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Green River

United Methodist Church

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Ad Council sets goals for church growth

Many of us have made New Year's resolutions for 2012. For some, weight loss is a priority. For others, saving money or taking time for friends and family are goals.

GRUMC has also set goals for this year and beyond. As part of the United Methodist Church's Vital Congregation program, GRUMC's Administrative Council has set goals to increase weekly attendance, increase membership, increase small groups and inspire more members in mission.

But why does a church need to set goals?

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Help the missions committee keep the food pantry stocked

The GRUMC food pantry helps people in need both in our congregation and in the community. Help keep this ministry strong with your donations. The pantry is currently in need of breakfast items, such as cereal and oatmeal. Other items that are always needed are pasta, and peanut butter.

Volunteers needed to sort items in the Clothes Closet

The GRUMC clothes closet is overflowing with donations, so we need volunteers sort through the items. If you can, please give some of your time to help sort through the bags of donations.

GRUMC's website has a new look; go online and check it out

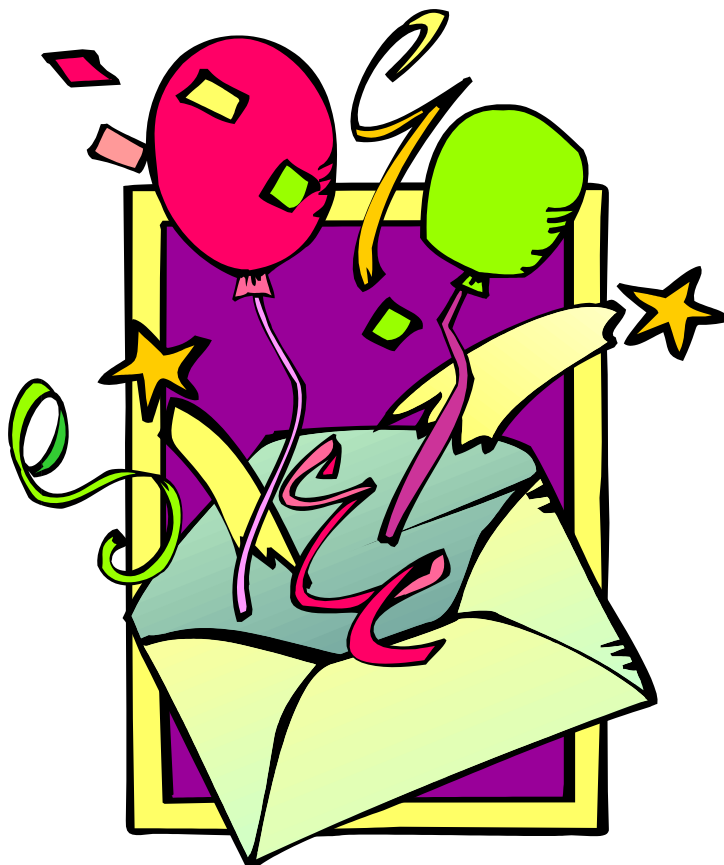
GRUMC's website is easy to navigate and provides a lot of information. You can even read the latest edition of the newsletter there. Check it out at www.greenriverumc.com.

Movie night set for Jan. 20

GRUMC will show the movie "Signs" at 6:30 on Friday, Jan. 20 at the church. Join us for this fun event.

Happy Birthday!

Jan. 3 – Victoria Allen
 Jan. 8 – Carlos Bernal & Maria Bernal
 Jan. 12 – Lorna Hargrove
 & Trevor Lansberry
 Jan. 13 – Roberta Collins
 & Lindsey Travis
 Jan. 14 – Ana Tesdal & Chase Galley
 Jan. 17 – Lynnette Watson
 Jan. 20 – Brenda Bronstein
 Jan. 22 – Ted Holmstrom
 Jan. 25 – Charlene Miller & Ann Lowe
 Jan. 26 – Ross Hargrove
 Jan. 29 – Ernie Vonberg
 Jan. 30 – Richard Baxter III



Happy Anniversary!

Jan. 2 – Todd & Tana Gnose
 Jan. 20 – Gary & Lynette Watson

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According to the United Methodist Church’s Vital Congregation call to action, “When we do not set goals, we are susceptible to continuing to do the same things that are not working. Goals help us not only to measure outcomes but also to evaluate the effectiveness of ministries and strategies.” In other words, we don’t want to get stuck in a rut. Other reasons for setting goals include giving clarity and focus to ministry, creating greater accountability and making the congregation better for serving the community.

Achieving these goals will take a group effort, however. What can you do to help GRUMC with its goals? Below is a list of goals set by the GRUMC Administrative Council.

