

Theology From the Margins

Several of our parishioners received certificates for studying the Hebrew Bible. Theology from the Margins starts back up on August 16. Hope to see you there!



July Birthdays

Christina--4th



Arthur--9th



Rodney--11th



Theresa--15th



Matt--24th

Have an August birthday? Please let the staff know so we can add you to the newsletter next month!

**JULY
2019**

SCHEDULE:

Sundays: 1pm Worship
at Woodruff Park

Mondays: 10:30 am
Morning Prayer at
Central Outreach

Tuesdays: 10 am to 12
pm Common Soles/
Foot Clinic at St Luke's
Park

Wednesdays: 10:30 am
Morning Prayer at
Central Outreach

Thursdays: 9:30-1 pm
Pastoral Care



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Windsor's Goodbye

It has been such a wonderful year to share with all of you at Common Ground, and I am so grateful for the lessons I've learned and the people I've met in this community. Thank you for being such a wonderfully welcoming group, for showing me the ropes, and for taking me under your care.

As I have shared in my homilies throughout the year, the theme that has been resonating with me this year is how Jesus frees us from our fears. And being with y'all this year has given me an incredible sense of that freedom. At Church of the Common Ground, my priorities have been



reordered. I think that I have become less afraid, and have learned better how Jesus will be with me to face my fears. I want you to know that you all as a church have shown me part of Jesus that I didn't know. And I know you will continue to do so. Your collective witness to the ways that Jesus has freed you from your own fears is powerful,

and will certainly affect countless more people who come within the reach of Common Ground. Thank you for sharing your stories with me, and I look forward to hearing how lives are changed as you continue sharing stories with everyone who will listen!

Blessings,
Windsor

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Suggestions?**



Beloved Community of Church of the Common Ground,



"God is here, God is right here with us, and this is holy ground."

Proclaiming these words, together we have entered into worship in snow and rain and heat and joy and sorrow and tired and thankful and open and expectant since November of 2017. I have been humbled by your courage, honored by your entrusting leadership to me, and astounded by the goodness of God among us, as we have journeyed in life and ministry, affirming that God is indeed in our midst on the streets of Atlanta, extending that love and forgiveness offered again and again and again and again as we

are invited to walk in Christ's love.

We have strived to honor the dignity and worth of every person in our midst, welcoming all, all of the time. In prayers and Bible studies, washing feet, and on retreats, in the midst of theological studies and playful feasts, caroling through the halls of hospice and participating in the life of the Episcopal Diocese, with guests, and interns, and new staff, and old staff, and leadership emerging from every corner of this church, we have shared a glimpse of God's kingdom come among us. And it is because I have so loved bearing witness to you - your resilience, your pain, and your beauty; because I have loved the privilege of serving you; indeed, because I have loved you, it is difficult to share that I have been called to serve elsewhere.

Beginning mid-August, I will be the Rector/Pastor of St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church in Atlanta. I have been called to

love them and lead them. And the call to lead St. Martin's is also the call to leave Church of the Common Ground. My last Sunday with you will be August 4th. I will be away June 30-July 20, but will be present in ministry and for holy goodbyes this coming week, and from July 20-August 4.

We need not worry or despair. God is here. God is right here with us. And, your clergy, Pastor Kenya and Deacon Devadas, remain, along with the presence and support of the many who assist in this ministry, and the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, who will facilitate this transition.

Thank you for the gift of sharing in the life of Christ together.

Pastor Monica



UPCOMING DATES:

July 11

Spirituality Thursday with Lee Peyton 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Meet at St. Luke's Park

July 30-Aug 1

Koinonia Farms Retreat (See Pastor Kenya for an application. Space is limited.)

July 29

Spirituality with Lee Peyton 12:00 am to 3:30 pm

We will travel to the Cathedral after Morning Prayer for spirituality, the labyrinth, and lunch.

