



Colonial Church is a progressive, inclusive Christian community that seeks to nurture people's minds as well as their spirits.

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Identical Services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. — Traditional Worship. Activity for children at both services. Pastor Aaron preaching.

Easter Breakfast at Colonial — Bring your family and enjoy a wonderful breakfast prepared by the Board of Parish Life. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 10:45 a.m. Freewill offering accepted.

Holy Thursday Dinner and Service

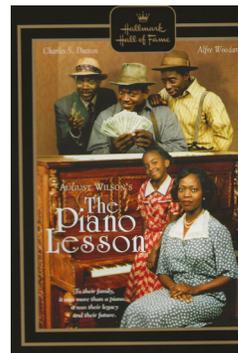
Thursday, April 18, 6:00 p.m. You are invited to join the Colonial community for dinner on Thursday evening, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. We will share a simple meal together hosted by the Colonial Women. During the evening we will be sharing and reflecting on the stories of Jesus during the last week of his earthly ministry. The stories bridge us from Palm Sunday to Easter and invite us to a deeper engagement with the scriptures. Together we will discover that we not only hear these stories, but we also participate in them through our lived experience.

Sunday Night Movie “The Piano Lesson”

April 28 – 5:30 p.m.

You're invited to join us Sunday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. for “The Piano Lesson,” the next film in Colonial’s Sunday Night Movie Series. The film combines August Wilson’s Pulitzer Prize winning play and a stellar cast. The result is a moving cinematic experience of a family divided by their heritage and their dreams for the future.

Boy Willie (Charles S. Dutton) wants to buy a farm that his ancestors used to work as slaves, but first he must sell the family’s most valuable possession – a beautiful carved piano that holds a unique place in their history. He tries everything to persuade his sister, Berniece (Alfre Woodard), to let it go, but she refuses. To her the heirloom symbolizes their family’s very heart and soul. Boy Willie sees it as the key to their future. Now the piano will draw their family into a timeless struggle that speaks to every generation—whether to cling to the traditions of the past or trade them for a chance of a better future.



Jan Parkinson, who was involved in the production will lead the discussion after the movie. If you want to know more about the movie, check out “The Making of The Piano Lesson” on YouTube – https://youtu.be/tQBT_x2mblw

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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, April 26** to Sally Huggins at sallyhuggins@yahoo.com.

Post-Ramadan Dinner on May 23

Share a Ramadan post-fast meal with our Dialogue Institute Muslim neighbors on Thursday, May 23 at Colonial. Registration 7:45-8:15 p.m., presentation about Ramadan 8:15, dinner 8:50. Late start so the Ramadan fast will not be broken until after sunset. This is a great opportunity to learn more of 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. Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/post-ramadan2019>

More Than We Can Imagine

One Great Hour of Sharing, the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ, supports disaster, refugee, and development actions. Through this special offering we join with other Christians to make our presence known to people who might feel forgotten—the hungry, the hurting, the thirsty, the sick. Colonial has a history of solid support for OGHS. The need is greater than ever. Please be generous. Make your check to Colonial Church with “OGHS” in the memo line or you can give through our website by going to online giving and then clicking on the drop down menu on the right to “One Great Hour of Sharing”. You may also text to give at 913-325-4400. This year’s contributions will be earmarked to help the flood victims here in the Midwest.

History of Our Stained Glass Window

As we raise funds to repair our beautiful stained glass window over the altar, we thought you might be interested in the window’s history. From April 1965 when it and the new sanctuary were dedicated:

The beautiful stained glass window in the chancel of our new sanctuary was designed by one of our own members, Mrs. James Sallee. Mrs. Sallee is a graduate of the University of Kansas School of Fine Arts, and she has served as an instructor in the Design Department at KU. She has been active in the field of commercial art, and presently she head of the Art Department at Pembrok Country Day School. In the window, Mrs. Sallee has incorporated symbols of the cross, the Trinity, and the Easter lily signifying the resurrection.

Marilyn Uppman, who frequently made presentations on the window, also said the blue circles represented the cloud of witnesses.

To date we have raised \$3,670 of the \$8,000 needed for the repair. Any contribution is helpful. Checks may be placed in the offering plate with the notation “Window” or you can give through our website by clicking here and then clicking on the drop down menu on the right to “stained glass window repair.”



Contributions for Solar Panels for Chapel Roof

We have a goal of \$35,000 to install a photovoltaic system composed of 32 solar panels to be mounted in a single rooftop array on the south side of the Colonial Chapel roof. It is estimated that the system will reduce the church’s electrical usage by about 20%, recovering the cost through lower electric bills in about 14 years. To date we have raised \$9,600. Please contribute in increments of \$100, \$250, \$500, \$750, \$1,000, or as much as you feel you are able to give by writing a check to the church with “Solar Panels” in the memo section. Give online at colonialucc.org and select “Give Online”. You may also text to give at 913-325-4400.

