

Sunday Worship February 24, 2019

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

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

Sermon Series

Dusting Off the Bible Sermon Series

The last 500 years have piled so much on the Bible. It was elevated to be the authoritative Word of God for Christians, a role far beyond the authors' intentions. We've reached a point where many people wonder what role the Bible should have. We're going to consider the Bible with fresh eyes, with the perspective of young people born in this new millennium so that we can take the Bible seriously.

- From the Mouths of Our Kids - February 10
- The Bible in the Age of Science - February 17
- Who Gets to Say? - February 24
- An Approach for a New Millennium - March 3

If you missed one, you can hear it at <https://www.colonialucc.org/sermons>

Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes

Colonial is observing Ash Wednesday, March 6, from 7:00-9:00 a.m. with a drive-thru imposition of ashes. Pastor Aaron will be in the driveway in front of the church to place ashes in the sign of the cross on the foreheads of the faithful. All who choose to avail themselves of this opportunity are welcome to participate as the season of Lent begins the 40-day period of prayer leading to Easter.



March Trivia Madness

Our annual Trivia Night this year falls during the NCAA Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. The theme once again is March Madness and teams are invited to dress in the apparel of their favorite college basketball teams and decorate their tables as they wish. Sign up your team on the poster in the narthex. If you don't have a team, we'll help you find a spot. Cost is \$10 per person. Teams are limited to no more than six persons to maintain an even playing field. You don't have to pay until that evening. Bring snacks to share with the whole group. Beverages will be provided. Beer and wine tickets are \$2.00. Child care will be provided at the church but please let us know by March 15 how many children you are bringing.

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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, March 1** to Sally Huggins at sallyhuggins@yahoo.com.

Sunday Movie Night



Please join us Sunday, March 3, at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room as we view the touching animated Pixar film, “Up.” This “exciting, funny, and poignant adventure...offers an impeccably crafted story told...with depth, as well as yet another visual Pixar treat.” (Rotten Tomatoes) Popcorn and soda is provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Outreach Mission: Interfaith Hospitality Network

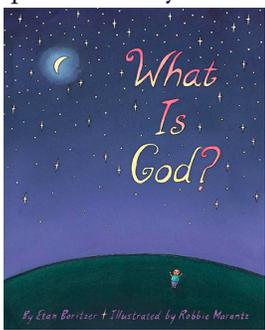
Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network is an interfaith homelessness intervention program that helps restore stability to situationally homeless families in Johnson County. IHN has fed, housed, educated and empowered hundreds of people, thanks to our network of 35 congregations and individual supporters. Last year, more than 75% of guests obtained permanent housing after 90 to 180 days with IHN.

JoCoIHN was founded by congregational leaders in 2003 and currently has 12 host congregations and 24 support congregations. Colonial has been a support organization since the network's inception. As such, we provide volunteers who host guests during mealtimes, evening activities and overnight shifts. Lee and Ed Rowe helped for 10 years but with Ed's death last year, we are in need of more volunteers. If you would like more information or to volunteer, please contact Heather in the church office. We work with host Knox Presbyterian Church (9595 W. 95th St., Overland Park).

With your volunteer time, we can continue to help motivated and capable local families and single women break the cycle of homelessness so they can land stable jobs, find happiness and begin to contribute to our community again.

New in the Library

What is God? by Etan Botizer. It's a children's book, yes, but it addresses the question everyone, no matter how young or old, asks sometime in their lives.



Beautifully illustrated, the book poses answers like maybe God is the awe you feel as you stand on a very high mountain surveying the beauty below. Or maybe God is a wise old man, or a nice one, and even an angry one who lives in the clouds. Maybe God is an eternal mystery like a big puzzle with many pieces we have to fit together. Through pictures and narrative the author offers an opportunity for parents and teachers to talk about and understand God in multiple ways with their children, no matter their age.

What is God? is on the desk in the library. Take it home and enjoy for a couple of weeks. Then return for the next family to appreciate it.

