

## Sunday Worship November 25, 2018

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

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



*Better Together*

If you were unable to join us on Sunday for the collection of giving cards, please bring your pledge to church this Sunday and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office in the pre-addressed envelope you received in the mail with your yellow pledge card.

If you have misplaced your pledge card, call or email Heather in the church office and another one will be sent to you.

Thanks to everyone who has already pledged.

**Thanks to the Board of Parish Life for a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner!**

## Just Peace on Earth



Don't just say, "Peace on Earth" this Advent season. Let's make it **Just Peace on Earth**: Peace in Communities; Peace among Nations; Peace with the Earth; Peace in the Marketplace. For 30 years the Just Peace Church pronouncement has inspired a grassroots movement of UCC congregations to proclaim themselves officially as justice-doing, peace-seeking churches. Grounded in UCC polity and covenantal theology they focus attention on alleviating systemic injustice of all types using non-violence and

reconciliation. The UCC Church even prints a Just Peace Handbook.

"We now need to put as much effort into defining a just peace as we have done in the past defining a just war," writes Dr. Robert V. Moss, former UCC president.

JUST PEACE maintains there can be no peace without justice. It is the peace the angels proclaimed to the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night. It is the peace Jesus brought to the hungry, sick, and homeless. As William Allen White writes, "Peace without justice is tyranny."

The Colonial Justice and Witness Committee challenges all its friends and members this Advent to become peacemakers by courageously speaking out against injustice wherever they encounter it, thus planting the seeds of peace. Keeping silent condones injustice, thus enabling its growth and proliferation. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts engender a just peace.

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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, November 30** to Sally Huggins at sallyhuggins@yahoo.com.

## Advent Festival – Pageant, Crafts, Chili-Soup Cookoff

**Sunday, December 2, 3:30-6:30 p.m.**

Join us for the annual Advent Festival.

- 3:30-4:00 Children's Pageant
- 4:00-5:30 Crafts (\$5/person or max of \$10/ family)
- 5:30-6:30 Chili/Soup Cook-Off and meal (freewill donations accepted). Sign up to bring cookies at <https://tinyurl.com/festival-cookies> and start planning your entry for the cookoff. There will be prizes!

**Volunteers Needed for Crafts** – The shifts are 4:00 to 4:45 and 4:45 to 5:30 (45 minutes each). If you can help with a craft please sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/advent-18> in the narthex on Sunday.

**Children's Pageant** – All children, grandchildren and friends are encouraged to come to Sunday School over the next few weeks to be a part. Contact Camille Breckenridge at [camille.breckenridge@colonialucc.org](mailto:camille.breckenridge@colonialucc.org) for more information.

## Help Needed for our Meals for the Homeless!

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. Sign up to at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh18>. The next opportunity is November 25. 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.

## Colonial Giving Tree 2018

Colonial is again collecting gifts for the families served by Operation Breakthrough's Holiday Store. Beginning Thanksgiving weekend, November 25, the giving tree will be set up in the narthex.

Put your unwrapped gift under the tree in the narthex by Sunday, December 9. Gifts for older children (upper elementary/young teens) are especially needed. Suggested items include:

- Dolls/clothing/accessories
- Picture books
- Blocks (wooden or Legos)
- Fisher Price Little People
- Musical toys
- Football / Basketball
- Play tent / sleeping bag
- Puzzles
- Play food and dishes
- Toy cars and trucks
- Dress up play clothes
- Diary/journal
- Art supplies or craft kits
- Winter coats and pajamas (toddler to teen)
- Purses / gym bags for teens
- Scarves or jewelry for teens
- Makeup or manicure sets for teens
- Gift cards: Target, AMC, Payless  
Shoes

## Bright Light Friday

Do you want to skip the shopping madness on Black Friday? Then join us for Mr. Stinky Feet's Bright Light Friday on November 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Plaza Library's Truman Auditorium - 4801 Main St, Kansas City, MO. We'll be collecting winter clothing items for Artists Helping the Homeless. Please bring new, or gently used hats, gloves, scarves, socks, or blankets. This concert is free and open to all ages.

## 2019 Altar Flowers

Please sign up to purchase flowers for our altar for your chosen Sunday in 2019. Your cost is \$50 and you may take the flowers following the 10:15 a.m. service or designate them for the Care Committee to take to homebound or hospitalized members. You can sign up in the narthex on Sunday.

## Red Wagon 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 one of four food pantries that distribute items to patrons all over the Kansas City area. You may also write a check for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line. The food pantry uses these dollars to purchase items from Harvesters at a very good price. The wagon swells the first week of the month when Temple Sinai add their contributions.

## Colonial Family

We express our sympathy to the family **Deloras Pemberton** who died November 13. A memorial service will be at 11:30 a.m. on December 3 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](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)

## Monthly Centering Prayer

Note this change: Starting in 2019, we're moving from the second to the third Sunday of the month. See you on Dec. 9 and Jan. 20.

