

Sunday Worship September 8, 2019

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

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

September Sermon Series: Build Your Own Theology

Today's religious marketplace is new, and people are exploring faith and spirituality in new ways. In September, we're going to play with some of the basic building blocks to better understand the theology that you probably already have, but didn't know it. Who knows? You may find yourself challenged to grow.

September 22 - Organized Religion: What do we have to agree about?

September 29 - Post-Christian Nation: Christianity in a New, Pluralistic World

Game Night Is September 28

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.

2019 Advent Devotion Booklet Writers

In recent years, members of our congregation have collaborated to provide a booklet of inspirations for the days of Advent including a scripture reference and a reflection. While the Christmas season may seem a long way off, for Colonial to have an Advent devotional booklet ready by the first Sunday of Advent, we need your contributions in the next few weeks.



Consider what you might write for the 2019 booklet. It does not need to be a great theological digest but rather a writing or a poem that has special meaning for you. You can write about a Christmas memory, a favorite carol or something with special meaning to you. Really, we just want to hear from you. If you feel you don't have the spiritual knowledge to write something, you are probably overthinking it.

Contact Charlotte Drayer (charlotte.drayer@gmail.com) to sign up. She will send you a scripture passage to use as the basis for your thoughtful contribution. The deadline will be October 20. These should be short; they can be as simple as a single paragraph. Be a part of this thoughtful journey to Christmas for our congregation.

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

New Moms Group

Moms of preschoolers and younger are invited to a get-to-know-you gathering in the nursery at Colonial on Saturday, October 5, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Littles, sweatpants and coffees are welcome. This is just an informal gathering for the moms and kids.



As an ice-breaker, we will do a book swap. This means you look over your little one's shelf and grab something they no longer read or would like to share. Bring it to the gathering and we can swap for something new-to-us. RSVP to Hayden Ferguson so we know how many to expect.

Quiltmakers Quilts Donated

The Colonial quiltmakers are getting ready to distribute 110 quilts this Friday, September 20. They provide quilts from baby to twin size. All who are baptized at Colonial receive a quilt and quilts are donated to Children's Mercy, Della Lamb Center, Growing Futures, Head Start KCKS, Hope Lodge, KC4 Refugees, KU Pediatrics, Operation Breakthrough, Project Eagle, Rotaplast International, Safe Home, Sheffield Place and Truman Med Center. Quiltmakers meet every first and third Friday of the month in the Social Hall, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in sewing/making quilts is welcome.



Blessing of quilts

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.

Love Your Neighbor

Remember the question, "Who is my neighbor?" And, remember Jesus' response? Over 200 Colonial members and friends remembered as they claimed immigrants at the border seeking asylum to be their neighbors. They signed letters to their members of Congress asking them to pass legislation that respects the rights and dignity of each person. They understood Congress can bring justice if enough of their constituents demand it. Their compassion brought them to action just as it did to the Good Samaritan. Edith Guffey, Kansas-Oklahoma Conference Minister, will deliver those letters later this month.

Dinner of Mother Mary

Dialogue Institute of Kansas City is sponsoring a Dinner of Mother Mary on Wednesday, October 9, at 6:00 p.m. The program will examine Mother Mary in Islam and in Catholicism. The event is at Precious Blood Renewal Center (2120 Saint Gaspar Way, Liberty, MO 64068). Information and tickets are available at <https://tinyurl.com/MaryDinner-Oct9>

Colonial Tuesday Book Group

Join us every Tuesday morning for some thoughtful and stimulating book talk. We are currently reading Sarah Vowell's *Layfayette and the Somewhat United States*, a humorous view of American history that may not have been included in your high school social studies class. We meet at 9:30 in the Heritage Room.

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. Art and Marianne Foster appreciate your interest and support of this charity. Please leave your empty bottles in the box by the office.

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

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

The Colonial Rummage Sale is rapidly approaching (Oct. 15-18) so get your donations ready. Drop-off dates are Sunday, Oct. 6 and Thursday, Oct. 10-Sunday, Oct. 13. Start collecting your items and remember hangers – we find that clothing is much more profitable if it is clean, wrinkle-free and on hangers.

We also need volunteers of all ages – men, women, youth. For an hour or a day. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/colonial-rummage19>. If you aren't able to give time, please donate to help offset costs.

Join Meredith Griffiths for the Huntington's Disease Walk

Colonial's Meredith Griffiths has formed a team to walk in the Liberty Team Hope Walk on Saturday, October 12 to raise money to support the mission and services of the Huntington's Disease Society of America. Meredith is walking in support of her father, Clive Griffiths who suffers from the disease. Huntington's disease is a fatal genetic disorder that causes the progressive breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. It deteriorates a person's physical and mental abilities usually during their prime working years and has no cure.

Every child of a parent with HD has a 50/50 chance of inheriting the faulty gene that causes the disease. To join Meredith or to donate to her team, go to <https://tinyurl.com/HuntingtonWalk>. The walk is at the Liberty Community Center (1600 S Withers Rd., Liberty, MO).



Colonial Women Activities

Colonial Women Dinner Group. Thursday, October 3, 6:00 p.m., Mr. Gyros, 8234 Metcalf.

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

Blue Moose Tuesday. Tuesday, October 8, 5:30 p.m., Prairie Village Shops.

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 to get on the contact list.

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UNITED CHURCH
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Coming Up at Colonial

Thursday, September 19

10:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

Friday, September 20

9:00 am Quilters, Social Hall

Saturday, September 21

Colonial Family Getaway, Pomona Lake

Sunday, September 22

8:30 am Worship
9:15 That Was the Week That Was, Library
10:15 Worship
10:15 Tween Squad, Cambridge Room
10:30 Sunday School
11:15 Fellowship Time, Heritage Room
11:30 Board of Christian Education, Oberlin Room
2:00 pm AHH Cooking, Social Hall

Monday, September 23

10:00 am Colonial Women Board, Oberlin Room

Tuesday, September 24

9:30 am Book Group, Heritage Room

Wednesday, September 25

9:30 am Visit with Pastor Aaron, Einstein Brothers in
Prairie Village Shops
7:00 pm Colonial Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, September 26

9:00 am Care Committee, Northampton Room
10:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm AA, Oberlin Room

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

Happy Birthday!

20..... Russ Townsley
21..... Susan Hendee, Hope Krebill
22..... Matt Keane
23..... Kathy Flentie
25..... Lisa Gilmer, George Tormohlen
26..... Mary Penrose
Oct. 1..... Carol Paffenbach
2..... Jerry Dickey

Happy Anniversary!

19..... Tim & Donna Owens
24..... George & Cindy Lafferty
25..... Rich & Sabrina Korentager
30..... Jerry & JoAnn Dickey, Ron & Susan Hendee,
Bill & Sharon Yohn
Oct. 2..... Sean & Danielle Knoll