

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 December 1, 2019

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

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

X-Mas Sermon Series

X is the Greek letter that comes into English as "Ch" and is also used as an abbreviation for "Christ." As we get ready to celebrate X-Mas, we're going to search for the Spirit of Christ. Christ has a funny way of showing up where you don't expect!

- Christ Isn't Jesus' Last Name – December 1
- Christ in Everything – December 8
- Christ in You – December 15
- Christ in Jesus – December 24 (Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m. worship service)



X-Mas by Tim Reckmann used with permission

Advent Festival – Pageant, Crafts, Chili-Soup Cookoff

Sunday, December 8, 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)
- 4:00-5:30 Silent Auction for Outreach
- 5:30-6:30 Chili/Soup Cook-Off and meal (freewill donations accepted). Sign up to bring cookies at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-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/adventcrafts-19> or 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 for more information.

Chili/Soup Cookoff – Sign up in the narthex to bring your special chili or soup in a crockpot. After the crafts, we will gather in the Social Hall to taste the entries and eat them for dinner. Prizes will be awarded.

Cookies – We need cookies for dessert at dinner. Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-cookies>.

Christmas Concert with Mr. Stinky Feet



Join us on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m. for an early evening of joyful singing and music by the choir with Dr. Joseph Kern, organ, and a performance by our own Mr. Stinky Feet. 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.

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

Top Five 20/20 Vision Priorities

Congregational input regarding Colonial's vision for the future resulted in identifying the following top five priorities:

1. Address larger building maintenance issues (water problem in lower level, concrete in parking lot, safety updates, accessibility)
2. Have Associate Pastor or Spiritual Director/Worship Leader
3. Partner to promote and provide affordable space for groups like Weight Watchers, Narcotics Anonymous, Parents without Partners, community organizations, etc.
4. Replace stained carpet and pew cushions in the sanctuary
5. Explore ways to encourage racial and ethnic diversity in Prairie Village and in our church community

Christmas Worship at Colonial Church

★ **Christmas Cantata** – December 22, 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. Colonial Choir presents “Festival of Lessons and Carols” by Jonathan Willcocks.

★ **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

Thursday Study Group to Read “The Universal Christ”

Our Thursday 10:00 a.m. Study Group will begin reading Richard Rohr's New York Times Best Seller *The Universal Christ* on December 5. Rohr's central premise is that “God loves things by becoming them,” and Jesus was a powerful example of this. If you are looking for a new appreciation of the incarnation of God in Jesus this Christmas season, then this study is for you. 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>

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 \$17. While we do not purchase a plant for every memorial, plants will be available to be taken home on Sunday, December 29.

Your name _____

In Memory/Honor of (circle one): _____

\$17 per poinsettia. \$ _____ enclosed.

Colonial Offering Envelope No. (if you have one) _____

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 29 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.

Advent Booklet

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.

2020 Altar Flowers

This Sunday will be the last chance to sign up for the 2020 calendar in the Narthex. The remaining Sundays that are available are: January 26, May 31, October 4 and December 27. You may also contact Linda Moses at 913-522-7308 any time.

Help Needed for our Meal in December.

We especially need volunteers to help with the meal we will serve on December 22. We know it's a busy time but please help with this worthwhile outreach. We need people to bake cookies, come to the church kitchen the afternoon of the meal to prepare food, and to serve the meal. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-ahh2019>

Colonial Family

Muriel and Walt Seibert have become great grandparents. Melissa Georgina was born October 29. Melly and her parents, Ali and Christian Dirscherl, live in Germany.

From the Family of **Lucille Jewett:**

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or said a special prayer. Perhaps you lit a candle for our Momma Bear.

Perhaps you put Lucille on a prayer chain, or spoke kind, sympathetic words, Maybe you volunteered for her service, making everything run smoothly.

Whatever your part, we know it came from the heart.

Our Mom's passing was so beautiful.

Thank you for sharing in her wonderful life.

With Love and Hugs,
The Jewetts

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.

Welcome New Members! Joined on November 10



Richard and Patricia Nicolai recently relocated from Austin, Minnesota to live near their daughter, Kate Nicolai, and granddaughter, Sophia Gardner. The Nicolais are retired teachers and the parents of five children, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. They enjoy reading and watching movies in their spare time.



Ken Werne may officially be a new Colonial Church member, but he has been a regular worshiper with his wife, Mary Burnett, for many years. Ken serves Colonial Church as a member of the Council's Administrative Board and as a worship leader. Ken and Mary live in Lenexa.

Auction Items Needed!

Our Board of Outreach has moved its annual silent auction to the Advent Festival/ Chili Cook Off on December 8. We are currently looking for items to put up for auction to raise money for this wonderful cause. Do you work at a business or know someone who does? Do you manage or own a business that would be willing to make a donation? We are looking for a variety of items—gift cards to restaurants or stores, tickets to a sporting event, baskets of goodies, or anything you would find fun or useful to bid on. Please let Jessica Keane, Jayne Quimby, or Heather Winker in the office know!

Colonial Women Activities

All women of Colonial Church are invited to gather with others in casual fellowship opportunities, whether you prefer breakfast, happy hour or discussing a book. Check out the options below. No reservations required.

Coffee/Breakfast. Monday, December 2, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.

Blue Moose Tuesday Christmas. Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 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.

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

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!

Colonial Staff

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Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, November 28

Office Closed – Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 29

Office Closed

Sunday, December 1

8:30 am Worship

9:00 Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room

Monday, December 2

9:30 am Colonial Women Breakfast, Big Biscuit

Tuesday, December 3

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, December 4

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

7:00 Colonial Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, December 5

9:00 am Care Committee, Northampton Room

10:00 am Bible Study

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, December 6

9:00 am Quilters, Social Hall

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

Happy Birthday!

29.....Muriel Seibert
30..... Marcia Jacobs
Dec. 2 Jane Ackley
4..... Jane Whites
5..... Jayne Quimby
6..... Tamara Carson, Stephanie Dobler, Millie Wyckoff
7..... Phyllis Yost
10..... Shelley Runion
11..... Jessica Willemssen

Happy Anniversary!

Dec. 9 Allan and Mary Weil