# Theology From the Margins

Several of our parishioners received certificates for studying the Hebrew Bible. Theology from the Margins started back up on August 16 and ends September 27th . Hope to see you there!







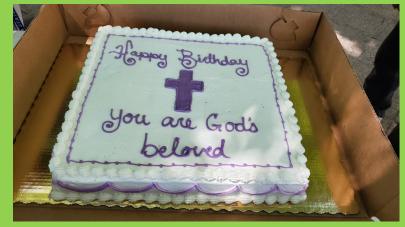
# September Birthdays

**Community Members Receive a Birthday Blessing** 

A Birthday Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand. Look with favor, we pray, on your children as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





#### SEPTEMBER 2019

#### **SCHEDULE:**

Sundays: Ipm Worship at Woodruff Park

Mondays: 10:30 am
Morning Prayer at
Central Outreach

<u>Tuesdays:</u> Foot Clinic postponed for the month of September.

Wednesdays: 10:30 am
Morning Prayer at
Central Outreach

Thursdays: 9:30-1 pm
Pastoral Care







# Church of the Common Ground

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### Pastoral Letter

Morning Prayer at Church of the Common Ground

Every Monday and Wednesday morning, Church of the Common Ground offers Morning Prayer. At 10:30am we gather for coffee, fellowship and catching up with each other.

At 11:00am morning prayer begins. Someone in our prayer circle rings the gong three times, calling upon us to focus and be present. We say our sacred names, read and reflect on scripture and offer our prayers and thanksgivings to God. We end by blessing each other.



"May the God of hope fill you with all the joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit!"

We are reminded, every week, that our God is a God of Hope. A God who wants us to pray for ourselves and others unceasingly. A God who wants us to have faith, to hold on to hope. A God who loves us and wants

us to love each other. Every week all are welcomed, to pray with us, laugh with us, cry with us. All are welcomed to join us, to find that peaceful place, to be filled with the Holy Spirit!

All are welcomed. Won't you join us?

Rev. Kenya

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#### Keeping Us On Solid Ground

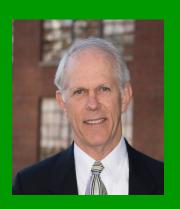
They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. — Jeremiah 17:8



Jakevia Brown—My journey to Church of the Common Ground was nothing short of God's divine plan and timing. In the Fall of 2018 I was searching for a place to complete my ministerial internship known as Contextual Education II. My first assignment had fallen through and I was desperately trying to find a place that would work with my hectic schedule and more importantly that would be in line with my work in Theology and Ethics and their interactions with marginalized people. I stumbled upon the website for Church of the Common Ground and was thrilled by what I saw: a ministry that specifically met the spiritual needs of those experiencing homelessness in Atlanta. I emailed the then Vicar, Pastor Monica Mainwaring who encouraged me to come visit the church during its Sunday service at Woodruff Park. The moment that service began I knew that I was in the place that God had intended for me to be. Being at Common Ground has strengthened my vocational call to be of service to others. It has been a blessing and an honor to do the work of Christ in this beautiful, beloved community.



Caroline Carter—I graduated from Georgia College and State University in 2019 with a degree in psychology. I am now attending Candler School of Theology to pursue a master of divinity with an Episcopal studies certificate. I am so excited to get to be a part of this congregation, and to grow in Christ with the members of Church of the Common Ground.



**Bruce Gunter**— I am a lay communicant at St Luke's Episcopal Church and now the Interim Director at Church of the Common Ground, until such time as a new Vicar is called. I bring a long business background and years of work in affordable housing to the post. I see my job as "preparing the way" for a new vicar, and will focus on the administrative and stewardship aspects of managing CCG and coordinating a planning process designed to provide strategic direction to CCG and to attract a stellar candidate to the position. I can be reached at vicar@churchofthecommonground.org.

#### **NOTABLE DATES:**

Theology From the Margins Christian Living

Sept. 27th 9:30-1:00

"Living in Community" at Central Outreach and Advocacy Center

Sept. 30th 9:30-4:00

"Creating Change" at Central Outreach and Advocacy Center

## **Common Soles Foot Clinic** at Church of the Common Ground

Foot Clinic draws its inspiration from Genesis, where Abraham says to some weary travelers, "Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under this tree."

Common Soles Foot Clinic creates a space for men and women on the streets to relax and refresh themselves for their journey. In addition to washing, massaging and caring for feet, we offer clean socks, lemonade and, importantly, a listening ear.

Common Soles foot clinic is a non-medical foot clinic staffed by volunteers: parishioners of Common Ground and throughout the Diocese, seminarians and interns. Common Soles relies on volunteers. They provide care and comfort to our guests who are experiencing homelessness and rely on their feet as their only mode of transportation. Our neighbors come to Common Soles foot clinic because they know that someone will listen to them, care for them, pray with them and show them love.

Common Soles has been an integral part of Church of the Common Ground for over a decade. We depend on the generosity of our volunteers. Do you have a few hours per week or month to care for our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness? No experience necessary; just a heart to serve!





