



Sunday Worship May 5, 2019

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

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

May Sermon Series The Ring of Power

JRR Tolkien's Lord of the Rings is the story of the quest to achieve the power to dominate the world of Middle Earth. A devout Christian, Tolkien's experience of two World Wars and massive changes to the environment shape these favorite stories. This May we are going with Tolkien to Middle Earth as we explore the concept of power.

- Sauron - The Power of Deception - May 5
- The Ents - The Power of Nature - May 12
- Gandalf - The Power of Resurrection - May 19
- Rohan - The Choice to Engage - May 26

(One ring to rule them all used with permission by tbiley)



Colonial at the Movies – Tolkien

As we go to Middle-earth in our May sermon series, signup to join a group to see the movie Tolkien at AMC Town Center 20 (11701 Nall Avenue, Leawood, KS 66211) at the 4:15 p.m. showing on Saturday, May 11. Tickets are \$12/seat, and we'll order tickets as a group at noon on the Thursday before (May 9). So signup today at <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/tolkien>

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>

Rev. Nikki Woolsey Announces Departure

I am sad to report that my time serving Colonial Church is drawing to a close. My final Sunday will be June 2. I have greatly enjoyed working with the youth, the congregation, and the creative spirits of the church as we have explored the role of art in worship. This summer I will be pursuing a training program in intentional transitional ministry as I continue to discern and prepare for service to the broader church.

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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 10** to Sally Huggins at sallyhuggins@yahoo.com.

For Mother's Day, Support Malawi Birthing Center

In honor of Mother's Day's, Colonial is hosting a fundraiser to support the Malawi birth center at Pothawira. Women in Malawi have 1:29 lifetime risk of dying in childbirth. Consider a donation to our Malawi birth center where mothers can come and stay prior to birth and not have to walk miles while in labor. A place where their birth will be attended by health professionals and potentially life saving care can be administered. This Mother's Day, honor the mothers, aunts, sisters and friends in your life by giving the gift of hope and life. Checks can be made to Colonial with "Mothers Day Malawi" in the memo. Thank you! Dr. Stacey Algren will be traveling to Malawi in June to help at the clinic.



Colonial Friends to Visit Shatto Dairy

Colonial Friends will visit Shatto Dairy Farm and plant on Wednesday, May 15. It is north of Kansas City, between Cameron and St. Joseph. Meet at the Colonial parking lot by 9:00 a.m. to organize carpools. Lunch at a restaurant on the way home. Cost of the tour is \$10. RSVP to Bob Starcke at 913-406-3572 or rstarcke@gmail.com.

Save the Date for VBS!

Vacation Bible School will be July 9-12, and on Sunday, July 14 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).

Stained Glass Window Update

To date we have raised \$5,920 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 \$11,750. 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.

Help Needed for our Meals for the Homeless!

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, to come to the church kitchen the afternoon of the meal to prepare the food, and to serve the meal. Sign up to at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh19>. Meal preparation starts around 2:00 p.m., so the meal can be available in Mill Creek Park by the Plaza at 4:00 p.m. The next opportunity is May 26.

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. If you can't make it to class on all three Sundays, we still welcome you to join on the 19th. 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.

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)

Fair Trade Coffee

The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade ground coffee for purchase the last Sunday of the month following the 10:15 service.

Colonial Women Activities

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.

Coffee. Monday, June 3, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.

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>.

Cross-Lines Plant Sale This Week



The Friends of Cross-Lines Annual Plant Sale is Wednesday, May 1 from 4:00-7:00 p.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. Shop for hardy annuals, perennials, tomatoes, peppers, herbs, hanging baskets and patio planters at competitive prices. Cross-Lines Community Outreach is a not-for-profit organization in Kansas City, Kansas that serves the poor.

All proceeds from the plant sale go to Cross-Lines and your purchase is 50% tax deductible.

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.

You do make a difference! **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.



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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, May 2

10:00 am Bible Study
3:00 pm Justice & Witness Committee, Library
6:00 Alden Guild, Thai Place
6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, May 3

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

Sunday, May 5

8:30 am Worship
9:00 Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room
9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
9:15 Teens Connect, Youth Room
9:15 Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room
9:15 New Member Class, Cambridge Room
9:30 Colonial Choir, Choir Room
10:15 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room

Tuesday, May 7

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins
9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, May 8

9:30 am Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops
9:30 Writers Group, Heritage Room

Thursday, May 9

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

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

Happy Birthday!

May 4..... Doris Kurth, Linda Moses
5..... Cindy Braithwaite, Brad Hodges
6..... Sally Huggins, Paul Roberts
8..... Terry Brown, Kim Fairchild
9..... Jack Davis
11..... Bennett Graff
13..... Chas Colbert
14..... Mariam Fleming

Happy Anniversary!

May 1..... Howard and Sally Huggins
4..... Allan and Kathy Flentie