



*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 February 18, 2018

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

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

### Nikki Woolsey Hired as Worship Minister

Rev. Nikki Woolsey has joined the Colonial staff as Minister of Worship. She is planning and leading worship experiences for the congregation. Nikki is excited about bringing creative liturgies to Sunday morning, and expanding our idea of worship throughout the week.



Nikki works part-time with office hours most Mondays and Wednesdays. Her email is [nikki.woolsey@colonialucc.org](mailto:nikki.woolsey@colonialucc.org).

Nikki completed a Master of Divinity degree in 1999. After spiritual exploration in several faith traditions, she joined the United Church of Christ in 2005 with her call to ordination completed in 2013. She served four years as Pastor at Zion United Church of Christ in Junction City, Kansas before returning full-time to Kansas City last year.

A Colonial member since 2005, she participated in the Colonial young adult group which was a great way to build relationships in the church. She and Dave were married at Colonial in 2007 and introduced the boys to the congregation through Sunday School, youth programming, and the confirmation events.

### Lenten Sermon Series: The Uneasy Gospel

John – it's the only Biblical account of Jesus' life that isn't given a year in the lectionary cycle. John's perspective on Jesus is challenging and decidedly personal, and it can make us uncomfortable. During the season of Lent this year, we're going to delve into why this gospel has the power both to make us uneasy but also to offer hope to a divided world.

Why John is the "Uneasy Gospel" – February 18

Who's In, Who's Out – February 25

Water Into Wine – March 4

Woman at the Well – March 11

Lazarus: The First Resurrection – March 18

Palm/Passion Cantata Sunday – March 25



*(Jesus Hand & The Nail used with permission by cea.)*

### Sunday Movie Night

Please join us on Sunday, February 25, at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room as we gather to view "Bagdad Cafe." After breaking down in the middle of the California desert, a German couple begin to argue and Jasmin, the wife, walks. She ends up at a flea-bitten truck stop café that is the second home to a group of odd characters. Popcorn and soda will be served. Feel free to bring a snack to share.

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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, February 23** to Sally Huggins at [sallyhuggins@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyhuggins@yahoo.com).



In the liturgical calendar, Lent is the season which precedes the celebration of Easter. From the church's earliest days, it was a time of preparation for baptism for new members and the acknowledgement of sinfulness in need of God's mercy. Mirroring the forty days of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, the season begins 46 days before Easter Sunday. Since every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection, the Sundays of Lent are not included in the forty days. The dates for Lent and Easter move around each year as they are tied to the lunar calendar and the vernal equinox. Many Christians participate in Lent through the spiritual discipline of fasting. In recent years, some Christians have added a practice rather than fasting. Examples might include attending church more frequently, additional study of the scripture, service to others, or social justice engagement. (Adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Lenten Companion*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.)

We invite you to join us on the journey this year. Important dates:

**Palm Sunday Worship** – March 25. Palm parade by the children at 10:15 a.m.

#### **Holy Week Sermons and Soup, noon**

- **Thursday**, March 29 – begin in the Sanctuary and go to the Social Hall for a soup lunch
- **Friday**, March 30 – eat first in the Social Hall and proceed to the Sanctuary for this solemn time of worship.

**Easter** – April 1. Special service times at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Child care available. Activity for children at both services.

### **Colonial Friends To Visit Church of the Resurrection**

Colonial Friends will be touring the new building and seeing the stained glass windows of the Church of the Resurrection on Wednesday, February 21. Those going will meet in the Colonial parking lot at 10:15 and leave at 10:30. The tour should take about 45 minutes. The group will eat at a restaurant near the church after the tour. Please contact Joe Cunningham (runningrev2@aol.com or 913-341-6303) for reservations. We need to know how many are going by Monday, February 19.

### **Expanding Our Circle of Friends**

Jan Parkinson, Jayne Quimby, Kathi and Jim Cook were guests of Eyyup Essen and his family recently. They enjoyed a delicious meal and interesting conversation, sharing information about cultures and religions. Those who would like to have a similar experience, talk to a member of the Justice and Witness Committee and/or contact Eyyup at the Dialogue Institute of the Southwest to schedule. Easily done! Thanks to Jan Parkinson for the photo.



### **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 February 25. 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. 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, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

### **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.

### **Prescription Bottles**

Empty prescription bottles, any size, are needed for a veterinarian clinic that specializes in charity work. Please remove your name or any prescription information. Place in box labeled Veterinarian Clinic outside the office.

## 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)

### 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 March 11 following the 10:15 service.

### 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.

## Colonial Women Activities

**Book Group** – Friday, February 23, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will be discussing "Three Daughters of Eve" by Elif Shafak.

**Alden Guild** – Thursday, March 1, 6:00 p.m., Cacao on 95th St.

**Breakfast and Coffee at Big Biscuit** – Monday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. Big Biscuit.

**Blue Moose Tuesday** – Tuesday, March 13, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village Shops.

## 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 on the poster in the narthex. If you don't have a team, we'll help you find a spot. Cost is \$10 per person. Teams are limited to no more than 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.

## New Monthly Centering Prayer Sessions

Colonial's centering prayer group is changing its schedule. We will now meet every second Sunday of the month from 9:30 till 10:00 in the preschool room downstairs. The remaining dates for 2018 are: March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9. Centering prayer is a good way to find some quiet in your life. Praying in a group can help you keep up a regular prayer practice and find common ground with folks who are on a similar spiritual path. No experience is necessary; all are welcome! For questions, contact Elizabeth Uppman at 913-231-0231 or [eauppmann@gmail.com](mailto:eauppmann@gmail.com).

## Food Donations

We received a letter from Village Food Pantry saying that we had donated 2,162 pounds of food to them last year. That's over a ton! Our monetary donations to Village for 2017 added up to \$2,020. In addition, once a month we gave our food donations to Cross-Lines Community Services. Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Donations will be delivered to four different local food pantries – Village Food Pantry, Catholic Charities, Cross-Lines Community Services, and Shawnee Community Services. The wagon swells the first week of the month when Temple Sinai add their contributions.

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## Colonial Staff

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## Coming Up at Colonial

### **Thursday, February 15**

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

### **Friday, February 16**

Office Closed  
8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

### **Sunday, February 18**

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

### **Monday, February 19**

Office Closed

### **Tuesday, February 20**

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

### **Wednesday, February 21**

9:30 Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers, Prairie  
Village Shops  
10:15 Colonial Friends, Church of the Resurrection  
7:00 pm Colonial Choir

### **Thursday, February 22**

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

### **Friday, February 23**

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

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

### **Happy Birthday!**

Fred Scott, Valerie Cable, Elizabeth Uppman-Marquez, Janet  
Weiblen, Hannah Parker, Brogan Runion, Carolyn Steffen,  
Darren Carpenter, Edna Hamera, Cecily Lanigan, Sue  
Freeman, Evelyn Bowman, Nadine Colbert