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Sunday Worship June 24, 2018

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

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

Register Now for VBS! July 10-13

Get ready campers to prepare for an outdoor adventure that starts in our own backyards and gets bigger each day as we spread the love of Jesus into our neighborhoods and communities. Camp dates are July 10-13 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. with a performance Sunday morning July 15 at the 10:15 service. Sign up your children and grandchildren at <https://tinyurl.com/ColonialVBS-18>. If you have questions, please contact Camille Breckenridge at camille.breckenridge@colonialucc.org or call 913-707-9602.

Colonial Family Getaway September 8-9



Whether for one day or for the entire gathering, join other Colonial families for outdoor fun and fellowship at beautiful Pomona State Park in Vassar, Kansas. It's all happening Saturday and Sunday, September 8-9, the weekend after Labor Day.

You can come down for the activities on Saturday and return home or join us on Sunday morning.

Whatever best fits your schedule. You can camp in a tent or bring your RV.

The park is just over an hour from Colonial. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-getaway> now to let us know you're coming. Questions? Contact Lisa Tierney, Elizabeth Uppman or Martha Wofford.

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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, June 29** to Sally Huggins at sallyhuggins@yahoo.com.

Strengthen the Church Special Offering

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Half of the contributions to this special offering stay in our local conference. Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to the Strengthen the Church offering. Write a check to Colonial Church with “strengthen the church” in the memo line. Special envelopes are also in the pews.

Support for Korean Peace Process

The United Church of Christ has worked and prayed for peace alongside our Korean Global Ministries partners for decades, waiting for an opportunity such as this. Much has yet to be defined, but now is an important moment to express hope for a peace process in Korea. Leaders from the UCC and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) issued a [statement in support of the Singapore Summit](#) and its aspirations, acknowledging it as a first step in a long process. This support aligns with past General Synod statements, including a 2015 resolution which recommitted the UCC to continue its work for peace, justice, and reunification in Korea. As a Just Peace church, we are called to engage in the long-term work of peace building and diplomacy, patiently working like a hammer fashioning a plow from a sword (Isaiah 2:4). Congress needs to hear voices of support for peace right now. Contact your Senator to express your support for the peace process.

Jan's Fans from Colonial

Several Colonial members took part in the 6th Annual Moving Day Walk on June 9, a fundraiser for the Parkinson's Foundation. The team, Jan's Fans, was organized in 2012 by Martha Wofford, Julie Burik and Carolyn Steffen for the very first Walk and has participated every year since. They set a team record this year by raising \$5,520 to fight Parkinson's Disease.



Sermon and Worship Planning Poll

Plans are underway to craft our sermon and worship themes for the 2018-2019 program year. Is there a particular topic you would like to explore or experience? Let us know by taking the survey at <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/3d9263>. Please note that our Justice & Witness Committee will be conducting a survey of important social issues in the next few weeks. The results of that survey will be used in planning worship series in addition to the ideas you share through this survey.

Monthly Centering Prayer

Colonial's centering prayer group meets second Sunday of the month from 9:30 till 10:00 in the preschool room downstairs. The remaining dates for 2018 are: July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9. Centering prayer is a good way to find some quiet in your life. Praying in a group can help you.

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.

Message from New Moderator Ancel Neuburger

I would like to thank Jayne Quimby for her two years of outstanding service as Moderator. I thank her, too, for educating me in the last few weeks on the nuts and bolts of how the church operates and the moderator's role in that operation. I have not been that active in the church for the last several years and Jayne was very generous with the time and effort she spent catching me up. And, I would not have accepted this job if I did not have extreme confidence in Colonial's current staff. From the ministers and paid staff to the board chairs and the many volunteers who make the church run smoothly, I think our leadership is outstanding.

Several weeks ago Aaron asked people to send him pictures of what they thought God looked like. I didn't send him anything but I have given it considerable thought; and as I look around me here today, I think "this is it." This building, the people in it, the spirit that floats here, that is the face of God. This is a godlike place.

We live in troubled times, that, as always, are the best of times and the worst of times. Aaron, in his sermon, told the story of the man named Charles something, who in 1859 walked a tightrope several times across Niagara Falls. It happens that two men also named Charles published great books in 1859 – *On the Origin of Species* by Charles Darwin and *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens, which opens with the line "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times ..." I like to reverse that observation to say "it is the worst of times, it is the best of times" so that the best is yet to come. But the coincidence of the three men named Charles in 1859 strikes me as having a touch of the divine.

To me Colonial Church is an oasis of reason and fairness in these crazy times; and religion is a cry against the absurdity of the human condition. Through its many ministries Colonial's cry is being heard throughout the world.

I feel honored and privileged to be Colonial's Moderator for the next year and .promise to do my best to carry on its tradition.

- Ancel

2018 Council Members

Moderator: Ancel Neuburger

Administrative Board: Heather Brasel, Jules Burik, Hope Cotten, Harry Morrison

Board of Property Management Co-Chairs: Bill Sanderson and Linda Moses

Board of Christian Education Chair: Carolyn Steffen

Board of Community and Member Development Chair: Elizabeth Uppman

Board of Outreach Chair: Cheri Van Orman

Board of Parish Life Chair: Mary Penrose

Board of Stewardship Chair: Stacy Kern



Ancel Neuburger, incoming moderator, and Jayne Quimby, outgoing moderator.

