



*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 September 8, 2019

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

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



### Gathering Sunday Picnic

September 8

11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Please join us for fun, games and good food on September 8 following the 10:15 a.m. service. We will gather in the Social Hall for food and games. Chicken will be provided, and sides and desserts will be potluck. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. A free will offering will be accepted to offset costs.

## Register Now for Colonial Family Getaway September 21

Join other Colonial families for outdoor fun and fellowship at beautiful Pomona State Park in Vassar, Kansas for our second annual getaway. It's all happening Saturday, September 21. 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. Please let us know you are coming by going to <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-getaway19>



Mark your calendars for an all-church game night on Saturday, September 28 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. What's your favorite board game? Do you have a game you'd like to play? All ages will enjoy this evening to learn new games and play old favorites. Bring a game if you'd like. Bring a snack to share, drinks provided. Child care will be available for infants and toddlers by reservation to Heather in the office by September 25.

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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, September 13** to Sally Huggins at [sallyhuggins@yahoo.com](mailto:sallyhuggins@yahoo.com).

## Now Hiring Engagement Coordinator

Colonial Church is looking to hire a part-time Engagement Coordinator to facilitate connecting people with ministries and groups, engage visitors and new members and more. Member of the church preferred. Read the job description at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-job> and contact Ancel Neuburger, 913-438-4736, or the church office for more information.

## Colonial Friends to Visit Stonehenge Exhibit

Join Colonial Friends on Wednesday, September 11 to visit the Stonehenge exhibit at Union Station. Admission is \$10.00 (that's a group discount from the normal \$19.20). Bill Sanderson has purchased 15 admissions in advance so please pay him. Lunch is at Harvey's in the station. We need to get in the exhibit by 10:20, and our lunch reservations are for 11:30. Meet at Colonial at 9:30 to carpool. Please RSVP to Bill at [bills043@gmail.com](mailto:bills043@gmail.com) or 913-244-6930. Let him know if you need a ride. Tour begins at 10:20 with lunch at 11:30. Only 15 slots available so sign up now!

## Donations for Veronica's Voice on Sept. 29



Veronica's Voice has asked Colonial Church to help stock the pantry at Magdalene House in Kansas City, KS with healthy foods.

The Board of Outreach has designated September 29 (the 5th Sunday of the month when we don't have a commitment to another food pantry) to bring donations for Veronica's Voice. They would love fresh produce from our late summer gardens,

healthy snacks and items for preparing meals as well as prepared meals. You can leave a meal in the Social Hall kitchen freezer (labeled for Veronica's Voice) prior to September 29. Cheri Van Orman will take our gifts over to Magdalene House after the 10:15 service on that day. You can also provide KCK bus passes and Walmart gift cards (to pay for prescriptions).

Magdalene KC is a two-year residential program for women who have survived lives of prostitution, trafficking, violence, addiction, and life on the streets. It offers housing, food, medical and dental needs, trauma informed therapy, education, and job training without charging the residents.

## United Church of Christ Is an Immigrant Welcoming Church



"As the United Church of Christ, we have declared ourselves to be an immigrant welcoming church. We believe that love of neighbor extends to welcoming each migrant—and that

compassion should be at the root of how our nation treats migrants." So claims Edith Guffey, Conference Minister, Kansas Oklahoma Conference.

At her request the Colonial Board of Outreach is urging our members and friends to contact their members of Congress to urge them to end family detention and family separation, address the root causes of forced migration, and prioritize human needs by respecting the rights of every person. The Board will have sample letters available in the narthex before and after the September 8 services and at the annual Gathering in the Social Hall after the service. Join your voice with hundreds of other people of faith speaking out for justice.

## Men's Breakfast Group Change

Please note that the Men's Breakfast Group is changing to the second Tuesday of the month and moving to the Big Biscuit, 95th and Nall. The next meeting will be September 10. All men are invited.

## Writers Group

Join us in the Heritage Room at Colonial in Prairie Village, 9:30 a.m. on September 11 where we will gather for Writers Group once again after summer break. If you haven't tried writing your life story, this is a wonderful opportunity to begin that process in a warm, welcoming place. Want to ask a few questions, talk it over first? Call or email Joan Gilson, 913-829-9315, [aggilson@comcast.net](mailto:aggilson@comcast.net). We're looking forward to seeing you there.

