

Colonial Church is a progressive, inclusive Christian community that seeks to nurture people's minds as well as their spirits.

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Sunday Worship July 8, 2018

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

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

Sermon Series: Then and Now

There are some things in this world that never change. Yet, some things do change. The scriptures that make up the Bible were written in a very different time. We'll look at the pressing issues of our time and consider how our ancestors in faith handled those issues in their day.

We'll look for God to speak a Word to inform our ethics for the living of these days.

July 1 – The Liberty Bell Inscription (Fair Trade)

July 8 – “How Are the Children?”

July 15 – Refugee Crisis

July 29 – Homelessness

To hear the podcast of a sermon, go to <https://www.colonialucc.org/sermons>



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VBS Is Here! Register Now!

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 questions, please contact Camille Breckenridge at camille.breckenridge@colonialucc.org or call 913-707-9602.



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, July 13** to Sally Huggins at sallyhuggins@yahoo.com.

Christmas in July!

Just blink a couple of times as you step into the narthex on Sunday, July 8. Yes, it will be a Christmas tree standing tall and majestic with some unique decorations. There is no need to wonder if your name has changed to Rip Van Winkle or you have been transported to the southern hemisphere. The youth helped the Board of Outreach set up the tree to celebrate Christmas in July and highlight one of Colonial's longest standing projects—Cross-Lines Christmas Store. For many years, congregation members have donated time and money to bring joy to families in our area in need. On Sunday Bob and Judy LeVeau will share information about this project during the Mission Moment.

Serve the Homeless

It is exciting to be a part of the work that Kar Woo offers to needy area residents. 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. Sign up to at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-signup>. The next opportunity is July 22.



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 members 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.

Sermon and Worship Planning Poll

Plans are underway to craft our sermon and worship themes for the 2018-2019 program year. Is there a particular topic you would like to explore or experience? Let us know by taking the survey at <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/3d9263>

Monthly Centering Prayer

Colonial's centering prayer group meets second Sunday of the month from 9:30 till 10:00 in the preschool room downstairs. The remaining dates for 2018 are: 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.

Summer Music Survey

Do you have a favorite song that informs your faith? Do you have a musical piece that you'd like to share vocally or instrumentally? Is there a music video that challenges your ideas of what it means to be church? You are invited to recommend or provide music to share with the congregation during the offering. At the link below, you can list a song, a video, or sign-up to sing or play an instrument. We need your gifts of music to broaden our experience and witness of faith! Contact Nikki Woolsey for additional information. Visit survey at: <https://colonialucc.breezechms.com/form/481747>

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 July 8 following the 10:15 service.

From Justice & Witness Committee

Similar Stunt, Different Day, Still Barbaric

Rev. Dr. Bentley de Bardelaben, UCC Executive Associate for Justice and Local Church Ministries

The story of the involuntary separation of vulnerable children from their parents seeking refuge in the U.S. has dominated the global news cycle for nearly a month. This is an outgrowth of the current administration's "zero-tolerance" immigration policy, which compels criminal prosecution of migrating parents who have crossed the border illegally. At the same time the rules governing who is able to seek asylum in our country are being changed. Sexual and gender-based violence and gang violence may no longer be considered acceptable reasons for seeking refuge in the U.S. Those who dare to cross our southern border, regardless of the circumstances driving them, are being treated as less than human, producing trauma for all.

Truthfully this evil behavior is not new. During one of the darkest chapters in American history, enslaved black families were regularly ripped apart. Mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters – no one was safe. Many were violently beaten, raped, and then sold; only for that same cycle to repeat with a new owner...

Then from about 1870-1970, Native American families were subjected to a similar form of the barbaric treatment cited above. Many American Indian children were taken from their homes; their families told that they would be assimilated and given a better future. These innocents were placed into Christian boarding schools where they were physically, emotionally, spiritually, and even sexually abused.

Now here we go again. This evil behavior has been resurrected in the 21st century. Have we not yet learned the lessons from our past? Under enormous public pressure, on June 20, President Trump amended the policy of family separation by executive order. Let us recall a message of hope, penned by Emma Lazarus in 1883, inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty, "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore; Send these, the homeless, tempest-[tossed] to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door." This is who we strive to be at our finest.

Colonial Women Activities

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

Book Group – Friday, July 27, 7:00 p.m., Stephanie Graff's home. We will discuss *Driving Miss Norma: One Family's Journey Saying "Yes" to Living* by Tim Bauerschmidt and Ramie Liddle.

Breakfast and Coffee at Big Biscuit – Monday, August 6, 9:30 a.m. Big Biscuit.

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UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, July 5

3:00 pm Justice & Witness Committee, Library
6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, July 6

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

Sunday, July 8

8:30 am Worship
9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
9:15 Adult Christian Education, Cambridge Room
9:30 Centering Prayer, Preschool Room
10:15 Worship
10:30 Sunday School
11:15 Fair Trade Coffee, Narthex
11:15 Fellowship, Heritage Room

Tuesday, July 10

9:00 am Vacation Bible School
9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room
5:30 pm Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie
Village Shops

Wednesday, July 11

9:00 am Vacation Bible School
9:30 am Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers, Prairie
Village Shops
9:30 Writers Group, Heritage Room

Thursday, July 12

9:00 am Vacation Bible School
6:30 AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, July 13

9:00 am Vacation Bible School

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

Happy Birthday!

Julie Welch, Jacob McCartney, Rosalie Henry, Carol
Childers, Jane Pronko, Johnneta Haines, Nick Kromnacker,
Douglas Kerane, Isabella Hayden, Jim Loomis, Lynn
Sample, Bob Starcke

Happy Anniversary!

Joe & Linda Cunningham
Bernie & Nancy Thomsen
Howard & Marti Lee
Matt & Hayden Ferguson
Tim & Marion Taylor