Justice & Witness Committee Issues

Arming Teachers: Reading, Writing & Now Remingtons?

Monday, June 25, 4:00 - 5:45 p.m., Social Hall

It's a question up for seemingly endless debate: how to keep kids safe from school shooters. Rather than discuss limiting manufacture of assault weapons, tightening access to guns and requiring safe storage of weapons, some parents and legislators suggest arming teachers in their classrooms will protect students from school shooters. Will adding more guns at school and putting them in the hands of people trained as educators, not sharpshooters, make schools safer for our children and grandchildren?

Join us Monday June 25 to hear a wide range of perspectives. Our panel will consist of Brian Watson, principal of Tomahawk Elementary School in the Shawnee Mission School District; Nancy Sims-West, Ed.D., French and journalism teacher at Indian Woods Middle School, also in Shawnee Mission; Scott Macek, who teaches math, social studies and science at Coronado Middle School in Kansas City, Kansas, as well as Brett Parker, an English teacher in the Olathe School District who's also a Kansas State Representative from Overland Park.

Since January, some 23 shootings have occurred in American public schools including the tragedies at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida in February (17 dead) and at Santa Fe High School in suburban Houston, Texas in May (10 dead). Even though it's now summer vacation, a new school year begins in August. And then what?

Sponsored by Grandparents Against Gun Violence

Rally to End Family Separation

Friday, June 22, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Congressman Kevin Yoder's Office, 7325 W 79th St, Overland Park, Kansas 66204

The Trump administration has implemented a new discretionary policy to arrest the parents of families crossing our southern border. As a result, children are being separated from their parents and sent to detention facilities where doctors have likened the conditions to government sanctioned child abuse. Our 3rd district representative Kevin Yoder, who chairs the House Homeland Security subcommittee, issued a weak statement about the situation happening at the border, and it does not appear as though he is going to pursue legislation to stop the family separation from occurring. Let's show up at his office and let him know that this is unacceptable in the United States.

Along with other MORE² faith communities, we will speak a moral word to our leaders. This event is co-sponsored by:

Dustin Hare

KS/MO DREAM Alliance

Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation (AIRR)

Innovation Law Lab

SURJ KC - Showing Up for Racial Justice, Kansas City

Colonial Family

Congratulations to **Hayden** and **Matt Ferguson** on the birth of a daughter, Lowell Ann Ferguson.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Bob Buehler**, who died June 8. A memorial service will be Saturday, June 23 at 11:00 a.m. at Colonial.

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)

Participate in Bible Study

Our Bible Study is online. To participate, each Thursday at noon either go to <https://zoom.us/j/684548229> on your computer or call in at 646-558-8656 with meeting ID

Colonial Women Activities

Book Group – Friday, June 29, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home.

Breakfast and Coffee at Big Biscuit – Monday, July 2, 9:30 a.m. Big Biscuit.

Blue Moose Tuesday – Tuesday, July 10, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village Shops.

Lower entrance closed Saturday, June 30

Our custodian, Edson, and his father will strip and wax the floors in the Social Hall and lower hallway between the back door, staircase and ramp on Saturday, June 30. The work and drying process will take 24 hours, so the back door, Social Hall and main kitchen will be inaccessible that one day only. There are no events scheduled that day.

Summer Music Survey

Do you have a favorite song that informs your faith?

Do you have a musical piece that you'd like to share vocally or instrumentally?

Is there a music video that challenges your ideas of what it means to be church?

Over the summer months, you are invited to recommend or provide music to share with the congregation during the offering. At the link below, you can list a song, a video, or sign-up to sing or play an instrument. We need your gifts of music to broaden our experience and witness of faith! Contact Nikki Woolsey for additional information. Visit survey at: <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/481747>

Serve the Homeless

It is exciting to be a part of the work that Kar Woo offers to needy area residents. Sign up now to help on June 24. To help with the preparation, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial2018>. Please consider whether you can bake cookies, purchase the food, cook at Colonial the day of or help serve the meal. Meals are cooked at Colonial and served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Feed the Hungry Donations

Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Donations are delivered to four local food pantries – Village Food Pantry, Catholic Charities, Cross-Lines Community Services, and Shawnee Community Services. The wagon also swells the first week of the month when Temple Sinai members 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.

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Bell Choir Director: Hayden Ferguson

Organist: Dr. Joseph Kern

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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, June 21

12:00 pm Bible Study
6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

Saturday, June 23

11:00 am Bob Buehler Memorial Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, June 24

8:30 am Worship
9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
10:15 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
11:15 Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room
11:30 Council/Administrative Board, Northampton Room
2:00 pm AHH Cooking, Social Hall

Monday, June 25

Office Closed
10:00 am Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

Tuesday, June 26

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Thursday, June 28

9:00 am Care Committee, Heritage Room
12:00 pm Bible Study
6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, June 29

Office Closed
8:30 am Quilters, Social Hall
7:00 pm Colonial Women Book Group, Stacey Algren's home

Sunday, July 1

8:30 am Worship
9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
9:15 Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room
10:15 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
11:15 Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

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

Happy Birthday!

George Akright, Julie Hunt, Sophie Mann, Nora Carson,
Honey Hannah, Jan Neustrom

Happy Anniversary!

Walt & Muriel Seibert
Jerry & Marilyn Uppman
Jerry & Joan Gilson
Phyllis & Wayne Yost
Chucho Marquez & Elizabeth Uppman