## Come to Tuesday Book Group

Please join us for the Tuesday Book Group every week at 9:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room. We read a wide variety of works, and the discussion is always lively and informative. Currently we are reading Susan Orleans' *The Library Book*, a true crime account of the great Los Angeles public library fire. Anyone in the group can suggest a book to add to our reading list; count on a warm welcome when you arrive.

## Colonial Family

The memorial service for **Lucille Jewett** has been scheduled for Friday, November 1, 10:00 a.m. at Colonial.

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](http://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

The Justice and Witness Committee offers a selection of Fair Trade ground coffee for purchase the last Sunday of the month following the 10:15 service.

### 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.

## Rummage Sale Countdown

### Garage Check

What has been keeping you from parking the car(s) in there? Is that something you could donate to the rummage sale? Extra patio chairs, ladder? Bikes? Sports equipment? Luggage? The sale is October 15-18 and we'll be accepting your donations October 6 and 10-13.

### Colonial Women Activities

**Colonial Women Dinner Group.** Thursday, September 5, 6:00 p.m., Zarda's on 87th St.

**Blue Moose Tuesday.** Tuesday, September 10, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

**Lunch Out.** September 22, 11:30 a.m., Grand Street Lenexa, 8815 Renner Blvd. Lenexa KS.

**Coffee/Breakfast.** Monday, October 7, 9:30 a.m., Big Biscuit.

**Book Group.** Friday, October 18, 7:00 p.m., Stacey Algren's home. We will discuss "Today Will Be Different" by Maria Semple.

### Thursday Bible Study on How the Bible Actually Works

The Bible was not designed to be a rulebook for faith. Its books contain contradictions and flaws, as well as inspiration and empowering witnesses of God. This fall, we're going to consider how we can take the Bible seriously with discussions from a reading of Peter Enns' *How the Bible Actually Works*. So, if you've had questions about the role of the Bible in the world today, this conversation may be exactly what you need. You can either meet at Colonial Church at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays or connect online. Just contact Heather Winker at [info@colonialucc.org](mailto:info@colonialucc.org) to get on the contact list.

### 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 wagon swells the first week of the month when Temple Sinai add their contributions.

### Contributions for Solar Panels

We have raised \$25,580.12 of the \$35,000 cost to install a photovoltaic system composed of 32 solar panels on the south side of the Colonial Chapel roof. This project is in keeping with our church's mission to protect the earth and care for future generations. Please contribute by writing a check to the church with "Solar Panels" in the memo section or online at [colonialucc.org](http://colonialucc.org) and select "Electronic Giving".

### Colonial Staff

**Senior Minister:** Rev. Aaron Roberts ([aaron.roberts@colonialucc.org](mailto:aaron.roberts@colonialucc.org))

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## Coming Up at Colonial

### **Thursday, September 5**

10:00 am Bible Study

6:00 pm Colonial Women Dinner Group, Zarda's on 87th St.

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

### **Friday, September 6**

8:30 am Quiltmakers, Social Hall

### **Sunday, September 8**

8:30 am Worship

9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library

9:15 Adult Christian Education, Oberlin Room

10:15 Worship

10:15 Tween Squad, Cambridge Room

10:30 Sunday School

11:15 Gathering Sunday Picnic, Social Hall

### **Tuesday, September 10**

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group, Big Biscuit

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

5:30 pm Colonial Women Blue Moose Tuesday, Prairie Village Shops

### **Wednesday, September 11**

9:30 am Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in Prairie Village Shops

9:30 Colonial Friends, Stonehenge Exhibit

9:30 Writers Group, Heritage Room

7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

### **Thursday, September 12**

10:00 am Bible Study

6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

*For the full church calendar, visit our website at [colonialucc.org](http://colonialucc.org)*

### **Happy Birthday!**

5..... Tom Barnekoff, Frank Robertson

6..... John Robinson

7..... Hayden Ferguson

8..... Aaron Roberts, Carol Welch

9..... Charlotte Drayer

11..... Linda Cunningham

12..... Shirley Schutzel

15..... Kristen Harrington, Tim Taylor

16..... Diana Marston

### **Happy Anniversary!**

13..... Emil & Shirley Schutzel