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Sunday Worship March 18, 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.

Lazarus: The First Resurrection – March 18

Palm/Passion Cantata Sunday – March 25



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

Easter Sunday Worship

We will worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 1. Activity for children at both services. Pastor Aaron preaching.

Easter Breakfast at Colonial — Bring your family and enjoy a wonderful breakfast prepared by the Board of Parish Life. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 10:45 a.m. Freewill offering accepted.

Holy Week Sermons and Soup Noon Services

A Biblical Journey for Holy Week.

- Thursday, March 29 – Journey to Gethsemane
- Friday, March 30 – The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

On Thursday we will begin in the Sanctuary and go to the Social Hall for a soup lunch. On Friday, we will eat first in the Social Hall and proceed to the Sanctuary for this solemn time of worship.

Colonial Women provides an excellent community meal of soup and bread. If you can help Colonial Women by providing soup or bread, please sign up in the narthex on Sunday.

Easter Lilies

Order an Easter lily for the altar in memory or honor of someone. Deadline is March 25. Please use the form on page 2.

Sunday Movie Night

Join us Sunday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room for the next movie night. We will be showing a recently released animated movie based on the Mexican holiday the Day of the Dead. It is the first film with a nine-figure budget to feature an all-Latino cast and is nominated for several academy awards. Even though it is animated, it is definitely speaks to adults as well as children. Popcorn and soda is provided. 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, March 23** to Sally Huggins at sallyhuggins@yahoo.com.

CTS Collection for Sheffield Place

The Colonial Tween Squad will be assembling Easter gift bags for the residents of Sheffield's Place this Sunday, March 18. Please bring donations of 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
- Bubbles, packages of Play-Doh, coloring books

Bring your donations to the collection box outside the CTS room before the 10:15 service. The gifts will be sent home with the moms at our Molly's Table event on March 22. You may also make financial contributions by writing a check directly to Sheffield Place.

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>.

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)



A march to say "Enough!"

This is part of a nationwide effort to advocate for weapons reform. Members of Colonial will participate carrying our banner in support. Participants will gather at Theis Park in Kansas City on Saturday, March 24, 12:00-4:00 p.m. The park is at 533 Emanuel Cleaver II Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri 64110 (south of the Nelson-Atkins Museum).

Save the Dates! Youth Fundraisers

Colonial youth are raising money to attend the Regional Youth Event in June so mark your calendars! They will host a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 14 and a car wash on Saturday, May 12. Watch for details!

Serve the Homeless

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.

Colonial Family

If you are going to be hospitalized, please contact Pastor Aaron Roberts or the church office.

Care to Join Us? New Member Class Starts April 22

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, April 22, 29, and May 6, in the Cambridge Room. New members will be received into our membership on May 6 during worship. Interested? Call Heather in the church office to reserve your space: 913-362-7735.

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)

Colonial Women Activities

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.

Breakfast and Coffee at Big Biscuit – Monday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. Big Biscuit.

Alden Guild – Thursday, April 5, 6:00 p.m., Charleston's at Ward Parkway Center.

Blue Moose Tuesday – Tuesday, April 10, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village Shops.

Feeding the Homeless – All women are encouraged to help with the Artists Feeding the Homeless meal on Sunday, April 22. We need volunteers to help with food preparation, chopping and/or cooking, serving, and clean-up at church that evening. We will cook in the Social Hall that afternoon and serve the meal at Mill Creek Park at 4:15 p.m.

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

The next Molly's Table is coming up on Thursday, March 22. You can be part of this special event by volunteering your time, by donating food, or by providing some fun BINGO prizes. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/mollys-table> for all the details. Or, contact Jeni Cosgrove at jeni@jimcosgrove.com. Thanks for helping us create a fun Mom's Night Out for the women of Sheffield Place.

Dialogue Institute Friendship Dinner

Dialogue Institute of the Southwest is sponsoring their 13th Annual Dialogue & Friendship Dinner on Wednesday, April 11 at UMKC. The theme is "Searching for Oneness: Mystical Thought In and Beyond the Abrahamic Traditions." Colonial has reserved a table for eight. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/dialogue-colonial> to purchase 1 or more of the seats.

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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, March 15

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

Friday, March 16

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall
Office Closed

Sunday, March 18

8:30 am Worship
9:00 Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room
9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
9:15 Board of Stewardship, Oberlin Room
9:30 Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
10:15 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
11:15 Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room
11:30 Council/Administrative Board, Social Hall
5:30 pm Movie Night, Heritage Room

Tuesday, March 20

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, March 21

9:30 Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops
11:30 Colonial Friends, Charleston's
7:00 pm Colonial Choir

Thursday, March 22

9:00 am Care Committee, Heritage Room
12:00 pm Bible Study
5:00 pm Molly's Table, Heritage Room
6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

Saturday, March 24

12:00-4:00 pm March for Our Lives, Theis Park

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

Happy Birthday!

Sean Knoll, Nancy McCreery, Mila Puntteney, Dan Runion, Lisa Tierney, Allan Weil, Ann Brownfield, Mary Burnett, Grant Donnelly, Peyton Lemons, Joe Cunningham, Bruce Dodson

Happy Anniversary!

Michael and Kristen Harrington, Charles and Jeannette Spencer, Michael and Sue Callahan, Paul and LeAnn Russell, Dave and Nikki Woolsey, Randy and Sue Freeman