

Colonial Columns

Colonial Park United Methodist Church

Making disciples of Jesus Christ by *seeking* God's will, *sharing* God's love, and *servicing* God and our neighbors

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Brothers and Sisters,

It is truly an honor to be your pastor and a privilege to serve as your shepherd. Jennifer and I (as well as our girls) count ourselves blessed to serve with you and among you! As many of you may recall, when I first arrived at Colonial Park UMC we shared many conversations in what I dubbed a listening tour. This was a time we set aside for you to help me get to know our church. I listened while you shared your perspectives, hopes, and dreams for our congregation. I can't thank you enough for your investment in the listening tour. I truly believe it has helped me lead our congregation in these early days together.

I want to share with you an experiment that we will undertake beginning in January. This experiment originated from many of you sharing with me through the listening tour regarding our worship on Sunday mornings-particularly regarding the weekly celebration of the Lord's Supper. This experiment is not solely based upon your comments but also upon a sensitivity to the experience of new people (guests) who join us for worship. The good news about experiments is that they are trials and not permanent. Experiments also help us learn new things that we would not know otherwise. So I would like to share with you this worship experiment.

Beginning January 14, 2018, our Sunday morning worship schedule will look like this:

9 a.m. – Communion & Prayer in the chapel

9:45 a.m. – The Gathering (concurrent with Sunday School)

11 a.m. – Traditional Service

I know that doesn't look tremendously different, but beginning January 14, communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday in our worship services. For all other Sundays, communion will be served in the chapel from 9 a.m.- 9:25 a.m. This will also be a time of intentional prayer for our congregation.

To answer the "why?" I want to give you a few points in *addition* to the feedback received during the listening tour. For people who are unchurched, communion can be a very uncomfortable time. People often do not know what to do, what it means, etc. Our hope is that everyone will come to the table and receive this gift of grace, so we are going to make the environment a little more hospitable for our unchurched guests. We will still have communion available every Sunday, but we'll put our guests first. While this is enough reason to experiment with this, there are also some practical and ordinary reasons. This will shorten the time of our worship services, creating opportunities for new and creative elements or acts of praise when appropriate. Whenever we serve communion in our tradition, only those authorized by our denomination may consecrate and administer the elements. This experiment frees us up and broadens the opportunities to bring in a wide variety of speakers in my absence, which I believe will be a great experience for our congregation.

I am not trying to "make a case" for anything other than an experiment. But in light of this, I would love to hear from you if you have concerns or questions. Email me or call me (my cell number is (901) 522-5520). Let's set a time to get together so that I may hear you. It is my hope and prayer that everything we do isn't about our preferences as much as it directed at helping us get better at reaching and connecting with new people-people that are seeking new life in Jesus Christ. After all, that is why we exist.

Yours because I am His,

Jathaniel

The Week Ahead . . .

Sunday, November 19

- 9:00 am A Time of Prayer/CH
- 9:30 am - 1:00 pm Nursery
- 9:30 am The Gathering
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 12:00 pm Children's Library Open
- 4:00 pm Rangers/CLC & FH
- 4:00 pm Youth/Yth Rms
- 6:30 pm Pickleball/CLC

Monday, November 20

- 9:30 am Fitness Our Way/FH
- 9:30 am MDO
- 1:00 pm Women's Growth Grp/GR

Tuesday, November 21

- 7:00 am Men's Spiritual Quest/CR
- 9:00 am Upper Room Prayer/CR
- 10:00 am UMW Circles/Hope/FH & Love/GR
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl/GR
- 6:30 pm Prophecy of Grace/GR

Wednesday, November 22

- 9:30 am Fitness Our Way/CLC
- 9:30 am MDO
- 10:00 am Prayer Group/GR
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir/Choir Rm
- 6:30 pm The Reading Plan/GR
- 6:45 pm Pickleball/CLC

Thursday, November 23

Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24

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- CR - Conference Room
- AS- Art Studio SC - Sanctuary
- FP - Fire Place FH - Fellowship Hall
- CLC - Christian Life Center (Gym)
- GR - Garden Room CH - Chapel

I. Was. Wrong. The pecans we got are not to be set aside in case you accidentally need a spare gift. These are such great pecans, these are for your grandmother and best friend! These are for baking for your family, that you dearly love. They can be set out to share when you want to impress someone. That's how good these pecans are. I have roasted/salted, both milk and dark chocolate and praline. Let's get this done. Let me know how many you need. Call me, let's talk. Ruth Crawford 497-5561

Remembering Our Vows...
 Will you support Colonial Park United Methodist Church with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?
Our Presence: 11/12/17
 The Gathering: 44
 11:00 am Worship: 160
 & Nursery: 16
 Sunday School: 105
 Rangers: 21
October:
 Offerings: \$48,369.58
 Budget: \$40,859.92



Upcoming Dates:
November 30 @ Dales Restaurant, 11 a.m.
 If you would like to carpool, be at the church at 10:30 a.m.
December 14 @ noon in the Fellowship Hall
 Luncheon
December 28 @ noon in the Fellowship Hall
 Bill Fuller will provide the entertainment.

Church Office will be closed these days in the upcoming Holiday season:
 November 23 & 24
 December 13 after noon
 December 22
 December 31

Sunday Morning Worship:
November 19:
 Rev. Jathaniel Cavitt
Scripture:
 Matthew 25:14-30
Sermon:
 "Use It or Lose It!"
Liturgist:
 Bill Detling
Communion Offering:
 Pastor's Discretionary Fund

November 19, 2017
THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS
Acolytes
 Ezekiel Robertson
Nursery
 Laura Jenkins
Extended 2's 3's & 4's
 Denise Cooper
 Mackenzie Messer
Children's Church:
 Michelle Mattila
 Eric Clark
CP Rangers & Youth Dinner
 Stacy & Rick Stevens
 Margaret & Danial Jambard

RPM
 Read.Pray.Meet.

