

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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What Is Happening during Lent around Common Ground?

Ash Wednesday

The placing of ashes on our foreheads marks the solemn beginning of Lent. Ashes will be given at Morning Prayer and at Bible Study.



Morning Prayer

Our Morning Prayer during Lent will focus on the meaning of Jesus' story in our lives.



Bible Study

The Rev. Simon Mainwaring will be our guest speaker at several bible study sessions during Lent. He is the rector at All Saints' Episcopal Church.



Palm Sunday

As we do each year, we will journey together with palms and remember how Jesus was welcomed in Jerusalem.



For six years now, Common Ground has been at the center of the joy of my life. Here I have found friends who give new meaning to relationship. Who, together, have engaged in exploring, celebrating and cherishing all that we hold in common—not the least of which is our love of Jesus.



Lent is always a time to quiet spirit and mind; to look around and see and hear what, in the busyness of life, has gone unnoticed. This year it is especially true as we celebrate a new ministry together with Pastor Monica. New beginnings are an opportunity to not only remember what has always been but encouragement to dream of what can be. Along with our rich history there will be all kinds of new; all kinds of wonderful. Lent promises that new and wonderful.



That's Lent in a nutshell. In the time leading up to the ultimate gift of the resurrection, we do a lot of mulling over the past year and wondering what will come in the next. We wonder aloud what difference Christ's sacrifice will make in our lives this year and then we plan for it; we work for it.

Dream it, do it - collectively, in community.

That is my joy!

Beth King



Holy Week and Easter



Holy Week:

Morning Prayer, Bible Study, Foot Clinic, Washing of Hands, & Urban Pilgrimage

Easter Vigil in Woodruff Park
Easter Sunday in Woodruff Park



Vicar:

The Rev. Monica Mainwaring

Deacon:

The Rev. Nadine Pope

Episcopal Service Corp:

Lizzy Trawick



SUNDAYS: 1pm—Worship at Woodruff Park

MONDAYS: 10:30am—Morning Prayer at Central Outreach

TUESDAYS: Pastoral Care | 10am--12pm Common Soles—Gateway

WEDNESDAYS: 10:30am—Morning Prayer at Central Outreach
2:30pm—Bible Study at Woodruff Park

THURSDAYS: Pastoral Care

Let's Celebrate Birthdays!



1st-Marcus
3rd-Calvin
4th-Jennifer Monihan
11th-Willow and Juan O.
13th-Gino
20th-Mike
23rd-Michael P.
27th-David and Admin Jen
29th-John R.



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.

The Power of Prayer

"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



Celebration of New Ministry at CCG with Bishop Rob!

Mark your calendars and pray for good weather!



February 18, 2018
at Sunday Worship



A whole lot of God's love...a whole lot of shared ministry at Common Ground in January

What's So Special about Purple?

Purple is the color of the season...ain't no doubt about it. Everywhere you look from Ash Wednesday until Easter, you will see the deep and penetrating hues of purple. So, what's so great about purple and why do we use it as a symbol of Lent?

Purple has long been a royal color, a special color, and so it is used at this most special time of year, this great 'getting ready' season. We are getting ready for Easter in the same way we were getting ready for Christmas throughout the season of Advent, by turning toward God, and making room in our hearts. We prepare for Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection in a similar way that we prepared for Jesus' birth...we can still hear those echoes of



'Prepare ye the way!' In Lent, we repent, taking our sin seriously and anticipating the gift of forgiveness and the hope of resurrection. Purple is a serious color, and the Church uses it to help us hold this time and space to do the good and hard work of seeking God through this season of Lent. We will journey together.