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The Grapevine

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Four Resolutions for the New Year Body – Soul – Mind - Heart A One-Day Retreat

Is this the year you transform your life? Celebrate your life and set four meaningful New Year's resolutions, with additional opportunities to join an on-going group for checking in and staying on track with your resolutions!

Body: God created our bodies. What resolution would honor and celebrate our God designed bodies?

Mind: What resolution would help you to learn and grow this year?

Heart: We live connected lives. What resolution would help nurture a relationship in your life?

Soul: Experience deeper meaning by setting a resolution for spiritual growth.

Saturday, January 13 ~ 9 am - 3:30 pm
Green Street United Methodist Church

Cost is \$25 includes lunch.

Please send checks payable to Green Street by Jan. 7.

Winter is Here!

When worship, a meeting or event is canceled or postponed due to weather we will notify church members in the following ways:

- **A One Call Now phone message**
- **Email**
- **Facebook Group Page**

Please let the church office know if you need to be added to any of these three notifications.

Also the Church Answering Machine will have information regarding cancellations and postponements – Call 622-0843 to listen to the greeting. Any questions contact Darby at the church office 207-622-0843 or greenst@myfairpoint.net

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Do you know about an upcoming event, program or other item of interest that should be included in the newsletter? The newsletter **deadline** is the **15th of each month**. Please email your information to:

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FROM THE PASTOR:

Resolutions and Covenants

At the beginning of a new year we often make resolutions to change our lives and become better people. For John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, the New Year offered a chance to make resolutions in relationship with God. Wesley offered a Covenant Renewal Service for this purpose, and many aspects of this service could provide the basis of our own new year's resolutions. For instance, the Covenant Renewal Service begins with thanksgiving. One New Year's resolution could be to thank to God at the end of each day. Take time each day to celebrate your relationship with God and the blessings that you have experienced.

Resolutions only help us to improve if we can admit to and change the things we have done wrong. Thus, confession is a key part of the Covenant Renewal Service. Another new year's resolution should be to set aside a weekly time for confession of our wrongdoings, acceptance of God's forgiveness, and inviting God to help in our personal transformation.

For John Wesley, obedience was the heart of his Covenant Prayer: seeking God's will and committing to do it. A new year's resolution could be to regularly read scripture, searching to understand God's will through it, and to pray for the strength and courage to live according to it.

A fourth aspect of the Covenant Renewal Service, faithfulness, chooses God as the central part of one's life. To make this resolution, spend time each day connecting with God. Set aside time to pray, read scripture, or worship; take a walk with God; reflect on the image of God in Creation; volunteer your service; find ways to grow in your relationship with God.

The Covenant Renewal Service tells us to: "Claim God's covenant, rely upon God's promise of giving grace and strength." A covenant is an agreement between two sides; it implies a partnership. Even as we make a covenant with God, God makes one with us. God promises to support and nurture us. In the New Year we should resolve to be in partnership with God; to accept God's love and commitment for us. This year, let us resolve to grow in our relationships with God; let us also open our hearts for God to grow in relationship with us.

In Christ,
Pastor Kristin



January 7

Greeters: Sandy and Larry Labreck
Acolytes: Patty Rogers and Sonny Richards
Nursery: Tina Noble
Coffee Hour: Ardyce Robbin
Liturgist:

January 14

Greeters: Nancy and Kathy Merrick
Acolyte: Nancy Merrick
Nursery: Evelyn Horstman
Coffee Hour: Tina Noble
Liturgist:

January 21

Greeters: Tricia Webb
Acolytes: Chuck and Evelyn Horstman
Nursery: Judy Adams
Coffee Hour: Sue Pattershall/choir
Liturgist:

January 28

Greeters: Sandy and Randy Grady
Acolytes: Michaela Webber
Nursery: Cheryl Leighton
Coffee Hour: Elsie and Bessie
Liturgist:



The Pastor and Staff of Green Street thank all of you for your kindness and generosity with this year's Christmas gift. We feel blessed.

Pastor Kristin,
Christine, Darby,
George, Irene, and Sue



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| 2 - Rebecca Polzella | 12 – Tina Monroe | 21 – Della Kimball |
| 3 – Charles Atwater | 12 – Tina Noble | 24 – Nancy Merrick |
| 5 – Lee Ware | 13 – Robin Forbes | 24 – Marj Tribou |
| 6 – Jessica McGuire | 14 – Robert Harris | 30 – Holly Rock |



Green Street UMC

January 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 New Year's Day 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM NA	2	3	4	5	6 8:30 AM Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 PM AA
7 Epiphany Sunday 9am Town Hall Meeting	8 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM NA	9	10 Noon UMW 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:45 PM Choir Practice	11	12	13 9am Retreat 7:00 PM AA
14 9am Town Hall Meeting	15 Martin Luther King Day 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM NA	16 6:30 PM Simplified Board Meeting	17 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:45 PM Choir	18	19	20 4:30 PM Angel Food Supper 7:00 PM AA
21 11:30 AM Missions Meeting	22 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM NA	23 9AM DCOM	24 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:45 PM Choir Practice	25 6PM District Workshop on Statistics	26	27 7:30 AM Simplified Board Retreat 7:00 PM AA
28	29 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM NA	30	31 5:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 6:45 PM Choir Practice			

Notes

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Sunday Worship at 8am and 10:30am - Sunday School for all ages at 9am – Fresh Expressions at 5pm

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8am to 2pm



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