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Sunday Worship February 23, 2020

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

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

February Sermon Series The Joshua Generation

Moses never reached the Promised Land. It was the Joshua Generation that crossed the Jordan and continued the story. The refugees turned into invaders, and the Power they heard spoke quite differently than to previous generations. The legacy of the Joshua Generation is with us today.

- Taking the Best; Leaving the Worst - February 23

Community Concert and Vigil in Support of Immigrants

Sunday, February 23 at 5:30 p.m.



We are holding a community concert and vigil to bring light and keep watch over the fates of our neighbors fleeing violence this Sunday. The event will begin in the sanctuary with a concert by Jim Cosgrove and his band honoring the 80th anniversary of the writing of Woody Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land."

We will then have a candlelight vigil walk around the

Village Shops. At 6:00 p.m. at Colonial Church, we will pray for those in danger and those desperately trying to shelter their children. We will bear witness to their stories and pray for them as we ask God's guidance to serve. We invite all people who wish to reach out with compassion to join us. This is a moment to keep watch and bear light.



Imposition of Ashes

Colonial is observing Ash Wednesday, February 26, from 7:30-9:00 a.m. with a drive-thru imposition of ashes. Pastor Aaron will be in the driveway in front of the church to place ashes in the sign of the cross on the foreheads of the faithful. All who choose to avail themselves of this opportunity are welcome to participate as the season of Lent begins the 40-day period of prayer leading to Easter.

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

Still Time to Sign Up for Trivia Night

We are still looking for teams for our annual Trivia Night. Join us on leap day, Saturday, February 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. 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. Pay when you arrive 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 by February 26.

Colonial Women Outreach Report

Colonial Women is proud to announce the recipients of their 2020 outreach. Checks have been written and presented to the following organizations:

- Colonial Church-Crosslines Christmas Store 2020 \$3,000
- Colonial Church-Quilters \$200
- Steppingstone \$500
- Sheffield Place \$400
- Heart to Heart International Girls Hygiene Project \$200
- Hearts to Hands \$300
- Growing Futures \$500.

At the end of the year a check will be written to Global Ministries which represents support for one child in the amount of \$480. As always, thank you to all members who donated items and to all who have shopped the annual rummage sale making this all possible.

Care to Join Us at Colonial?

Are you curious about Colonial and the United Church of Christ? Are you interested in joining the church? You are welcome to attend our free, three-session new member class. Classes are at 9:15 on Sunday mornings, March 15, 22 and 29 in the Cambridge Room. New members will be received into our membership on March 29 during worship. If you can't make it to class on all three Sundays, we still welcome you to join on the 29th. Interested? Call Heather in the church office to reserve your space: 913-362-7735.

VBS Quiz

Can you guess what Bible story this illustration depicts? We will give you 3 clues about Vacation Bible School over the next three weeks. If you can guess all three stories we are learning about this year in VBS, you will win tickets to the Kansas City Zoo Sunlight Stroll. There will be a box located right outside the sanctuary where you can place your guesses. The rules are simple: one guess per person per week, and the winners will be notified at the 10:15 service on March 15. Mark your calendar for VBS 2020 July 14-17.



Prayer Ministry

Colonial Church has an email prayer chain that receives requests from families or friends for our prayers for them concerning a situation in their lives. We like good news and the not-so-good news so that we can share joys and sorrows. As long as the person has given permission for their name and concern/joy to be put out in our community, we are happy to send the message along. Permission is very important. To take part in the Colonial Church prayer ministry, you may receive prayers via email by going to <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-prayers> to sign up or contact the church office.

Tim Owens Resigns

Tim Owens has resigned from his position as Assistant Moderator and is also discontinuing providing legal advice on Fridays. The Assistant Moderator position will not be filled until the next Annual Meeting on June 14, 2020. Anyone wishing to fill that position, or any other position on the Church Council, is invited to contact Ancel Neuburger, Moderator, at 913-438-4736 or lorann@sbcglobal.net. We thank Tim for his service to Colonial.

Collecting Coats for Sheffield Place

This Sunday, February 23, is your last chance to donate a coat. You have been generous filling the box in the narthex with winter coats for 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. We need more – any size, any gender.

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 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). 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.

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.

Looking for Sunday Volunteers

Sunday mornings are a great time to volunteer! We would love to have more volunteers in the following roles:

- *Ushers* – greet people, collect offering, help straighten up the sanctuary.
- *Hospitality Table* – greet everyone and make visitors feel welcome.
- *Fellowship Hosts* – host the fellowship time after 10:15 service in the Heritage Room, which provides an opportunity to catch up with one another and welcome visitors.

These jobs take little, if any, time outside of worship. A current volunteers will show you the ropes. Please contact Heather in the church office for more information and the sign-up schedule.

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. 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. Outreach will have a table set up in the narthex on the third Sunday of each month. Your next opportunity is March 15. The UCC Fair Trade Project is a way for our congregation to join hands with communities in the developing world.

Support for Artists Helping the Homeless

Members of Colonial have been a part of Kar Woo's work with homeless citizens in various ways since the beginning of his organization. For the past 5 years, a dozen people have donated a couple of hours once a month to bake cookies, shop, cook or serve a meal on the fourth Sunday of each month. That adds up to at least 1,440 hours of help for a needy neighbor.

But it's becoming harder to fill the slots for the 4th Sunday of each month. Would you like to be a part? Choose how best to use your time and talent:

- Bake cookies ahead of time
- Cook the food at church that afternoon
- Serve at the park

All ages, men and women are welcome. You can also call Heather in the church office or sign up online at <https://tinural.com/Colonial-ahh2020> to do one of these jobs.

Colonial Women Activities

Book Group. Friday, February 28, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We will discuss "Code Name Verity" by Elizabeth Wein.

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

Dinner Group. Thursday, March 5, 6:00 p.m., O'Neills Restaurant (95th and Mission Road). RSVP to Jayne Quimby.

Blue Moose Tuesday. Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

Colonial Staff

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Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, February 20

10:30 am Bible Study
1:00 pm Jim McKee Celebration of Life, Social Hall
3:00 pm Care Committee, Northampton Room
6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, February 21

9:00 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

Sunday, February 23

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
2:00 pm AHH Cooking, Social Hall
5:30 Immigration Concert and Vigil, Sanctuary

Monday, February 24

10:00 am Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

Tuesday, February 25

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, February 26

7:30-9:00 am Ash Wednesday Drive-Through, Front Drive
9:30 Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in Prairie
Village Shops
5:30 pm Molly's Table, Heritage Room
7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, February 27

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

Saturday, February 29

6:00 pm Trivia Night, Social Hall

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

Happy Birthday!

21.....Carolyn Steffen
22.....Darren Carpenter, Edna Hamera
23.....Elliott Korentager, Cecily Lanigan, Pernell Talberg
25.....Sue Freeman
26.....Evelyn Bowman
28.....Nadine Colbert
29.....DeMar Regier
March 2 Dan Diefenderfer, Bill Yohn

Happy Anniversary!

March 2 Stacey & Adam Algren