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Sunday Worship August 19, 2018

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

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

The Messed Up Pursuit of Happiness

We've been sold the idea that the goal of life is to be happy. And this happiness is a vision of life without problems where we are beautiful, rich, smart, with a loving family and a great job.

It's messed up.

In August, our worship services are going to challenge this version of happiness. The ancient story of our faith has wisdom – deep and counterintuitive – that may change your life.

August 5 – The Messed Up Metric

August 12 – It Could Be Worse

August 19 – Yes and No

August 26 – What Really Matters



If you missed one of the sermons, you can listen at <https://www.colonialucc.org/sermons>

Gathering Sunday Celebration of Art Foster's Ministry

Sunday, September 16 is a special Gathering Sunday celebrating Art Foster's 70th anniversary of ordination. We will gather in the Social Hall for good food and fellowship following the 10:15 service. Chicken will be provided, and sides and desserts will be potluck. A freewill offering will be accepted.

The lunch honors Colonial member Art Foster, ordained in Toronto, Ontario in September of 1948. After the lunch, we will have a 1:00 p.m. worship service in the sanctuary to honor Art's calling to ordained ministry and a multifaceted career. If you would like to share a congratulatory message or a story of your relationship with Art, contact Heather in the church office by August 31.



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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, August 24** to Sally Huggins at sallyhuggins@yahoo.com.

Help Needed for our Meals for the Homeless!

We've had a lull in volunteers to help with the meal we serve the fourth Sunday of each month to the homeless. We need volunteers to bake cookies and come to the church kitchen the afternoon of the meal to prepare the food.

- A family or group of friends can take a Sunday.
- It takes 1-2 hours starting at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall
- Skill requirements range from peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and cutting tomatoes/lettuce/onions (goggles optional) to fixing taco meat and beans and rice.

Sign up to at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh18>. The next opportunity is August 26.

Meals are cooked at Colonial and served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, 4:30-6:00 p.m. You can also sign up to help serve. This worthwhile outreach of Colonial needs everyone to help make it a success!

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.

Surprise Sunday: Teachers and Students

We served an “after school snack” of brownies and milk on August 12 after recognizing our teachers – past and present – and blessing backpacks at the 10:15 service. We also asked folks to note a favorite teacher on our board.



Justice & Witness Survey

Colonial Church Justice & Witness Committee is seeking your thoughts regarding key issues of concern that challenge us as Christians today. We would like to know which topics you personally consider most troubling and would like more information. We will seek resources that lead to greater understanding and opportunities for our constructive actions. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/justice-witness-survey>

Colonial Writers Group

Fall is almost here, and the moment has arrived to make good on those resolutions to write down the great family stories shared by your mother and father, aunts and uncles, grandparents and sometimes great-grandparents. Join us Wednesday, September 12 when we share our stories, memories and poems. Newcomers are welcome, and we will see you at 9:30 in the Heritage Room. Mark your calendars now and plan on a wonderful time together.

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: 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.

Colonial Family

We express our sympathy to **Dan Runion**, whose mother died Saturday.

Congratulations to **Nick and Kelli Kromnacker** on the birth of Isaac Richard.

Congratulations to **Wayne and Phyllis Yost** on the birth of a grandchild, Royal Eric Yost born to Warren and Tabitha Yost.

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 and Chocolate

The Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee offered for purchase by the Justice and Witness Committee will be available only for special occasions later in the year.

August Molly's Table Dinner

We have a fun Mom's Night Out planned for the women of Sheffield Place on Thursday, August 30 at 5:00 p.m. We'll serve a home-cooked meal, followed by an evening of jewelry making. Please consider being part of this special event by volunteering your time, or by donating some of the menu items. To sign up to donate parts of the meal or to help that night, go to <https://tinyurl.com/molly-august>. All food donations must be delivered to the Heritage Room by 5:00 p.m. Please store perishable items in the refrigerator. Questions? Call or email Jeni Cosgrove (913-219-4815; jeni@jimcosgrove.com).

Colonial Women Activities

Book Group – Friday, August 31, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We will discuss *Radium Girls* by Kate Moore.

Breakfast and Coffee at Big Biscuit – Monday, September 3, 9:30 a.m. Big Biscuit. (Yes, we know it's Labor Day.)

Alden Guild – Thursday, September 6, 6:00 p.m., Zarda's.

Blue Moose Tuesday – Tuesday, September 11, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village Shops.

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.

Bible Study: Amos and Hosea

In our divided times, Amos' and Hosea's message is very relevant. We need to hear about God's tough love and amazing grace for a people who have often broken God's heart. On Thursdays at noon, you can come to Colonial Church, attend online at <https://zoom.us/j/341633262>, or dial-in to 646-558-8656 with Meeting ID 341 633 262. To receive the weekly study guide materials, contact Pastor Aaron at aaron.roberts@colonialucc.org.

Board of Worship Help Needed.

As we gear up for our fall worship schedule, the Board of Worship is looking for volunteers to add to the rotations for the following committees: head ushers and ushers, liturgists, children's conversation, pew supply check, and communion set-up. If you want more information about what is involved, or you're ready to volunteer, please email Charlotte Drayer at charlotte.drayer@gmail.com or sign up directly at <https://tinyurl.com/worship-vols>. Becoming involved with your church helps you connect with the members of your congregation!

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Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, August 16

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

Friday, August 17

Office Closed
8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

Sunday, August 19

8:30 am Worship
9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
9:15 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
9:30 Board of Parish Life, Cambridge Room
10:15 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
11:15 Fellowship, Heritage Room
11:30 Council/Administrative Board, Social Hall

Tuesday, August 21

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, August 22

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

Thursday, August 23

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

Sunday, August 26

8:30 am Worship
9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
9:15 Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
10:15 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
11:15 Fellowship, Heritage Room
11:30 Board of Christian Education, Oberlin Room
2:00 pm AHH Cooking, Social Hall

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

Happy Birthday!

Marsha Owen, JoAnn Dickey, Jessica Keane, John Sullivan,
Jessie Peterson, Diane Kuhn, Deloras Pemberton

Happy Anniversary!

Bruce & Marcia Dodson
Kevin & Valerie Cable
Wayne & Joyce Fick
Bob & Judy LeVeau
Jim & Kathi Cook
George & Lois Tormohlen
Wes & Hope Cotten
Rusty & Kim Mann