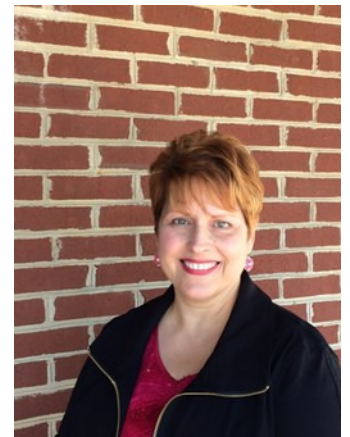




Recently, Common Ground Fellowship celebrated its third year anniversary, and we are very grateful to be affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, Rochester Genesee Region! We are located in the beautiful Appalachian Mountain region of Bristol, Tennessee/Virginia—the merger of two cities and two states. We are a fellowship of Christians seeking to be servants of Christ and ministering to the total needs of people. We are open to all and closed to none. We exist to help each other grow in faith, serve in Jesus' name, and point others to the love of God. We care deeply and engage in work for diversity, justice, and equality. We welcome questioning and exploration as a progressive expression of faith seeking understanding.

We have a new pastor, Rev. Heather Holland. She was called as our pastor earlier this year. Heather, a Texas native, is a graduate of the University of North Texas and Emmanuel Seminary. Her husband, Jack, is a seminary professor at Emmanuel, and they are the proud parents of a son and daughter. Rev. Brian Miller was our first minister, and he is still serving in a music leadership role with our church, but he has transitioned to the role of full-time chaplain at the Veterans Administration hospital in Johnson City, TN.



Our ministries have included:

- Supporting church for Bristol Family Promise (a ministry to homeless families, formerly called Interfaith Hospitality Network).
- Bristol Food Pantry support church.
- Northeast Tennessee State Correctional Complex Christmas ministry.
- Day of Caring- church members devote collective time to assist a person in need with neglected house maintenance.
- Abuse Alternatives ministry. Providing ministry and financial contributions for protectively housed abused women.
- Janie Hammit Home- ministry for housed high school students who have experienced discipline issues with the public school system.
- Participation in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day remembrance, service and walk.



We are encouraged about the future of CGF and RGR. It is exciting to witness other churches seeking affiliation with us. Visit us at www.commongroundbristol.com or visit us on Facebook.