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Sunday Worship March 4, 2018

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

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

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.

Water Into Wine – March 4

Woman at the Well – March 11

Lazarus: The First Resurrection – March 18

Palm/Passion Cantata Sunday – March 25



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March Trivia Madness

You still have time to sign up for our annual Trivia Night this 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. Call the church office to sign up. 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 eauptman@gmail.com.

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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, March 9** to Sally Huggins at sallyhuggins@yahoo.

Tearing Down Walls


Finding a Path to Religious Understanding

Relationships between religious people around the world is one of the most significant issues of the 21st century as ignorance leads to intolerance and even violence. True relationships are more complex than COEXIST bumper stickers. "Tearing Down Walls" is an event aimed at learning skills in interreligious dialogue with the hope of promoting peace through interreligious understanding and cooperation. Nationally-recognized scholars will lead sessions on Friday and Saturday, April 20-21, at Colonial. A generous gift from Armin and Shirley Limper to Eden Theological Seminary makes this Limper Program possible. Speakers include Paul F. Knitter, Damayanthi Niles, Dale Bishop, the Dialogue Institute and David Greenhaw. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-walls>.

Justice & Witness Bookmarks

Just off the press from the Justice and Witness Committee. Bookmarks with contact information for your state and federal administrators and legislators. Your voice does matter. Use it. Keep this book mark with the phone numbers on one side to call about those issues important to you. The message on the other side will remind you of Colonial Church's commitment to make our voice heard in the community and to join the national UCC Church to do justice, seek peace, and help change the world. We are a church of both hope and action.

Whether you are concerned about immigration rights, Dreamers, KanCare expansion, compensation for exonerated prisoners, or education funding, let those elected officials know your opinion. If you want to know what the national church justice ministries are doing, go to ucc.org. You can find these handy bookmarks on the hospitality table or on the table by the main door. Pick up one for yourself and some for friends to remind them to speak

 <p>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST God is still speaking.</p>
Your Voice Matters!
White House 202-456-1414
U.S. Senators Jerry Moran 913-393-0711; 202-224-6521 Pat Roberts 913-451-9343; 202-224-4774
U.S. Representative Kevin Yoder 913-621-0632; 202-225-2865
Kansas Governor 785-296-7973
My Kansas Senator Name: _____ Phone: _____
My Kansas Representative Name: _____ Phone: _____
Find your state officials at legislature.org or call the free Legislative Hotline at 1-800-432-3924
Johnson County Election Office 913-782-3441

Order an Easter Lily

Easter lilies will be placed on the altar for Easter Sunday, April 1. You can order a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please complete the form below, attach a check for \$17.00 each (payable to Colonial Church), and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. All lilies will be used by the Care Committee after Easter worship. Deadline for orders is March 25.



Please Print

Name _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

\$17 per lily. \$ _____ enclosed. Check payable to Colonial Church.

Colonial Offering (Envelope) No. _____ (if you have one)

"Trigger: Ripple Effect of Gun Violence"

Southminster Presbyterian Church, 63rd and Roe, will show this film about the after effects of gun violence at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 3. Discussion follows the film. The screening is free and open to the public.

Save the Date for VBS 2018

Colonial will celebrate Vacation Bible School July 10-13 so mark your calendars!

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 March 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.

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)

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 Helping at Home

Last month Colonial Women reported on the organizations that we reached out to help. This month we report on how we are helping here at home – our church. Again it is everyone's participation at our annual rummage sale that allows us to do this. Thank you to the donors, workers and, of course, our buyers for without you this would not be possible. Two checks have been written: \$525 went to the Board of Property Management to assist with the cost of renewal of the ramp and adjoining hallway downstairs next to the adult restrooms (check it out!). \$574 went for the purchase of a new dishwasher in the Heritage Room kitchen which included installation and haul away of the old equipment.

Colonial Women Activities

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.

Book Group – Friday, March 30, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We will be discussing "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie.

Spiritual Life Team Interest Survey

Exploring spirituality is an important part of life in a church community. God becomes more real. We're beginning a new Spiritual Life Team of about 6-8 people to explore and share their journey. If this sounds interesting to you, please indicate how often and when would be best to meet at <https://tinyurl.com/spiritual-life-survey>. For more information about this Spiritual Life Team, you can contact Pastor Aaron.