## Advent at Colonial Church

- ★ **Christmas Concert** – December 9, 5:00 p.m. Join us in the sanctuary for an early evening of joyful singing and music by the choir with Dr. Joseph Kern, organ; Mark Bentley, guitar, and Teresa Bentley, harp. A dinner of delicious soups, breads and cookies will follow. Our concert begins at 5:00 p.m., lasting approximately one hour followed immediately by dinner. During the concert, a freewill offering will be taken to help the choir continue to purchase needed items for the music program. The soup dinner is free.
- ★ **Christmas Cantata** – December 16, 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. Colonial Choir presents "Star in the East" by Dr. Joseph Kern.
- ★ **Longest Night Communion Worship Service** – December 21, 7:00 p.m. Our Longest Night service honors the feeling that a number of us have about this season. It is the "long, dark night of the soul," "the winter of our discontent," in which memories of past experiences and the pain of present experiences can become painful. This is a special service to be with God in Spirit and in Truth.
- ★ **Christmas Eve Worship.**  
6:00 p.m. Pageant presented by Colonial Youth  
8:00 p.m. Communion Worship

## Colonial Women Activities

**Lunch Out** – Thursday, November 29, 1:00 p.m., Henry's Tearoom. RSVP to Kathi Cook (913-905-9027)

**Book Group** – Friday, November 30, 7:00 p.m. at Stacey Algren's home. We will discuss "The Encore: A Memoir in Three Acts" by Charity Tilleman-Dick. Help

**Blue Moose Christmas Party** – Tuesday, December 11, 6:00 p.m. Lin Vaughn's home (3108 W. 73rd St., Prairie Village). Bring either an appetizer or bottle of Joy. Call 913-961-1247 for directions or questions.

## Advent Booklet by Our Members

Advent is the season of expectant waiting and preparation for the birth of the Christ child. An Advent booklet written by members of the congregation is available, one to a family. The cover art was created by our own Lisarae Turnbull. Pick yours up in the narthex.

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## Colonial Staff

**Senior Minister:** Rev. Aaron Roberts ([aaron.roberts@colonialucc.org](mailto:aaron.roberts@colonialucc.org))

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## Bible Study: Exodus

Exodus is the foundational story of Judaism and Christianity. It is in this story of the God who saves becomes known. This is the God of Jesus. Wherever you are on your faith journey, you will find insight and blessing in this Bible study. We'll meet on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for an hour beginning November 29 through January 2019, with a few weeks off over Christmas. Even if you can't make it to Colonial Church, you can participate online or call into: <https://zoom.us/j/877825769> (669) 900- 6833 with Meeting ID: 877 825 769

## Could You Help with Snow Removal?

The Board of Property Management would like to have additional volunteers to add to our list of Snow Removal People. We are compiling a list of people we could call when it snows on Saturday to clear only the sidewalks around the church for Sunday services. This would have to happen on a Sunday morning before the 8:30 service. Colonial does have a snow blower which will be tuned up and ready to go if we receive any snow. Please call (913-642-1335) or email ([luvslife48@gmail.com](mailto:luvslife48@gmail.com)) Linda Moses to join the team. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

## Calling Colonial Crafters

If you enjoy spending time crafting, your skills are needed for an upcoming art project for Colonial Church. We are creating a "paper lace banner" for our worship space in the upcoming Advent season. This is also an opportunity to build friendships across the church. Would you like to participate in one or more crafty gatherings? Please contact Nikki Woolsey at [nikki.woolsey@colonialucc.org](mailto:nikki.woolsey@colonialucc.org) or by calling the church office.

## Christmas Pageant 2018

Plans are underway for the 2018 Christmas Pageant at Colonial. The pageant will be presented during the worship service at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24. The pageant is led by the Youth Group with support from the Colonial Tween Squad. This year we are also inviting the children's Sunday School class to participate. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Nikki Woolsey at [nikki.woolsey@colonialucc.org](mailto:nikki.woolsey@colonialucc.org) or by calling the church office.

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## POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

Poinsettias will be placed on the altar for the Advent/Christmas season. You can order a plant in memory of or in honor of a loved one by filling out the order form below and placing it in the offering plate. Cost is \$15. While we do not purchase a plant for every memorial, plants will be available to be taken home on Sunday, December 30.



Your name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of (circle one): \_\_\_\_\_

\$15 per poinsettia. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Colonial Offering Envelope No. (if you have one) \_\_\_\_\_



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OF CHRIST

## Coming Up at Colonial

### **Thursday, November 22**

Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed

### **Friday, November 23**

Office Closed

### **Sunday, November 25**

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

### **Monday, November 26**

9:30 am Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

### **Tuesday, November 27**

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room  
1:00 pm Solar Task Force, Oberlin Room

### **Wednesday, November 28**

9:30 Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein's in Prairie Village  
6:00 pm Board of Worship, Oberlin Room  
7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

### **Thursday, November 29**

10:00 am Bible Study  
12:45 pm Colonial Women Lunch, Henry's Tearoom  
6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

### **Friday, November 30**

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

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

### **Happy Birthday!**

Harper Graff, Howard Huggins, Kailyn Latham, Cindy Lafferty, Emil Schutzel, Muriel Seibert, Marcia Jacobs

### **Happy Anniversary!**

Hugh & Nancy McCreery