

# GOOD NEWS!!

Let us give thanks to God for the hope we have in him through Christ!



# CHURCH of the COMMON GROUND NEWS

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*“...at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.”*

Matthew 28:1

Common Ground Servant Leader Jen Monahan suggested that April’s cover letter be focused on the question:

*“What does ‘resurrection’ mean to you?”*

What a great idea! Here are some of our congregation sharing their thoughts.



*“Rebirth. Renew. Rededicate your life.”*

*Tank  
Morning Prayer Participant*

*“It’s about renewal. Dying to the self. Not necessarily waking up in heaven but dying to an old self and tuning in to renewal from God. Inspires the desire to be more.”*

*Crystal  
Bible Study Participant*



*“Born again. Be alive again.”*

*David  
Bible Study Participant*



**Vicar:** The Rev. Monica Mainwaring  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Nadine Pope  
**Episcopal Service Corp:** Lizzy Trawick

The April edition of the newsletter received editorial help from the following church members: **Jen, Crystal, David, Tank and Theresa.** Thank you!

- SUNDAYS:** 1pm—Worship at Woodruff Park
- MONDAYS:** 10:30am—Morning Prayer Central Outreach
- TUESDAYS:** Pastoral Care | 10am-noon Common Soles—Gateway
- WEDNESDAYS:** 10:30am—Morning Prayer at Central Outreach  
2:30pm—Bible Study at Woodruff Park
- THURSDAYS:** Pastoral Care

### Pray for Each Other

*“Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.”  
-Hebrews 13:3*



Write to Thomas:

**Cobb County Jail**  
**Thomas Blackstone #001009413**  
**P. O. Box 100110**  
**Marietta, GA 30061**

### Bible Study in April

In Eastertide, Bible Study will include the opportunity to tell a bit of your story. We will pose a question each week on a theme, and share stories from our lives, as well as study the Scriptures related to the theme. The question may sound like, "what is your strongest memory of loss in your 20s?" The Bible has many examples, and much to say about loss; also, the



Bible points us to Easter themes of resurrection, redemption and hope.

**All are welcome to share and learn weekly at 2:30pm in Woodruff Park.**

# Let's Celebrate Birthdays!

- 9<sup>th</sup>—Trish
- 12<sup>th</sup>--Keith
- 16<sup>th</sup>—Donald
- 20<sup>th</sup>—James M.
- 20<sup>th</sup>—Orion
- 20<sup>th</sup>—Chester
- 24<sup>th</sup>—Darin
- 26<sup>th</sup>--Sabrina



*We pray this birthday will warm your heart and may God's warmth not ever depart.*

*If you would like your birthday listed in the CCG newsletter, please make sure to let one of the leaders know what date it is.*

## Happening in April:

**April 12 Peer-to-Peer Counseling Training**  
**Led by The Rev. Brady Radford**  
at Central Outreach 10am-2pm  
Lunch included. **FREE!**

The Reverend Brady Radford is a native of West Helena, AR and a 2004 graduate of Tennessee State University. He is a local pastor, therapist and community leader. He is a 2007 graduate of J. C. Smith Seminary at The ITC and has served in several churches throughout the Greater Atlanta area. He currently serves Emory Presbyterian Church where he helps members deepen and develop their relationships with God. Brady considers his most significant accomplishment to have been marrying his wife Celestine Radford, another TSU Tiger, whom he partners with in raising three beautiful children: (Aniyah (7), Brayden (5) and Kalia (1)).

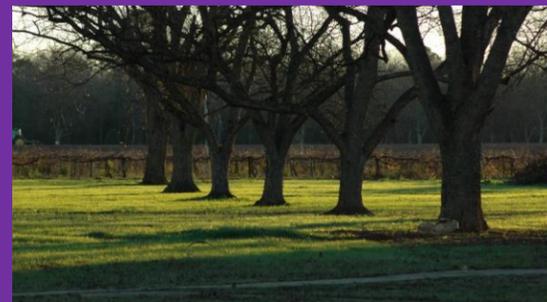


**April 17 Labyrinth Walk**  
and pizza outing at the Cathedral.  
10am-1pm.  
Pick up and drop off at  
55 Park Place.  
Sign-up ahead of time.

**We will be walking with our friends from the St. Veronica's Guild!**

**May 5: The Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing**  
will host a conversation about racial reconciliation from 9am-12pm. **All are welcome.**

### May 17-18: Retreat to Koinonia Farms



**9:30am departure on May 17th (depart from 55 Park Place)**

**Evening return on May 18th (return to 55 Park Place)**

Led by the Rev. Spencer Simril and his wife Stuart. Former community members and residents at Koinonia Farms.

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”*

*Matthew 11:28-30 New International Version (NIV)*

*(photo of Koinonia Farms from*

*<https://www.koinoniafarm.org/visit-koinonia/>)*

**Everyone wanting to attend MUST sign up by Monday, May 14th. See Pastor Monica.**