



## Sunday Worship January 26, 2020

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

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

### 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.

Blessings for All! - January 26

### Immigration 101 This Sunday



Enjoy tamales, beans, and rice in the Social Hall after the second service on Sunday, January 26, while you learn about immigration policies from representatives from AIRR (Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation). An immigration attorney will explain how changes in immigration laws affect people locally. Other speakers will address migration globally and offer faith/theological reflections on migration.

Q & A will follow the presentations as well as suggested opportunities to implement AIRR's mission and help your neighbors. Please join us on Sunday.

### All-Church Game Night

Mark your calendars for an all-church game night this 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. Bring a snack to share.

### Congregational Meeting on February 2

We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 2, following the 8:30 service and then continuing after the 10:15 service to consider and vote on the proposed church budget for 2020.

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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 31** to Sally Huggins at [sallyhuggins@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyhuggins@yahoo.com).

## Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate



The Board of Outreach is selling fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate at the price Equal Exchange charges Colonial because we believe offering fair trade products brings justice to those farmers who are trying to support their families with a sustainable income.

The UCC Fair Trade Project is a way for our congregation to join hands with communities in the developing world. As Christians we can address

a consumer dilemma by buying coffee and other commodities that are fairly traded. Through the project, small farmers and their families gain more control over their lives, earn a fairer share of income, have access to credit and technical support, and gain a trading partner they can trust, a fair trade organization called Equal Exchange.

Bags of coffee are \$8.00 or \$8.50 for decaf. Tea is \$3.50 and chocolate bars are \$3.00. You can pay with cash, check or text to 913-325-4400.

## Colonial Friends February Outing

Colonial Friends will gather at Redrock Canyon Grill (13505 Metcalf Ave.) on Wednesday, February 12, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. For reservations email Bill or Sharon Yohn (hohum2@comcast.net).

## Colonial Pub Night on February 18

The next Colonial Church Pub Night is Tuesday, February 18 at 6:00 p.m. at Kansas City Bier Company (310 W 79th St, Kansas City, MO 64114). People have been gathering in pubs for ages to talk about life. Please let Heather in the church office know if you're planning to go so that we can reserve a large enough table.

## Trivia Night Is February 29



Our annual Trivia Night will be held on leap day, Saturday, February 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. That is close enough to March that the theme once again will be March Madness. Teams are encouraged to dress in the apparel of their favorite college basketball teams and decorate their tables as they wish. Sign up your

team at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-trivia20> or in the narthex. If you don't have a team, we will help you find a spot. Cost is \$10 per person. Teams are limited to 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 available for infants and toddlers by reservation to [info@colonialucc.org](mailto:info@colonialucc.org) by February 26.

## Gratitude Discussion Group

Are you interested in a group read and discussion of Diana Butler Bass' book *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* with Pastor Aaron? Contact the church office to let us know.

## 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.

## Thursday Study Group

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. Our group meets at 10:30 in Pastor Aaron's office at Colonial Church, or you can connect online at <https://zoom.us/j/8796465039>

## 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 Family

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)

### 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 Women Activities

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

**Breakfast/Coffee.** Monday, February 3, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.

**Dinner Group.** Thursday, February 6, 6:00 p.m., Thai Place in Louisburg Square. RSVP to Jayne Quimby.

**Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, February 11, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

## Collecting Coats for Sheffield Place

We have a box in the narthex for donations of winter coats - any size, any gender - which we will donate to Sheffield Place. Colonial's Molly's Table program supports Sheffield Place, which has assisted more than 1,200 women and their children in making the difficult journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

## 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.

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## Coming Up at Colonial

### **Thursday, January 23**

9:00 am Care Committee, Northampton Room  
10:00 Rummage Sale Meeting, Heritage Room  
10:30 Bible Study  
6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

### **Friday, January 24**

7:00 pm Colonial Women Book Group, Stacey Algren's home

### **Saturday, January 25**

6:00 pm Game Night, Social Hall

### **Sunday, January 26**

8:30 am Worship  
9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library  
10:15 Worship  
10:15 Tweens, Cambridge Room  
10:30 Sunday School  
11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room  
11:15 Immigration 101, Social Hall  
11:30 Board of Christian Education, Oberlin Room  
2:00 pm AHH Cooking, Social Hall

### **Tuesday, January 28**

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

### **Wednesday, January 29**

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

### **Thursday, January 30**

10:30 am Bible Study  
6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

### **Friday, January 31**

9:00 am Quilters, Social Hall

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

### **Happy Birthday!**

23..... Kim Mann, Carol Scott  
24..... Loren Griffith, Francine Knoll, Glenna Loomis  
29..... Johnny Keane  
Feb. 2 ..... Ruth Young  
4..... Kaylin Knoll

### **Happy Anniversary!**

30..... Jim & Glenna Loomis  
Feb. 2 ..... Dan and Shelley Runion  
4..... Ben and Heather Brasel