Historical data and goals

	2006	2207	2008	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014	2015
Avg. Weekly Attendance	48	64	57	50	52	65	75	90	105
Professions of Faith	10	9	11	0	0	5	8	9	10
Small Groups				2	2	7	9	11	15
Members in Mission	0	0	10	0	0	20	30	40	50
Dollars Given to Mission	920	6387	10253	3674	3794	4000	4800	5600	7000

Youth area needs game donations

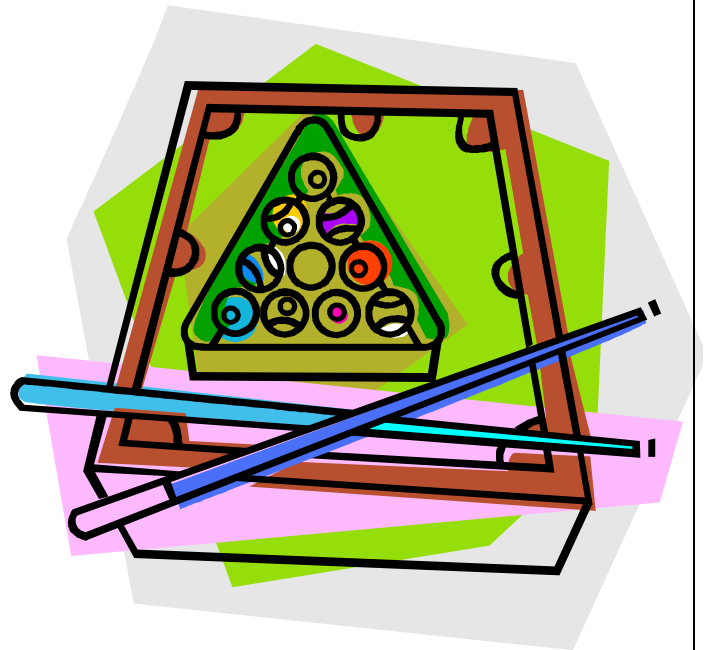
Super Bowl sub sandwich fundraiser scheduled

The Blaze! Youth Group is off the ground, but is still in need of some help from our congregation. The group has steadily grown this semester. We have a core of 11 regular students who are coming -- up substantially from the two who came to our very first meeting last spring. We will begin again weekly AFTER the Martin Luther King Holiday weekend -- on Jan. 22.

As you may, or may not know, we are slowly trying to remodel the basement to make it a youth space where young people will feel comfortable and have fun as they learn more about the Lord. So this month, we will begin painting the basement a warm, tan color to freshen things up for the many youth organizations now using the space. In conjunction with that, we would also like to add some youth-oriented games to help make the basement a place where the kids feel comfortable. In November, Veronica Murray very generously donated an Xbox, but we could now use some more fun, appropriate games for an age group ranging from sixth to 12th grade. If you have any Xbox games you're not using, please consider giving them to the youth.

We would also like to get an air hockey table, a pool table or any other games of that nature that would make the basement a fun place for the youth. If you have any of these items, or know how we could acquire them for a discounted price, please let me know.

In the next month, our group will also be doing a special "SUPER BOWL SUNDAY" fundraiser. We



will begin taking orders for homemade sub sandwiches for your super bowl parties. We will make your sub sandwiches -- as many as you need -- ready for you on Sunday, Feb. 5. The cost is on a donation basis -- you pay us whatever you think is appropriate. But we do need to take orders ahead of time to get the supplies needed. Sandwiches will be ready by noon on Super Bowl Sunday, and you can pick them up, or we can bring them to you. Orders will be taken until Thursday, Feb. 2. Funds raised will help to send kids to camp this summer.

Thank you all for your support and help as we share the love of Christ with a new generation.

-- Miranda Bailey

Last month's Treasury report



Through the end of December

General Fund Income	\$3,439.00
General Fund Expenses	\$3,280.84 (+\$158.16)
Building Fund Income	\$3,750.87
Building Fund Expenses	\$3,938.00 (-\$187.13)

A New Year's Resolution

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Colossians 3:17 (NRSV)

As the New Year rolls in, I think about my New Year's resolutions and all the things I want to accomplish. But as I think about what my resolutions might be, somehow I want to do more than write them down, knowing that in a month or so they will become merely ink on a piece of paper.

Then, I found my answer in Colossians 3:1-17: This year and every year, my resolutions should focus not on me and what will make me look better but on Christ and the place I give him in my life. Are my eyes fixed on myself or on Christ? When people look

at me, do they see Christ's compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience? Or do they see my anger, lack of compassion, and unforgiveness?

In this new year, I want the light of Christ in me to shine brightly. I want to show those who have strayed, those who don't know Christ, those who are tired and looking for true peace, joy, and happiness that they can find what they need in Christ. This is my resolution.

--Wendy Garner (Texas)

This devotional is from the UpperRoom.org

