



*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 November 26, 2017

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

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

### 2018 Pledge Update: Week 1



Last Sunday, we received 73 pledges totaling \$226,000 for 2018. That is 54% of our goal for the coming year.

If you were unable to join us on Pledge Sunday, 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 blue 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!



*Together... dinner!*  
We make a difference!

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

Sunday, December 3, 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)

**Volunteers Needed for Crafts** – The shifts are 4:00 to 4:45 and 4:45 to 5:30 (45 minutes each). If you are interested in helping with a craft please contact Martha Wofford at martha.wofford@gmail.com or call/text 913-219-0181 or Marylee Battaglia at marpaglia33@gmail.com or call/text 913-271-7856.

**Donated Items Needed for the Craft Session** – (may be left in church office)  
4 dozen sugar cookies (not frosted); frosting (white); cookie sprinkles; cotton balls.

**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 for more information.

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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, December 1** to Sally Huggins at sallyhuggins@yahoo.com.

## Advent Worship at Colonial

- ★ **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 Morning** – One service at 10:15 a.m.
- ★ **Christmas Eve Worship.**  
6:00 p.m. Pageant presented by Colonial Youth  
8:00 p.m. Communion Worship

## Household Supplies for Cross-Lines Christmas Store

Every year at the Christmas Store, we provide household supplies for each of the 425 families at the store – laundry detergent, dish detergent, toilet paper, Kleenex, and hand soap. We will be collecting money to purchase supplies the next few Sundays. It costs about \$10 a family, and there are more families that come to the store than come to Colonial, so consider supporting 3 families, or 5, or 10! Write a check to the church with “Christmas Store” in the memo line, or put cash in an envelope and mark it “Christmas Store.”

The store will be at 736 Shawnee Avenue, at Cross-Lines, in the old thrift store. Park on the street or the annex parking across the street.

**Sign up to help at the Christmas Store!** Still need workers for November 28-December 1 to setup, and on Saturday, December 9, in the morning to work the store and at 1 p.m. to dismantle it. Sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/cross-lines> or stop by the table in the narthex after both services on Sunday.

## Christmas Concert — December 10

**5:00 p.m.** – Join us in the sanctuary for an early evening of joyful singing by the choir followed by a dinner of delicious soups, breads and cookies. Our concert begins at 5:00 p.m., lasting approximately one hour and 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.

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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 31.



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

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

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

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

## Centering Prayer for the Holidays

Thanksgiving and Christmas can wear a person out. This might be the year to take on a new habit to focus on what’s really important. Centering prayer is one way to do that. Join us to talk about what centering prayer is and how to do it, and then to pray together. No preparation is necessary; all are welcome. We’ll meet Nov. 26 and Dec. 3, 10, and 17 between 9:30 and 10:00 in the Preschool room downstairs. For more information, contact Elizabeth Uppman at [elizabeth-uppman@kc.surewest.net](mailto:elizabeth-uppman@kc.surewest.net).

## 2018 Altar Flowers

Please sign up to purchase flowers for our altar for your chosen Sunday in 2018. 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 or contact Hope Cotten at 816-273-8628 or [hopelgarratt@gmail.com](mailto:hopelgarratt@gmail.com).

## 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 24 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.

## 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](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)

### Advent Booklet

Advent is the season of expectant waiting and preparation for the birth of the Christ child. This year the Advent booklet available to members was written by members of the congregation 30 years ago – in 1987– but the sentiments are still inspirational today. The cover art was created by our own Jane Pronko. Pick one up in the narthex.

### Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate

The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase this Sunday, December 10 following the 10:15 service.

## Colonial Giving Tree 2017

Make Christmas merrier for a child in need by donating gifts for Operation Break-through. More than 3,000 Kansas City children receive their Christmas gifts through this program. Beginning Thanksgiving weekend, November 26, the giving tree will be set up in the narthex. You may select ornaments with specific item names written on them, or simply choose from the list below.

Bring unwrapped gifts back to Colonial by Sunday, December 10. New items only. Questions: contact Carrie Roberts at 913-754-6209 or [caroberts1795@yahoo.com](mailto:caroberts1795@yahoo.com)

- Winter coats/hats/mittens/gloves – toddler and children's sizes
- Pajamas – toddler and children's sizes
- Art supplies/Playdough
- Picture books
- Wooden/duplo-type blocks
- Educational toy (math)
- Puzzles (Floor)
- Doll clothes/accessories
- Barbie doll
- Barbie clothes
- Action figures
- Basketball
- Football
- Craft kit
- Play dishes/food
- Play jewelry
- Fishing rod
- Musical toys
- Baby dolls
- Doll stroller
- Blocks
- Toy people and animals
- Puzzles (peg or knob)
- Shape sorter
- Riding toy
- See 'N' Say
- Educational toys
- Cars and trucks
- Toy telephone
- Puppets
- Board games
- DVD movies
- Play pretend clothes
- Sleeping bag/kid's tent
- Cars and trucks

## Colonial Women Activities

**Breakfast and Coffee at Big Biscuit** – Monday, December 4, 9:30 a.m. Big Biscuit.

**Colonial Women Luncheon Out** – Wednesday, December 6, 11:30 a.m., O'Neill's Restaurant in Ranchmart (95th and Mission Road). RSVP to Linda Moses.

**Alden Guild** – Thursday, December 7, 6:00 p.m., at home of Glenna Loomis for a salad supper. Call Glenna at 913-362-1051 for details. Everyone is welcome.

**Blue Moose Tuesday – Not at the Blue Moose** – Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 p.m. Lin Vaughn's home (3108 W. 73rd St., Prairie Village). Bring an appetizer or beverage to share.

**Book Group** – Friday, January 12, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We will be discussing "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult.

## Advent is the season for Hope

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we look to the promise God's incarnation brings to a weary, war torn world. We hope for peace. We hope for justice. We hope for an end to hunger, homelessness, and suffering. We hope for a better world. This Advent the Justice and Witness Committee challenges Colonial members to transform this hope into action – to be a gift of hope for justice and compassion to the hungry, the homeless, the refugee, the immigrant, the prisoner, the sick or despairing neighbor. May your gifts of hope become a reality for those needing to experience the love God's gift in Jesus brings to us all.

## Colonial Staff

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## Coming Up at Colonial

### **Thursday-Friday, November 23-24**

Office Closed

### **Sunday, November 26**

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:30 Centering Prayer, Preschool Room

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

2:00 pm Artists Helping the Homeless Cooking

### **Monday, November 27**

10:00 am Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

### **Tuesday, November 28**

8:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

### **Wednesday, November 29**

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

7:00 pm Colonial Choir

### **Thursday, November 30**

12:00 pm Bible Study

6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

### **Friday, December 1**

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

### **Sunday, December 3**

8:30 am Worship

9:00 Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room

9:30 Centering Prayer, Preschool Room

9:30 Choir Rehearsal, Founders Chapel

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Hospitality Team, Library

3:30-6:30 pm Advent Festival

*For the full church calendar, visit our website at [colonialucc.org](http://colonialucc.org)*

## **Happy Birthday!**

Harper Graff, Howard Huggins, Cicely Krebill, Kailyn Latham, Cindy Lafferty, Emil Schutzel, Muriel Seibert, Archer Wright, James Conklin, Marcia Jacobs, Kathryn Peterson, Jane Ackley, Jane Whiles, Carlos Oliva, Jayne Quimby, Tamara Carson, Stephanie Dobler

## **Happy Anniversary!**

Hugh and Nancy McCreery