Week of November 13-17
 Monday: Colossians 2:6-8
 Tuesday: Proverbs 4:20-27
 Wednesday: Psalm 1:1-3
 Thursday: Proverbs 16:1-3
 Friday: Luke 9:62

In memory of...

Dennis Raines by Linda Morris, by Nancy, Stephanie, Kelli & Greg Raines

Kitty Bartlett to the Budget by Cary & Linda Hancock

Kitty Bartlett by Linda Morris

Bill Pearigen by Doris Gray, by Jack Walker

Bill Pearigen to the Budget by Alice Lo

Bill Pearigen to the Senior Adult Ministry by Fidelis Sunday School Class, by Gloria Hurdle

Bill Pearigen to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund by Dee Wright

Bill Pearigen to the Budget by Glori Shettles, by Phillip & Phyllis Cox, by Bob & Muriel Cole

Bill Pearigen to the Music Ministry by Martha Starr

Bill Pearigen by Hugh Bell, by Roberta Landers, by Pernel & Penta Moore, by Jim Lawrence, by Carolyn Taylor, by Mr. & Mrs. William McClain, by William F. Goodman, by De De Scott, by June Swindle, by Harry & Elizabeth Riggins, by Randy & Paula James, by Phil Pearigen, by Flagler Bank care of Chris Mulling, by Linda Morris, by Donna Roberts, by E. B. Robinson, Jr., by Terri Hudson, by Jodie Jowers, by Chris & Eddie Guillot, by Tom & Donna Fowlkes, by Murray & Sandra Underwood, by Anne Tomlinson, by Charlie & Susan Shanor

Kitty Bartlett, Anna Dooley, Jack Fite, Lottie Hogue, Dennis Raines, Gerry Stewart, Lisa Wallace, Dudley Wells & Bill Pearigen to the Budget by Jim & Charlene Collier

Lottie Hogue to the Music Ministry by Annie Laurie Alder



Adult Study Group: Fifteen members and 6 visitors were with us today. Our lesson went in depth on world's opposition to God's way and our need to conform our sinful nature to Christ's teachings. Come join in the Chapel for more wonderful lessons, good fellowship, singing and refreshments.

Exodus Class: We're currently studying "Faith from the Back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas. We meet in room 253. Comprised of couples and singles with and without children. Ages 30s to 50s. Everyone welcome.

Fidelis: - 11/5/17 We were delighted to have the Wesleyan Class meet with us again this week, and have one of their teachers, Tyrrell Bond, teach our class. She did an excellent job of covering the meaning of the scripture and emphasized that just as in the Bible lesson, we must commit and depend on God to see us through whatever we face. Hugh Bell presided over our class today, with 20 people present. Visitors are always welcome to join us for these inspirational lessons, warm fellowship, and meaningful discussion.

Covenant Class: The Covenant Class is an adult intergenerational fellowship of couples and singles. The class uses a discussion format with scripturally based studies. Our emphasis is on seeking a contemporary understanding and how to apply Jesus' teaching in our everyday lives. We are currently discussing James Moore's book, When You're a Christian, the Whole World Is from Missouri, Living the Life of Faith in a "Show Me" World. We welcome guests and new congregants to join us in our fellowship. **Contact Information: Location:** Room 105, first floor of the Education wing. **Class Facilitator:** Abbott Jordan **E-mail:** abbottjordan61@gmail.com

Friendship: Our class studies short term books on a variety of Christian topics. If you are looking for a Sunday School class, please consider visiting with us. We meet in Room 215, above the Fellowship Hall, at 9:45 am.

Wesleyan Class: Sunday, November 19, 2017. James Enochs will be teaching. **Title of Lesson:** *High Priest of the New Covenant* **Purpose:** To pursue and express gratitude for the gift of God's unshakeable kingdom through Jesus. **Hearing the Word:** Hebrews 12:14-15, 18-29; Psalm 66. **Key Verses:** Hebrews 12:28-29.

Junior High/Senior High Sunday School: Join us in Room 250 for lively Bible lessons & discussions that will help jumpstart your week at 9:45 am each Sunday morning.

UMW Craft & Bake Sale

It's here again, a chance for retail therapy and the opportunity to get some delicious, delightful items. The UMW bake sale will be held again on Sunday 11/19/2017 in the garden room before & after Sunday school and church. Don't wait. You'll be too late. 😊

UMW Circle Meetings

11/21/2017

**Love meets in GR and
Hope in FH**

Thank You

Betty and the entire Pearigen family extend deepest appreciation for the outpouring of affection and support from the Colonial Park community in the aftermath of Bill's recent passing. Your words, your many kindnesses, your generous gifts, and your prayers have provided immeasurable comfort during past few days, and we are forever grateful. Colonial Park has been a constant and vital part of the Pearigen family's life since 1952, the year after the church was founded. We rest in the sure confidence that Bill's beloved church home played a meaningful role in preparing him for his new life in God's Eternal Kingdom. God bless you all.

Love,

The Pearigen Family



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Director of Student Ministries	Becca Solaas-Rodriguez
Director of Recreation & Young Adult Ministries	Brian Maness
Financial/Membership Staff	Charlotte Martin
Admin./Publications Staff	Staci Hissong
Facility Maintenance	Neil Vause Will Colston
Church Security	Eric Clark



Coming...

A Christmas Festival

December 17, 2017

3:00 p.m.

In the Sanctuary

Favorite Carols & Christmas Songs

By

The Chancel Choir

The Gathering Band

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