

Colonial Crier

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

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Sunday Worship July 9, 2017

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

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

July Sermon Series: FAITH

The Jedi of the Star Wars universe rely on the mysterious power of the Force. In many ways, this experience is like that of the Holy Spirit. Christian discipleship is



a path of exploring the living Spirit. This July we're going to begin like Initiates with the 3 Pillars of Jedi Faith and the mystery beyond.

July 9 - The First Pillar: The Holy Force

July 16 - The Second Pillar: Knowledge

July 23 - The Third Pillar: Self Discipline

July 30 - Transcending Death

VBS Starts Next Week! 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, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Go to http://tinyurl.com/colonial-vbs17 to register children.

Living the Questions 2.0 Sunday Morning ACE

Begins Sunday, July 9

People know that, at its core, Christianity has something good to offer humanity. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity is a hopeless task. Living the Questions is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic. We will begin the Living the Ques-

tions sessions in our Sunday morning Adult Christian Education on July 9 at 9:15 a.m. in the Cambridge Room (It's usually the 2nd Sunday of the month). Signup at https://colonialucc.infellowship.com/Group/Show/2084138

One Family Feeds the Homeless in June



The Fairchild-Kluding family took on the job of providing the meal for our fourth Sunday meal for Artists Helping the Homeless. Read the story on page 2.

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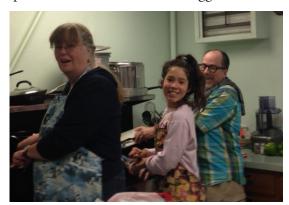
Minutes of the Church Council are posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Crier Deadline:

Please submit items for the next Crier by Friday, July 14 to Sally Huggins at sallyhuggins@yahoo.com.

Buy It, Make It and Serve It!

It all started with a question. A question asked by Kim Fairchild as she helped serve Sunday supper to homeless people on the Plaza, wondering if we ever served anything but tacos. Knowing that Kim liked other menu items, her parents suggested that she find out. This led to the creation of a different menu, research for recipes to serve 100, shopping trips to select and purchase needed groceries and plans to cook and serve her suggested menu for the June meal. By now, the whole



family was involved in the project—including Kim's grandmother, Sue Coleman, and the decision had been made that the cost of the meal would be a family donation. Sunday, June 25 was a busy day for Kim, Patty Kluding and Sue. Worship in the morning, gathering in the church kitchen about 2:00 p.m. with Janet Weiblen, Mary Pelton, Russ Townsley, Rosanne Stoneking and Bruce Edwards to prepare the meal. Then

on to the Plaza to meet Marion and Tim Taylor and Bill Sanderson to help with the serving of 97 dinners Never fear, Brad and the boys were an important part of the project by cheering on the Royals! Kudos and thanks to the family for their contribution to this important Colonial outreach program.

It is exciting to be a part of the work that Kar Woo offers to needy area residents and the next meal will be served on the Plaza on July 23. To help with the prepa-

ration, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, sign up online at http://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial or with pen on the bulletin board in the narthex. The online sign-up is available for all dates through the end of the year so 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, from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Beverage/Snack Hosts

We are seeking people to host the fellowship time after 10:15 service in the Heritage Room on Sundays. They provide a beverage and snack, set up the room, visit with guests, and clean up. This typically requires 15 minutes before end of service for setup and 30 minutes after church for hosting and clean-up. Sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/colonial-worship2017. Scroll down to find available dates. Please contact Barrie Herbst (913-859-9320; bherbst@pbnmed.com) for training before your Sunday volunteer time.

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 July 9.

Food Donations

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 the Village Church Food Pantry, who distribute items to patrons all over the Kansas City area. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line. You do make a difference. Be a part!

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 in box labeled Veterinarian Clinic outside the office.

Colonial Family

Congratulations to **Tim** and **Donna Owens** on the birth of granddaughter, Emerson Mary Owens, born to Cuyler and Amy Owens in Texas.

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 Twitter: #ColonialUCC Follow Pastor Aaron:

@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.

Colonial Women Activities

Blue Moose Tuesday - Tuesday, July 11, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.

Book Group – Friday, July 28, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home (4141 W. 111th Terrace, Leawood). We will be discussing "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi. Each chapter in the novel follows a different descendant of an Asante woman named Maame, starting with her two daughters, separated by circumstance. Homegoing is a tremendous reading experience by a gifted young writer. Generation after generation, the author's first novel sets the fate of the individual against the obliterating movements of time, delivering unforgettable characters whose lives were shaped by historical forces beyond their control. The story begins with Maame's daughters, Effia, who marries the British governor in charge of Cape Coast Castle, and her half-sister Esi, who is held captive in the dungeons below. **Save the Date:** August 25 – "Brain on Fire - My Month of Madness" by Susannah Cahalan.

Breakfast and Coffee - Monday, August 7, at 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.

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

Colonial Bible Study

Our 10:00 a.m. Thursday morning Bible Study is reading through the entire Bible over the course of a few years. Each week we meet to discuss the readings and explore any questions that come up. If you would like to take part in the study, simply come on Thursdays or signup for the group via InFellowship from the church website. Even if you cannot come on Thursday mornings, you can email Pastor Aaron.

Keep the simple point in mind: our primary purpose is not simply learning information about the Bible. It is hearing God speak.

Colonial's Prayer Chain

We would like to invite you to join the prayer chain. Those on it tell us that they appreciate timely messages of good cheer or health concerns. It is a great way to stay informed about our members. Here's how it works: simply indicate that you would be interested in being on our prayer chain by notifying the church office. Then, when a notice or request comes in, an email is sent to the group. You do not have to forward the email! It is up to you how you deal with the information.

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Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, July 6

6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, July 7

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

Sunday, July 9

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Adult Christian Ed – Living the Questions, Cambridge Room

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Lemonade & Conversation, Heritage Room

Tuesday, July 11

9:00 am VBS

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

5:30 pm Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops

Wednesday, July 12

9:00 am VBS

9:30 Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops

Thursday, July 13

9:00 am VBS

10:00 Bible Study, Pastor's Office

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, July 14

9:00 am VBS

Happy Birthday!

Julie Welch, Rosalie Henry, Carol Childers, Jane Pronko, Johnnie Haines, Nick Kromnacker, Billy Keane 18. Bella Hayden, Jim Loomis, Lynn Sample, Bob Starcke, Wayne Yost

Happy Anniversary

Nancy & Bernie Thomsen, Howard & Marti Lee, Hayden & Matthew Ferguson, Tim & Marion Taylor