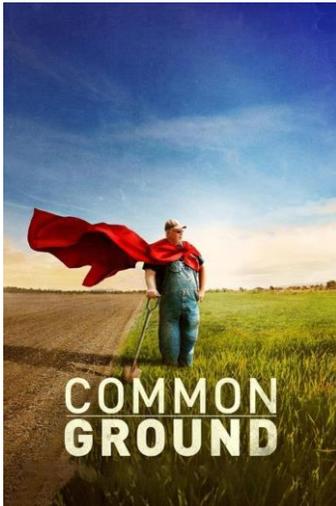


## Welcome to April 2024: Social Justice

We're at that interesting time of year when it's hot during the day, cool at night. Snow, sun, and thinking about seeds - and what we'd like to plant.



It's also a time to consider the climate and what sort of footprint we want to leave. A fascinating movie just came out and we'll be watching it with the youth group on Sunday, April 21st from 5pm - 7:30pm in the Chapel. Pizza included and I'm going to make snickerdoodles.

The movie is called Common Ground and I'm excited to see it. So often movies on climate justice are depressing. This one is hopeful and uplifting. We'd love to have you join us!

See the trailer here: [https://youtu.be/6-M4HqOMKFA?si=l2jvC7\\_L9uTC1KrM](https://youtu.be/6-M4HqOMKFA?si=l2jvC7_L9uTC1KrM)

Each month, I dive in and look for great stories on social justice to share with you. One of the resources I look at is Amnesty International. If you'd like to learn more about what's going on around the world in terms of social justice for women, this is a tremendous resource. This month, I'm led to tell you - there is work to be done. <https://www.amnesty.org/en/what-we-do/discrimination/womens-rights/>

**A prayer for you:** "May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name." - Rev. Mark Bekkedahl