Colonial Friends Lunch

Colonial Friends are meeting for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, at Charleston's – a new restaurant at Ward Parkway Center. Charleston's is a Houlihan's style restaurant with American food and moderate prices. The place is brand new and sits just south of the mall on the site of the old Dillard's store at 89th and Ward Parkway. We will all meet there directly instead of carpooling from Colonial. Please email Bill Sanderson with your reservation at bills043@gmail.com. We will be in a side room. Let's get together for a fun lunch!

Molly's Table

On Thursday, March 22, Molly's Table will host a Mom's Night Out for the women of Sheffield Place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. We will serve a home-cooked meal followed by an evening of playing Bingo. You can be part of this special event by volunteering your time, by donating food, or by providing fun door prizes. Please contact Jeni Cosgrove at jeni@jimcosgrove.com if you are interested in participating.

Colonial Staff

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Colonial Unsung Heroes — Our Delivery People



On Sunday, February 18, we honored a group of unsung heroes who are our delivery people.

The Care Committee delivers Christmas poinsettias and Valentine heart-shaped sugar cookies, food for memorial services and grieving families, and much more! Martha Wofford chairs the committee, whose members are Catherine Bowser, Linda Cunningham, Loren Griffith, Rosalie Henry, Karen Hodges, Sally Huggins, Lucille Jewett, Howard Lee, Glenna and Jim Loomis, Marsha Owen, LeAnn Russell, Bob and Dianne Starcke, and Sharon Yohn. And their committee is perfectly named – they CARE!

Bob and Judy LeVeau stop by two Wal-Mart stores EVERY Wednesday for leftover items and deliver them to Cross-Lines Community Services where they are sorted. Some will end up at the Christmas Store and others at their thrift store. Sometimes Bob and Judy have so much to pick up that they make two delivery trips!

Did you ever consider that the groceries we put in the Little Red Wagon have to be delivered somewhere? Loren Griffith delivered every Sunday's wagon-load to the Village Food Pantry for nearly a year. Now the food is delivered by Diane Kuhn to the Shawnee Food Pantry, by Kathi Cook to Catholic Charities, by Mariam Fleming to the Village Food Pantry, and to Cross-Lines Food Pantry by Marilyn Uppman.

Art and Marianne Foster deliver the empty prescription bottles we collect in a box outside the office to the Humane Society to be used for pills for animals.

Honey Hannah delivers people to the doctor and back and forth to the hospital.

Molly's Table has folks who deliver our guests to Colonial Church and back to Sheffield Place. Van drivers have included Aaron Roberts, Chuchito Marquez, Bill Yohn, Susie Uppman, Bob Starcke and Martha Wofford. And the day before Mother's Day last year, Jeni Cosgrove delivered her husband, Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove, to Sheffield Place to entertain the kids – and the moms, too, of course. It was a great party.

You can be part of this delivery crew! Call or email Heather in the church office to sign up to be a delivery man or woman.

CTS Collection for the Sheffield Place

The Colonial Tween Squad will be assembling Easter gift bags for the residents of Sheffield's Place on March 18th. They are seeking donations for the following items. Everyday toiletry items are needed the most.

- Toothbrushes and toothpaste for both kids and adults
- Deodorant, body wash, bubble bath
- Hairbrushes and combs
- Colorful band aids for kids
- Individual variety packs of healthy snacks such as Goldfish, Fruit Snacks, Pretzels, etc.
- Bubbles, packages of Playdough, coloring books

Please bring your donations to the collection box outside the CTS room before the 10:15 service on March 18th. The gifts will be sent home with the moms at our next Molly's Table event. Thanks for your support. You may also make financial contributions by writing a check directly to The Sheffield Place. Please contact Jeni Cosgrove with any questions – 913-219-4815 / jeni@jimcosgrove.com.



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UNITED CHURCH
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Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, March 1

9:00 am Care Committee, Heritage Room
12:00 pm Bible Study
3:30 pm Justice & Witness Committee, Library
6:00 Alden Guild, Cacao, 95th St.
6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, March 2

8:30 am Quilters, Social Hall

Saturday, March 3

6:00 pm March Trivia Madness, Social Hall

Sunday, March 4

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, March 5

9:30 am Colonial Women Coffee, Big Biscuit

Tuesday, March 6

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group, Perkins
9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, March 7

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

Thursday, March 8

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

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

Happy Birthday!

Dan Diefenderfer, Bill Yohn, Benjamin Brasel, Judy Diamond, Vonda Van Pelt, Lucille Jewett, Lisa Donnelly, Alissa Gilmer, JT Gilmer, Rheuben Johnson, Shannon Latham, Ashley Johnston, Rusty Mann, Sharon Yohn, Rebecca Lu

Happy Anniversary!

Adam and Stacey Algren