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Sunday Worship April 15, 2018

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

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

Sermon Series: God

It's such a little word, but what is behind it is not.

Each person conceives of God differently. For some, it's the powerful, old man depicted in the Sistine Chapel; or, perhaps it's Einstein's idea of a divine clockmaker who put the universe into being and just lets it run; or, perhaps to you God is a complete mystery.

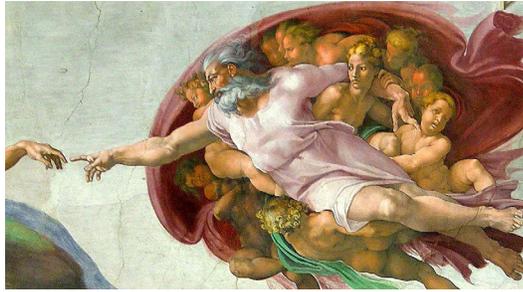
How big is your God? How you understand this affects how you pray, your relationship to other people and this planet.

April 15 – Imaging God

April 29 – The God You Learn to be at Peace With

May 6 – The God You Can Deal With

May 13 (Pentecost) – The God Who Suffers With You



(Cappella Sistina, Creation of Adam by Michelangelo used with permission by Frans Vandewalle.)

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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, April 20** to Sally Huggins at sallyhuggins@yahoo.com.



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>.

Spaghetti and Service Fundraiser

Saturday, April 14 – 5:30-7:30 p.m., Social Hall

Colonial youth will be attending the Regional Youth Event June 19-22 in Grinnell, Iowa and they need to raise some money to pay their way. You can help by having a spaghetti dinner prepared by the youth on April 14. Your freewill donation will help them on their way. Please RSVP to Amy Congdon, youth director, at amy.congdon@colonialucc.org to let the youth know you are coming.

Service: You can fill your soul as well as your stomach with several small service projects throughout the evening.

Donations: If you can't come the youth are happy to accept donations of the ingredients (spaghetti, sauce, lemonade, or grated parmesan cheese). Donations can be dropped off in the Youtz Room or church office (please label for the dinner).

Colonial Friends to Visit City Union Mission

Colonial Friends will visit City Union Mission in downtown Kansas City on Wednesday, April 18, to learn more about this significant organization within the inner city. Perhaps some of you are already supporters. Afterwards we will lunch together at Manny's on Southwest Boulevard. Meet at the church by 9:20 to carpool. We need to be at the Mission building (1100 East 11 Street, KCMO) by 10:00 a.m. Our lunch reservation is at 11:30. Costs will include a \$10 donation to City Union Mission plus whatever you spend on lunch. Very little walking will be required. Call or email Bob Starcke at 913-406-3572 or rstarcke@gmail.com. Bring your friends!

VBS Is July 10-13



Get ready campers to prepare for an outdoor adventure that starts in our own backyards and gets bigger each day as we spread the love of Jesus into our neighborhoods and communities. Camp dates are July 10-13 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. with a performance Sunday morning July 15 at the 10:15 service. Sign up your children and grandchildren at <https://tinyurl.com/ColonialVBS-18>. If you have any questions please contact Camille Breckenridge or call 913-707-9602.

Colonial Family Getaway in September

Join other Colonial families for outdoor fun and fellowship at beautiful Pomona State Park in Vassar, Kansas. It's all happening Saturday and Sunday, September 8-9, the weekend after Labor Day. The park is just over an hour from Colonial and features a lake with marina, fishing, boating, lake swimming, hiking, biking, disc golf, sand volleyball, and lots of beautiful vistas. Come for the day or stay overnight in an air-conditioned cabin, on a plug-in RV site, or in your own tent. More info is here: <http://ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Pomona>.

The church will provide the activities, including an evening bonfire with s'mores and songs and a potluck-style dinner. You'll provide your own lunch and breakfast. Cost is \$10 per family, plus \$5 per car to enter the park, with extra fees for camping: \$10 for tent camping and \$21 for RV camping. Campers who want to stay in one of the park's four cabins, all of which have full kitchens, should reserve their cabins now because reservations fill up fast. A one-bedroom cabin is \$105 for the night; a two-bedroom cabin is \$120. To make reservations, call the park at 785-828-4933 or go to www.kshuntfishcamp.com.

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-getaway> now to let us know you're coming. Questions? Contact Lisa Tierney, Elizabeth Uppman or Martha Wofford.

Serve the Homeless

The next meal, which will be served on the Plaza on April 22, is being prepared and served by Colonial Women. To help with the preparation, bake cookies to serve or to come to the Plaza to share, contact Kathi Cook at 913-236-8292 instead of signing up online.

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.

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 May 13 following the 10:15 service.

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

Helping the Homeless – All women are encouraged to help with the Artists Helping 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. Call Kathi Cook at 913-236-8292 if you can help.

Breakfast and Coffee at Big Biscuit – Monday, May 7, 9:30 a.m. Big Biscuit.

Blue Moose Tuesday – Tuesday, May 8, 5:30 p.m. Blue Moose in Prairie Village Shops.

Book Group – Friday, May 11, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will be discussing "A Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Meissner.

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.

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: 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.

Feed the Hungry Donations

Thanks to all who make a habit of bringing a contribution of food for the red wagon in the narthex. Donations are delivered to four local food pantries – Village Food Pantry, Catholic Charities, Cross-Lines Community Services, and Shawnee Community Services. The wagon also swells the first week of the month when Temple Sinai add their contributions. 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. You can also write a check for the collection plate marked "Food Pantry" on the memo line. You do make a difference.

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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, April 12

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

Saturday, April 14

5:30-7:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner, Social Hall

Sunday, April 15

8:30 am—Worship
9:00—Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room
9:15—That Was the Week That Was, Library
9:30—Choir Rehearsal, Founders Chapel
10:15—Worship
10:30—Sunday School
11:15—Coffee & Conversation, Heritage Room
11:30—Council/Administrative Board, Social Hall

Tuesday, April 17

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, April 18

9:30 am Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers, Prairie Village Shops
10:00 Colonial Friends, City Union Mission
7:00 pm Colonial Choir

Thursday, April 19

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

Friday, April 20

7:00 pm Limper Event, Social Hall

Saturday, April 21

8:00 am Limper Event, Social Hall

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

Happy Birthday!

Jason Knoll, Lois Morton, Tessa Brasel, Barrie Herbst, Marylee Battaglia, Donna Owens, Stephanie Graff, Meredith Griffiths, Eleanor Knoll, Diane Brown, Esther Sunderland, Kirby Drayer, Dianne Starcke, Jim Cosgrove

Happy Anniversary!

Brad Fairchild & Patty Kluding