

Sunday Worship December 29, 2019

One Service at 10:15 a.m.

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Please note that we will have one service on Sunday, December 29, at 10:15 a.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

6:00 p.m.Live Christmas Pageant and
Candlelighting presented
by Colonial Church Youth

8:00 p.m.Candlelight, Carols and
Communion



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.



Gratitude - Cats by Moonwhiskers

- What's Luck Got to Do with It? - January 5
- Growing in Gratitude - January 12
- Sometimes You Just Need to Have a Party - January 19
- Blessings for All! - January 26

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

The Light Shines in the Darkness: The Christmas Fund

Purple offering envelopes are in the pews for the Christmas Fund, the annual UCC offering to help retired clergy and clergy with difficulties. The Christmas Fund supplements the small pensions of some UCC clergy and lay employees and their families, helps retired clergy pay for health insurance, and sometimes keeps the heat on. The Christmas Fund also supports active clergy and lay employees who have medical emergencies or unexpected misfortunes that require more money than they have. This offering contributes more than \$2 million a year in assistance. You can write a check to Colonial for the collection plate marked "Christmas Fund" on the memo line. You may also go to www.colonialucc.org and select Electronic Giving.

Year-end Giving Reminder

All 2019 donations must be received by the church by December 31 or, if mailed, postmarked by December 31 in order to be included in 2019 donations.

Advent Festival Thanks

Following are our many talented and crafty folks who lent a hand in facilitating the crafts at the Advent Festival: Brook Carson, Carla and Jim Mattson, Sharon Yohn, Cindy Burgdorfer, Sally Huggins, Cindy Lafferty, Lucy, Lisa Gilmer, Charlotte Drayer, Carrie Roberts, Linda Moses, Michelle Turpen, Elizabeth Uppman-Marquez, Stacey and Reese Algren, Julie Luttmann, Sarah Gowen and Chad Leabo (who jumped right in when we were short one person).

- Marylee Battaglia, Mary Penrose and the Colonial Women Board

Cross-Lines Christmas Store Thanks



Some of the many folks who helped at the 2019 Christmas Store

The Cross-Lines Community Outreach Christmas Store was a great success! Thank all who gave of their time (set-up, shopping and take-down) and provided financial support. About 500 families came to the store and were so appreciative. This was Christ's influence throughout the world!

- Bob & Judy LeVeau/Harry & Kendra Morrison

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. Bring a snack to share.

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.

2020 Altar Flowers

We only have 3 dates left for you to sign up - May 31, October 4 and December 27. 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. Call the office to reserve one of these dates.

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 Family

We express our sympathy to family of **Jack Davis**, who died on December 16. A memorial service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 26 at Colonial Church.

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.

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

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 Women Activities

Coffee/Breakfast. Monday, January 6, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.

Colonial Women Dinner Group. Thursday, January 9, 6:00 p.m., Houlihan's in Fairway. RSVP to Jayne Quimby at jqm333@aol.com.

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 Berg.

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!

Food suggestions: *Canned and Jar Food:* vegetables, soup, stews, fruit, peanut butter, beans, tuna, chili, canned chicken, canned salmon, canned beans, preferably low-sodium items; *Boxed and Bagged Food:* Cereals (preferably whole grain and low sugar content), crackers, macaroni and cheese, flour, pasta, pancake mix, rice (brown, white or basmati), sugar, breakfast items, snack bars, gluten-free items, dry beans, nuts.

Thursday Study Group Reading "The Universal Christ"

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. 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>

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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Coming Up at Colonial

Tuesday, December 24

6:00 pm Pageant, Sanctuary
8:00 Communion Worship, Sanctuary

Wednesday-Friday, December 25-27

Office Closed

Thursday, December 26

11:00 am Jack Davis Memorial Service, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 29

10:15 a.m.-Worship
11:00 a.m.-Fellowship Time, Heritage Room

December 30-January 1

Office Closed

Sunday, January 5

8:30 am Worship
9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
9:30 Board of Outreach, Oberlin Room
10:15 Worship
10:15 Youth Group, Youth Room
10:30 Sunday School
11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room

Monday, January 6

9:30 am-Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

Tuesday, January 7

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, January 8

9:30 am Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in
Prairie Village Shops
9:30 Writers Group, Heritage Room
7:00 Colonial Choir, Choir Room

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

Happy Birthday!

26..... Jim Mattson
27.... Art Foster, Mark Hansen, George Lafferty, Marti Lee
30..... Stacey Algren
31..... Carolyn Pitts
Jan. 1..... Kar Woo
2..... Lindsey Welch
4..... Mary Pelton

Happy Anniversary!

30..... Bill & Cheryl Morton
31..... Jesse & Ashley Chavez