

## Sunday Worship January 12, 2020

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

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

### January Sermon Series Experiencing Gratitude

Gratitude is healthy. Yet, experiencing gratitude can be elusive. We want to feel grateful, but we don't always act gratefully. In our January sermon series, we are going to explore the feeling and practice of gratitude. Growing in gratitude may be exactly what your spirituality needs in these days.

Growing in Gratitude - January 12

Sometimes You Just Need to Have a Party - January 19

Blessings for All! - January 26

### Immigration 101 – Tamales for Mind and Body



Jesus was a migrant. And so were Moses and Ruth. The Bible is full of migrants' stories: those seeking safety and stability, those fleeing violence, poverty, and hardship. Today newspapers are full of stories about the challenges and often injustices immigrants to the United States experience.

The Board of Outreach views these local immigrants as neighbors in need of help. How? First, understand their multiple daily

challenges. Next, learn how Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation (AIRR) is assisting. Finally, explore ways we as a church and as individuals can respond to our new neighbors.

Come to a tamale lunch in the Social Hall on Sunday, January 26 at 11:15 a.m. to hear a presentation from AIRR about the reality of immigration laws and testimonies from immigrants. RSVP to Heather at [heather.winker@colonialucc.org](mailto:heather.winker@colonialucc.org) or 913-362-7735.

### All-Church Game Night

Mark your calendars for an all-church game night next Saturday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. What's your favorite board game? Do you have a game you'd like to play? All ages will enjoy this evening to learn new games and play old favorites. Child care will be available for infants and toddlers by reservation to [heather.winker@colonialucc.org](mailto:heather.winker@colonialucc.org). Bring a snack to share.

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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, January 17** to Sally Huggins at [sallyhuggins@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyhuggins@yahoo.com).

## Get Ready for Some BBQ!

Colonial Friends will journey to Brobeck's BBQ on Wednesday, January 15, for a monthly luncheon. Please arrive at 11:15. They normally don't do reservations, but are making an exception in our case because we are special. Brobeck's is on Indian Creek Parkway between Roe and Mission Road. Please RSVP to Bill Sanderson ASAP at bills043@gmail.com.

## Welcome Our Guests from Rosedale UCC

Please help us welcome guests from the Rosedale UCC congregation who will be attending our 8:30 a.m. worship this coming Sunday, January 12. We will host a coffee hour between services so we can enjoy fellowship time together. Rosedale had to close its doors in December and their members are visiting other congregations.

## Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate

The Board of Outreach is selling fair trade coffee and chocolate on Sunday, January 12, at the price Equal Exchange charges us because we believe offering fair trade products brings justice to those farmers who are trying to support their families with a sustainable income. This supports coffee and cacao bean farmers because our purchases ensure they are guaranteed a fair price for their crops.

## Memorial Service Team

Would you like to serve in a small way, but make a big impact on our families who need assistance during a difficult time in their lives? The Memorial Service Committee is looking for couples or individuals to join our committee. There are no meetings. You serve by ushering, answering questions from the families, making the families comfortable and making sure the sanctuary is ready before the service and cleaned up after the service. We rotate responsibility and training is provided. Please consider joining our team. This is a service that touches more lives than you know. Contact Linda Moses at 913-522-7308 or luvslife48@gmail.com.

## That Was The Week That Was

That Was The Week That Was meets (informally) every Sunday between the first and second services in the library, and all are welcome to join us to discuss events of the past week. While we often visit topics from all over the world and nationally, the conversation more frequently focuses on local information. We all share news of interest to us, local outreach programs, business news, and other hometown issues, while getting to know each other a little better. Please consider joining in the discussion this Sunday.

## Solar Panel Flash

Even with 11 dark and cloudy days in December, our solar panels produced almost 18% of Colonial's electrical usage, lowering our monthly bill by \$136. In addition, we blocked 1,318 pounds of warming CO2 emissions from entering the atmosphere and "planted" the equivalent of 33 trees. Congratulations, Colonial, on our first full month of solar power!



