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Sunday Worship August 20, 2017

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

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

Three Great Loves August Sermon Series

Each week we covenant to love our neighbor as ourselves, just as Jesus instructed. Along with the rest of the United Church of Christ, we are joining an effort to build a just world. In the months to come, we are going to intentionally focus on 3 Great Loves that share God's heart.



Love of Creation - August 20

In August, we're focusing our vision on ways we already do and can enhance these loves with a series of challenges and blessings.

Celebration of Pauline on Her Retirement

Pauline Anthan, our church administrator the past 20 years, has retired and on Sunday, August 20, we will celebrate her service, in worship and with a potluck lunch in the Social Hall. The main dish and dessert will be provided. Please bring a salad or side dish to share. A freewill offering will be accepted. We will also honor Pauline with a gift. If you would like to contribute, mark your check "Pauline" in the memo line or on an offering envelope. You can also contribute online on our website, colonialucc.org. Click on "Give Online" at the top and sign in or click "Give Now" at the top. Select "Pauline's Retirement" from the dropdown menu.



Welcome Amy as Youth Group Leader



Amy Congdon has joined Colonial Church as Youth Group Leader. She is originally from Portland, Oregon where she earned her degree in Bible and theology with a minor in music from Multnomah University. She recently moved to the Kansas City area with her husband, David, and her two children, Aidyn and Elliya, from the Chicago suburbs where she worked as the youth minister at a local Episcopal parish. She is currently studying to earn her master's degree

in counseling at UMKC. In her free time, she enjoys writing, sewing, and listening to "Hamilton."

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

Toilet Paper Collection

In August, we are collecting toilet paper for the Village Food Pantry. Please help by bringing toilet paper to add to the little red wagon that takes food items to the Village Food Pantry each week. Toilet paper cannot be purchased with food stamps and the food pantry can send each family of five or more with only a single roll of paper to last all week. Bulk packaging is great because the food pantry breaks open the packages anyway for distribution.



Men's Breakfast Group

Chuck Nigro, Chair of the Johnson County Commission on Aging, will be the speaker at the September meeting of the Men's Breakfast Group. Everyone is welcome to the breakfast on Tuesday, September 5, at 8:00 a.m. at Perkins (87th St between I35 and Alt. 69 Hwy). The Commission supports and advocates for needed services for the 107,000 seniors in Johnson County.

I Am Strong

Above are the Words we want all breast cancer survivors to FEEL. Once a diagnosis has occurred, one will find that they will dig deep into their inner self and become strong and courageous as they battle this disease. Please join us in the effort by joining the PINK N PROUD team or considering giving a donation. Every amount helps us to reach a cure. http://kansascity.info-komen.org/site/TR?fr_id=6868&pg=personal&px=15371912 Marylee Battaglia (16 year survivor) will also be at church on August 27 with a table where you can make a donation or fill in a registration for her team in person that she will hand deliver to the Susan G. Komen office.

Blessings to Start the Academic Year



On Sunday, August 13, we blessed the teachers and the students as they begin a new academic year.

"Stump the Pastor" Sunday, August 27

Got a tough question that you've always wanted to ask? On the last Sunday in August, we're going to have a "Stump the Pastor" Sunday. Send in your question at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/92LYNVQ>

Colonial Writers Group

Sharpen your pencils and plan to join us for Writers Group on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m. at the church. Veterans and newcomers are always welcome.

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate

The Justice and Witness Committee offers 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 September 10.

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 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!

Colonial Family

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](https://www.instagram.com/colonial_ucc)
Twitter: [#ColonialUCC](https://twitter.com/ColonialUCC)
Follow Pastor Aaron: [@PastorARoberts](https://twitter.com/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.

What Sermon Ideas Do You Have?

Help Pastor Aaron plan the topics for our worship service this coming year by participating in our summer survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FRYYSJ2>

Poor People's Campaign – Interfaith Rally August 21

More² is encouraging people to attend the Poor People's Rally – A National Call for Moral Revival Mass Meeting on Monday, August 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Topeka First United Methodist Church • 600 SW Topeka Blvd • Topeka, KS 66603. This is part of a national movement. The events are being co-led by grassroots organizations, local faith leaders and other people of conscience, including Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II, co-chairs of the Poor People's Campaign. For more information or to register, go to <https://form.jotform.us/72191547651156>

Dialogue Institute Invitation to Brunch

Circle Saturday, October 28, to mark our invitation from the Dialogue Institute of the Southwest, 4215 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, Kansas for brunch at 10:00 a.m. They have invited Vern Barnett, founder of the Kansas City Interfaith Council, to speak on "The Healing Power of World Religions." Those who enjoyed the Ramadan dinner in May will want to deepen the friendships that we formed at that event. Those who were not able to come will want to join to meet new friends of a different faith. All are invited. Do not miss this unique time to hear an interesting speaker, strengthen friendships and enjoy a delicious meal. RSVP by signing the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or online at <http://tinyurl.com/dialogue-brunch>

Rummage Sale Countdown Begins – 63 Days

Have you gone through your holiday items to see what you would like to discard and donate to the Rummage Sale? Going through your Christmas décor will help keep you cool during this hot weather. Look through your Halloween costumes, Thanksgiving décor, Valentine Day, St. Patrick's Day and Fourth of July. The sale is October 18-20.

Stephen Minister Training Begins in September

Stephen Ministers are people trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. Colonial Church has a team of Stephen Ministers, and if you'd like to receive training to become one too, please contact Pastor Aaron (aaron.roberts@colonialucc.org) to get signed up for the training that begins weekly in September through December.

Colonial Women Activities

Book Group – Friday, August 25, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will be discussing "Brain on Fire - My Month of Madness" by Susannah Cahalan.

Breakfast and Coffee – Monday, September 4, at 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit. Yes, we know it's Labor Day. Come anyway!

Alden Guild – Thursday, September 7, 6:00 p.m., Cozy's (6740 W 75th St, Overland Park, KS 66204).

Blue Moose Tuesday – Tuesday, September 12, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village.

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UNITED CHURCH
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Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, August 17

10:00 Bible Study, Pastor's Office
6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, August 18

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

Sunday, August 20

8:30 am Worship
9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
10:15 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
11:15 Potluck for Pauline, Social Hall

Tuesday, August 22

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, August 23

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

Thursday, August 24

9:00 am Care Committee, Heritage Room
10:00 Bible Study, Pastor's Office
6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, August 25

7:00 pm Colonial Women Book Group, Stacey Algren's home

Happy Birthday!

Ken Werne, Marsha Owen, JoAnn Dickey, Jessica Keane, John Sullivan, Frances Lafferty, Jessie Peterson, Diane Kuhn, Deloras Pemberton, Reese Algren

Happy Anniversary

Valerie and Kevin Cable, Wayne and Joyce Fick, Bob and Judy LeVeau, Jim and Kathi Cook, George and Lois Tormohlen, Wesley and Hope Cotten, Rusty and Kim Mann