Centering Prayer

Centering prayer will next meet on Sunday, April 28, 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.

Care to Join Us?

Are you curious about Colonial and the United Church of Christ? Are you interested in joining the church? You are welcome to attend our free, three-session new member class. Classes are at 9:15 on Sunday mornings, May 5, 12 and 19 in the Cambridge Room. New members will be received into our membership on May 19 during worship. Interested? Call Heather in the church office to reserve your space: 913-362-7735.

Prescription Bottles

The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City extends its appreciation for the medicine bottles Colonial has collected and donated. They also ask that we keep them coming. Art and Marianne Foster appreciate your interest and support of this charity. Please leave your empty bottles in the box by the office.

Overland Park Plant Sale

The Overland Park Gardeners of America, which meets at Colonial, will hold its annual spring sale April 25-27 in the Social Hall.

Colonial Family

Congratulations to **Tiffany and James Goudy** on the birth of Maya Jane Goudy on April 5. **Jim and Carla Mattson** are proud grandparents.

We express our sympathy to **Lois Morton** on the death of her husband, **Bill Morton**, on April 11. The memorial service will be June 22 at Colonial.

Congratulations to **Jim and Kathi Cook** on the birth of two grandchildren: Olive Marie Cook was born March 20. Parents are Jamie and Emily Cook, who live in Prairie Village. Eleanor Ray Cook was born April 2. Parents are Tristan and Alexis Cook of Seattle.

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)

Colonial Women Activities

Lunch Out. Wednesday, May 1, noon, Vivilore (10815 E Winner Rd, Independence, MO). RSVP to Kathi Cook by April 25 at 913-236-8292.

Alden Guild. Thursday, May 2, 6:00 p.m., Thai Place

Book Group. Friday, May 3, 7:00 p.m. We will discuss "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger.

Blue Moose Tuesday. Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

Thursday Morning Bible Study on The Epistle to the Romans

Karl Barth's commentary on Paul's epistle to the Romans was written exactly a century ago, in the upheaval following the First World War. It changed Christian theology around the world. Our Thursday morning Bible study is using his commentary. Because trying to read a Swiss-German theologian is challenging, we are reading only one chapter each week. To join in the discussion, you can come to Colonial Church or connect online at <https://zoom.us/j/8796465039>. April 18 - Chapter 4; April 25 - No Meeting; May 2 - Chapter 5.

Save the Date for VBS!

Vacation Bible School will be July 9-12, and on Sunday, July 15 the children will perform during the 10:15 service. Theme: To Mars and Beyond. We will focus on the stories of faithful Daniel, bold Queen Esther, the thankful 10 lepers, and the hopeful friends of Jesus as they travel to Emmaus. If you can help, sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-vbs19> – We need shepherds, arts and crafts leaders, music leaders, storytellers and kitchen crew. Questions, contact Camille Breckenridge, Sunday School Superintendent (camille.breckenridge@colonialucc.org).

Change the World One Daisy at a Time!

This spring, you can support Cross-Lines Community Outreach by purchasing plants for your garden at the Friends of Cross-Lines Annual Plant Sale. Fine quality annuals, perennials, tomatoes, peppers, herbs and even hanging baskets & planters are available at competitive prices. Proceeds benefit Cross-Lines Community Outreach, serving the poor in Kansas City, KS. Mark your calendars now: Wednesday, May 1 from 4:00-7:00p.m; Thursday and Friday, May 2 and 3, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 4, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 6837 Nieman.



Red Wagon Food Donations

Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Contents are delivered to four food pantries in the Kansas City area. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line. The food pantry uses these dollars to purchase items from Harvesters at a very good price. 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.

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UNITED CHURCH
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Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, April 18

10:00 am Bible Study
6:00 Holy Thursday Dinner and Worship, Social Hall
6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

Sunday, April 21 – Easter Sunday

8:30-10:45 am Breakfast, Social Hall
9:00 Worship
11:00 Worship

Monday, April 22

10:00 am Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

Tuesday, April 23

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, April 24

7:00 pm Colonial Choir

Thursday, April 25

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

Sunday, April 28

8:30 am Worship
9:00 Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room
9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
9:15 Fair Trade Coffee, Narthex
9:30 Centering Prayer, Salem Room
9:15 Teens Connect, Youth Room
9:30 Colonial Choir, Choir Room
10:15 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room
11:30 Board of Christian Education, Oberlin Room
2:00 pm AH Cooking, Social Hall
5:30 Sunday Movie, Heritage Room

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

Happy Birthday!

19..... Donna Owens
20.....Stephanie Graff, Meredith Griffiths, Eleanor Knoll
23..... Carsten Mortensen
24..... Diane Brown, Esther Sunderland
25..... Kirby Drayer
26..... Dianne Starcke
27..... Jim Cosgrove

Happy Anniversary!

21..... Stacy & Joseph Kern
23..... Patty Kluding & Brad Fairchild