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ECO FRIENDLY

## Year-End Giving Statements

Year-end giving statements for 2019 will be mailed out January 15. If you have any questions about these statements, please contact Jayne Quimby, Financial Recorder, at jqm333@aol.com or 816-807-3592.

## Annual Trivia Night

Save the date for Colonial's annual Trivia Night — 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 29. Yes, that's Leap Day! Sign-up information coming soon.

## Colonial's Inclement Weather Policy

The policy for weekdays is to close the church office whenever the Shawnee Mission School District cancels classes for inclement weather. Canceling activities, other than worship services, is the responsibility of the person in charge.

## Thursday Study Group

Our Thursday 10:30 a.m. Study Group is reading Richard Rohr's New York Times Best Seller *The Universal Christ*. Rohr's central premise is that "God loves things by becoming them," and Jesus was a powerful example of this. Our group meets at 10:00 in Pastor Aaron's office at Colonial Church, or you can connect online at <https://zoom.us/j/8796465039>

## Monthly Centering Prayer

We meet the third Sunday of the month, 9:30-10:00 a.m. in the Salem Room. Centering prayer is a good way to find some quiet in your life. Praying in a group can help you.

## Colonial Family

Thank you! Thank you to the members of Colonial for the Christmas gift to each of us. We appreciate your generosity and look forward to a great year ahead.

-Heather and Edson

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](http://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)

## 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. Please leave your empty bottles in the box by the office.

## Colonial Women Activities

**Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, January 14, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

**Lunch Out.** Wednesday, January 22, 11:30 a.m., Tatsu's French Restaurant. RSVP to Kathi Cook (913-236-8292).

**Book Group.** Friday, January 24, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will be discussing "City of Girls" by Elizabeth Gilbert.

## Help Needed for our Meals for the Homeless in 2020

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 and come to the church kitchen the afternoon of the meal to prepare the food for 2019. Sign up to at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh20>. Meal preparation usually starts around 2:00 p.m., so the meal can be available in Mill Creek Park by the Plaza about 4:00 p.m. By 5:00 p.m., all are usually on our way home. This meal is a way for AHH to stay in touch with homeless in the area and to build trust.

## 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. The food pantries use these dollars to purchase items from Harvesters at a very good price. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line. You do make a difference!

## Christmas Eve Pageant



The youth at Colonial once again presented a spectacular pageant on Christmas Eve. Cast members were Josie Gowen, narrator; Lyda Cosgrove, Mary; Nick Herbst, Joseph; Adam Kern, Baby Jesus; Nora Carson, Evie Lewis, Ella Lewis, Shepherds; Erin Bender, Kim Fairchild, Sophia Gardner, Sofie Carson, Angels; Sam Lewis, Ben Lewis, Miles Roberts, Kings; Hannah Parker, Archer Wright, lighting; Michelle Turpen, Liz Bender, directors; Liz Bender, Bella Hayden, Paul Roberts, Archer Wright, Tori Wright, costumes.

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## Coming Up at Colonial

### **Thursday, January 9**

10:30 am Bible Study  
6:00 pm Colonial Women Dinner Group, C Frog's  
6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

### **Sunday, January 12**

8:30 am Worship  
9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library  
9:15 Reception for Rosedale UCC, Heritage Room  
10:15 Worship  
10:15 Tweens, Cambridge Room  
10:30 Sunday School  
11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room

### **Tuesday, January 14**

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group, Big Biscuit  
9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room  
5:30 pm Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops

### **Wednesday, January 15**

9:30 am Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in Prairie Village Shops  
11:15 Colonial Friends, Brobeck's BBQ  
7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

### **Thursday, January 16**

10:30 am Bible Study  
6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

### **Friday, January 17**

9:00 am Quilters, Social Hall

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

### **Happy Birthday!**

9..... Madeline Knoll  
11..... Chucho Marquez  
12..... Randy Freeman  
13..... Kelli Kromnacker  
14..... Bob Dona, Kelvin Kromnacker, Price Lanigan  
15..... Brad Fairchild  
22..... Jim Cook