Sunday School Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help Camille Breckenridge with Sunday School. We only need one volunteer per week, so if we have enough interest we can set up a schedule to rotate Sundays. Please contact Carolyn Steffen, Board of Christian Education chair, at 913-205-8076 or Heather in the church office. We do a criminal background check on all children and youth volunteers.

Colonial's Inclement Weather Policy

The policy for weekdays is to close the church office whenever the Shawnee Mission School District cancels classes for inclement weather. Canceling activities, other than worship services, is the responsibility of the person in charge.

Prescription Bottles

Empty prescription bottles, any size, are needed for a veterinarian clinic that specializes in charity work. Please remove your name or any prescription information. Place them in the box outside the office labeled Veterinarian Clinic.

Colonial Family

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 and bulletin 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)

Monthly Centering Prayer

We meet the third Sunday of the month, 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the Salem Room. Centering prayer is a good way to find some quiet in your life. Praying in a group can help you.

Colonial Women Activities

Breakfast and Coffee at Big Biscuit. Monday, March 4, 9:30 a.m. Big Biscuit.

Alden Guild. Thursday, March 7, 6:00 p.m., Summit Grill (rescheduled).

Blue Moose Tuesday. Tuesday, March 12, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

Lunch Out. Wednesday, March 27, 11:30 a.m., YaYas (7021 W 135th).

Reservations Needed. Call Kathi Cook 913-236-8292.

Book Group. Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We will discuss "The Light We Lost" by Jill Santopolo.

Food Donations Suggestions for Red Wagon

Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Each Sunday the contents are delivered to one of four food pantries that distribute items to patrons all over the Kansas City area. The wagon swells the first week of the month when Temple Sinai add their contributions. **Food suggestions:** *Canned and Jar Food:* vegetables, soup, stews, fruit, peanut butter, beans, tuna, chili, canned chicken, canned salmon, canned beans, preferably low-sodium items; *Boxed and Bagged Food:* Cereals (preferably whole grain and low sugar content), crackers, macaroni and cheese, flour, pasta, pancake mix, rice (brown, white or basmati), sugar, breakfast items, snack bars, gluten-free items, dry beans, nuts. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line. You do make a difference.

Help Needed for our Meals for the Homeless in 2019

We need volunteers to help with the meal we serve the fourth Sunday of each month to the homeless. We need people to bake cookies and come to the church kitchen the afternoon of the meal to prepare the food for 2019. Sign up to at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh19>. Meal preparation usually starts around 2:00 p.m., so the meal can be available in Mill Creek Park by the Plaza about 4:00 p.m. By 5:00 p.m, all are usually on our way home.

Mark Your Calendar

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, March 6, 7:30-9:00 a.m. with a drive-thru imposition of ashes. Pastor Aaron will be in the driveway in front of the church to place ashes in the sign of the cross on the foreheads of the faithful.

Annual Trivia Night – Saturday, March 23, 6:00 p.m., Social Hall.

Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 14

Holy Thursday Dinner Worship – Thursday, April 18

Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 21. Services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, February 21

10:00 am Bible Study
6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

Sunday, February 24

8:30 am Worship
9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
9:15 Teens Connect, Youth Room
9:30 Colonial Choir, Choir Room
10:15 Worship
10:15 Tween Squad, Salem Room
10:30 Sunday School
11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room
11:30 Confirmation, Youth Room
11:30 Board of Christian Education, Oberlin Room
2:00 pm AHH Cooking, Social Hall

Monday, February 25

10:00 am Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

Tuesday, February 26

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, February 27

9:30 am Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops
7:00 pm Colonial Choir

Thursday, February 28

9:00 am Care Committee, Northampton Room
10:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, March 1

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

For the full church calendar, visit our website at colonialucc.org

Happy Birthday!

22..... Darren Carpenter, Edna Hamera
23..... Elliott Korentager, Cecily Lanigan, Pernell Talberg
25..... Sue Freeman
26..... Evelyn Bowman
28..... Nadine Colbert