

Sunday Worship March 22, 2020

Worship online with us at

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ColonialUCC/videos>

Covid-19 Protocol

For the health of all, this Sunday our worship services will be online focused via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/user/ColonialUCC/>

There is a great deal of anxiety in our world. So, Pastor Aaron will be present online as we turn to God's Spirit to help free us from our fears and find ways to support one another in these difficult days.

As of now, the church building is closed and all meetings are canceled so information in this Crier may not be accurate by the time of an event. Contact the church office if you have questions.

Colonial Care Partners

Our sacred duty to observe social distance is vital right now. So, is our need to maintain connections over the days and weeks ahead. Please signup to be a Care Partner. You'll be paired with another person to check on every 48 hours. This is not just for people in the church community, but anyone. So share this widely. Because, as we often say: We're Better Together.

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-care-partner>

One Great Hour of Sharing

Invest in futures

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing



"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building" 1 Corinthians 3:9

Sunday, March 29 will be our opportunity to follow this command with a contribution to the One Great Hour of Sharing, one of the four UCC funds supported by all congregations. The theme is "Invest in the Future" and your contribution will allow UCC to continue working in communities worldwide, providing education to girls and boys, vocational training for adults, supporting microcredit lending and seeing people through to self-sufficiency by empowering families with skills to support themselves. These sustainable solutions offer support with dignity to all. We will be planting seeds for a new life to people all. Please make a generous contribution. Because we will not be worshipping together, please make your donations online at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-giving>

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

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

The Board of Outreach is sponsoring a Bread for the World Offering of Letters to our members of Congress. Colonial will join hundreds of churches around the country to advocate for legislation to increase funding for nutrition programs for mothers and children.

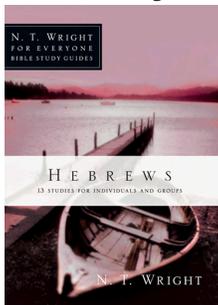
On March 22 Colonial folks can sign individual letters to Congressional representatives that read as follows:

You make sure your own children and grandchildren have adequate nutrition so they may grow up to be healthy, independent, and responsible adults. I am writing because I want all families to be able to provide adequate nutrition to their loved ones. Statistics show one in seven Kansas households struggles to put food on the table. I urge you to support legislation to strengthen national nutrition programs such as SNAP, WIC, and school meals. I also urge you to support USAID funding to address child malnutrition globally. We really can't afford to ignore hunger here and around the world for the health and safety of all of us all, now and in the future. It takes political will. Please show it.

Or you may draft your own letters urging representatives to strengthen funding for both national and global nutrition funding. Or you may pick up a telephone script for a quick phone call. In so doing, you choose to speak out for justice.



Thursday Morning Hebrews Bible Study



Many Jewish Christians of the first century were regarded by still-skeptical family, friends and neighbors as dangerous, misguided and even disloyal to God. The letter to the Hebrews was written to show that you can't go back to an earlier stage but must press on eagerly to that is yet to come. Our weekly studies will be based on NT Wright's materials, we hope to find encouragement and assurance that pressing on, even in the face of such close and constant pressure to fall back, is its own reward.

Observing our sacred duty for social distance, we'll be meeting exclusively online – at least initially. From March 26-April 16, we'll meet at 10:30 a.m. online at <https://zoom.us/j/8796465039> or call in by dialing (669) 900-6833 with Meeting ID: 879 646 5039

Pastor Aaron's 10th Anniversary

This coming June will mark Aaron Roberts' 10th anniversary as Colonial's pastor. To celebrate this occasion the Council is planning recognition of Aaron's service following the 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. worship services on June 7.

We will present Aaron with a special gift as well as funding for sabbatical and/or continuing education purposes. Anyone wishing to contribute to this effort is invited to make a donation through Heather at the church office, designating the gift "Aaron's 10th." Thank you for helping to honor Aaron.

Ancel Neuburger, Moderator

Colonial Pub Night

The next Colonial Church Pub Night is Tuesday, April 21 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.

AA Groups

An Alcoholics Anonymous group is now meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Oberlin Room. This group is parent-friendly, providing on-site babysitters to watch the kids. For more information, contact the church office.

There is also a meeting on Thursdays at 6:30 in the Oberlin Room.

For more information, go to <https://kc-aa.org/>

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

We express our sympathy to **Charlotte Drayer** on the death of her mother, Sybil Gilbert, on March 4. The obituary is at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/chicagotribune/obituary.aspx?n=sybil-finch-gilbert&pid=195664388>

We express our sympathy to **Ken Werne** on the death of his mother, Irene Werne, on March 6.

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.

Moms Group on April 4



Moms of preschoolers or younger are invited to a get-to-know-you gathering at Lone Elm Park in Olathe on Saturday, April 4 at 3:30 p.m. A fun place for the kiddos to play while moms chat. Littles, sweatpants and coffees are welcome. This is an informal gathering for the moms and kids. RSVP to Hayden Ferguson (Haydenmh@yahoo.com) so we know how many to expect.

Colonial Women Activities

All women of Colonial Church are invited to gather with others in casual fellowship opportunities, whether you prefer breakfast, happy hour or discussing a book. Check out the options below. No reservations required.

Book Group. Friday, March 27, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will discuss "Daisy Jones and the Six" by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Dinner Group. Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m., Summit Grill at 520 W 75th St. KCMO. RSVP to Jayne Quimby

Breakfast/Coffee. Monday, April 6, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.

Blue Moose Tuesday. Tuesday, April 14, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

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. It's becoming harder to fill the slots for the 4th Sunday of each month. Please 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>.

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. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line. 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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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Coming Up at Colonial

Sunday, March 22

10:15 Online worship

Thursday, March 26

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

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

Happy Birthday!

19..... Allan Weil
26..... Mary Burnett, Grant Donnelly
28..... Cindy Burgdorfer, Joe Cunningham
31..... Bruce Dodson

Happy Anniversary!

21..... Michael & Sue Callahan
23..... Paul & LeAnn Russell
24..... Randy & Sue Freeman
Dave and Nikki Woolsey

Order an Easter Lily

Easter lilies will be placed on the altar for Easter Sunday, April 12. 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 April 5.



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)