

Colonial Crie

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 January 21, 2018

Worship at 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. for children and youth.

January Sermon Series: Ethics for Today

We are beginning the New Year inspired by ethics from the moral heart of Jesus' teaching. We are facing complex ethical issues ranging from our relationships to health care, and perhaps God's Spirit has more light to share. Putting Price Tags on Life – January 21



Sunday Night at the Movies

Colonial's Sunday Night at the Movies series will present A Painted House on Sunday, January 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room. The movie is based on John Grisham's best-selling novel that he has called his favorite "because there's not a single lawyer – dead or alive – in the whole book." The film – a Hallmark Hall of Fame presentation that draws on incidents from Grisham's own youth - stars Scott Glenn, Robert Sean Leonard and Logan Lerman. It is the moving story of a young boy's journey from innocence to the edge of adulthood. Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided. You are invited to bring a snack to share.



All Church Game Night!

Mark your calendars for an all-church game night next Saturday, January 27 at 6:30 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. Bring a snack to share.

Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting to present and approve the 2018 budget and for approval of the expenditure of up to \$15,000 to replace and upgrade the social hall sound system will be on Sunday, February 4 after the 10:15 a.m. service. The budget will also be presented following the 8:30 a.m. service.

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

Poor People's Campaign/KC



On Saturday, January 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Stand Up KC and others will launch the Poor People's Campaign/KC vs. racism, economic exploitation, militarism, and environmental degradation. The nationwide campaign features 40 days of activism, beginning in Kansas City on January 20 with

dramatic readings of Martin Luther King Jr.'s final speeches, featuring his radical vision, so needed today! The gathering is at St. Mark's Church (3800 Troost, Kansas City MO) and is free but register online soon as tickets are going fast. Register at https://tinyurl.com/Jan20-launch.

Serve the Homeless

It is exciting to be a part of the work that Kar Woo offers to needy area residents and the next meal will be served on the Plaza on January 28. To help with the preparation, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/AHH-Colonial2018 or with pen on the bulletin board in the narthex. The online sign-up is available for all dates through the end of the year so please consider whether you can bake cookies, purchase the food, cook at Colonial the day of or help serve the meal. Meals are cooked at Colonial and served by the JC Nichols Fountain on the Plaza, from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

March Trivia Madness

Our annual Trivia Night this year falls between the Winter Olympics and the NCAA Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. The theme is March Madness and teams are invited to dress in the apparel of their favorite college basketball teams and decorate their tables as they wish. Sign up your team as soon as possible on the poster in the narthex. If you don't have a team, we'll help you find a spot on a team. The cost is \$10 per person and we ask that you limit the size of your team to no more that six persons to maintain an even playing field. You don't have to pay until that evening. Bring snacks to share with the whole group. Beverages will be provided. Beer and wine tickets are \$2.00. Child care will be provided at the church but please let us know how many children you are bringing.

Colonial Women January 2018 Outreach Donations

The following organizations, groups or funds were the recipients of Outreach Donations from Colonial Women this month. This money was generated from our Rummage Sale 2017 proceeds and were received due to the purchases of members and outside people. Colonial Church (Crosslines Christmas Store) \$3000.00, Colonial Church (Minister's Discretionary Fund) \$400.00, Colonial Church (Quilters) \$200.00, Steppingstone \$500.00, Sheffield Place \$400.00, Growing Futures \$500.00, Hearts to Hands \$300.00 Totaling: \$5300.00 of outreach. Thank you to all who made purchases at our sale for without you this would not be possible.

Giving Statements

The Giving Statements for 2017 have been mailed. If you gave and/or pledged for 2017 and did not receive a statement or if you have a question regarding the one you received, please call the church office.

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.

Switch Your Subscription to E-Crier

As one of your New Year's resolutions, consider going paperless with your Crier. The e-Crier has the same content and saves the church \$26 in postage over the course of the year. Contact Heather in the church office to confirm.

Be a Host for Coffee and Conversation on Sunday

Fellowship time after the 10:15 a.m. service provides an opportunity to catch up with one another and welcome visitors. But we need you to host a Sunday. You just provide cookies and prepare the coffee. This typically requires 15 minutes before end of service for setup and 30 minutes after church for hosting and clean-up. Sign up as Coffee and Conversation Host online at https://tinyurl.com/ worship-2018 or contact Heather in the office.

Participate in Bible Study

Our Bible Study is online. To participate, each Thursday at noon either go to https://zoom.us/j/684548229 on your computer or call in at 646-558-8656 with meeting ID 684-548-229.

Colonial Family

"Love Gift" Thank You

I want to thank the church for the blessing of the "Love Gift" for me and my family this year. It is humbling to say, but it was a particular blessing this year and most appreciated. On behalf of our family, "Thank you!!!" In Christ,

Pastor Aaron

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 livestreamed, 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 Twitter: #ColonialUCC

Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate

The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade chocolate bars and ground coffee for purchase the second Sunday of each month. The next opportunity is February 11 following the 10:15 service.

From the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network Take a Stand Against Human Trafficking

Across the globe and here at home millions of people are being exploited for profit. Human trafficking, also known as modern slavery, affected some 24.9 million people in 2016 and is estimated to be one of the most profitable forms of transnational crime. Traffickers prey on those who are in vulnerable communities, and/or move them across national or state borders against their will.

In 2009 the UCC's General Synod passed a Resolution which urges congregations to engage in action to end human trafficking and to recognize January 11 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day. This year there are two opportunities to stand with victims. Call your U. S. Representative to:

- urge reauthorization of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), which
 establishes and reauthorizes critical programs to prevent human trafficking, promote
 justice for survivors, provide services for victims, and federal coordination to enhance
 the federal government's response to the crisis of exploitation. The Senate has passed
 the bill and it awaits action in the House.
- stand with native women by passing Savanna's Act, which will provide federal
 resources so that Tribal Law Enforcement can address the problem head on. Native
 women and girls are especially at risk of violence, abduction and human trafficking.

Colonial Women Activities

Alden Guild – Thursday, February 1, 6:00 p.m., The Tavern in Prairie Village. Breakfast and Coffee at Big Biscuit – Monday, February 5, 9:30 a.m. Big Biscuit. Blue Moose Tuesday – Tuesday, February 13, 5:30 p.m. Prairie Village Shops. Book Group – Friday, February 23, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will be discussing "Three Daughters of Eve" by Elif Shafak.

Food Donations

Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. As of the end of November, Colonial members have contributed \$1,395 to the Village Church food pantry! That is in addition to all the food items that are brought each week. Each Sunday the contents are delivered to Village Church Food Pantry, who distribute items to patrons all over the Kansas City area. The wagon swells the first week of the month when Temple Sinai add their contributions. 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!

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Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, January 18

12:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, January 19

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

Sunday, January 21

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:30 Choir Rehearsal, Chapel

10:15 Worship

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room

11:30 Council/Administrative Board, Social Hall

5:30 pm Movie Night, Heritage Room

Monday, January 22

10:00 am Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

Tuesday, January 23

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, January 24

9:30 Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops 7:00 pm Colonial Choir

Thursday, January 25

9:00 am Care Committee, Heritage Room 12:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

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

Happy Birthday!

Jim Cook, Kim Mann, Carol Scott, Loren Griffith, Francine Knoll, Glenna Loomis, Johnny Keane

Happy Anniversary!

Jim and Glenna Loomis