or 913-381-0430).

Colonial Tweens Fundraiser

Help the Colonial Tweens collect funds and dog supplies for Pawsitive Tails for their annual Community Service Project. Pawsitive Tails is a nonprofit organization focused on finding forever homes for rescued dogs and puppies. You can help by donating from the list of supplies, or by making monetary donations. Please make checks payable to "Pawsitive Tails."

Mark your calendars:

- **Drop off contributions** to the CTS room on Sun., May 21 and 28.
- **Dog Adoption Day / Meet & Greet** on Sun., June 11, 11:30-1:00 at Colonial.

Pawsitive Tails Wish List: water and food bowls, crates, pet beds, collars, leashes, chew toys, IAMS PROACTIVE HEALTH Smart Puppy Dry and Canned Puppy Food, puppy chew toys, potty training pads; \$10 provides a can of formula for a bottle fed puppy; \$15 provides a month of flea/tick/heartworm prevention; \$20 provides a microchip; \$25 provides vaccines; \$40 neuters a male / \$50 spays a female

Colonial Women Activities

Breakfast and Coffee – Monday, June 5, at 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.

Blue Moose Tuesday – Tuesday, June 13, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.

Book Group – Friday, June 16, 7:00 p.m. at Stacey Algren's home, 3206 W. 82nd Terrace, Leawood, KS 66206. The group will discuss *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Day and Laura Kamoie. Everyone is welcome to join the group for a discussion of this compelling and richly researched novel that tells the fascinating, untold story of Thomas Jefferson's eldest daughter, Martha "Patsy" Jefferson Randolph.

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Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, May 11

10:00 Bible Study, Cambridge Room

6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

Sunday, May 14

8:30 am Worship

9:00 Bell Choir, Pilgrim Room

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

Tuesday, May 16

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, May 17

9:30 am Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein's Bagels in Prairie Village Shops

9:30 Colonial Friends, Overland Park Arboretum

Thursday, May 18

10:00 am Bible Study, Cambridge Room

6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, May 19

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

Happy Birthday!

Bennett Graff, Charles Colbert, Mariam Fleming, Sofie Carson, Willa Cosgrove, Rachel Ruebner, Helen Minter, Nancy Thomsen

Happy Anniversary

Whitey and Jane Ackley