It's 2019!

This is amazing...and has made me think about all things new. In the cartoon version of the calendar turning over, the New Year is symbolized as a baby and then quite an old person (sometimes Father Time) on December 31st. Yet, new things are so fun to have. We love a new gadget in our house or a new car in our driveway. A fresh coat of paint and a cleaned house is a welcome sight. Having something new, or something old which is spruced up, make us happy and sometimes makes us think we can tackle new adventures ourselves.

What does the New Year mean for you? As we get older, sometimes we pay less attention to the milestones or celebrations which were so important to us when we were younger. Yet, turning the calendar to January means we all get a fresh start. It is a good time for reflection on all that happened in 2018. The good we did. The mistakes we made. What we were able to overcome. What caused us pain. How we experienced God in new and fresh ways.

I am not big on resolutions just for the sake of having them. However, I do think having a few things we commit to work on or change means we are being intentional about our lives. While we don’t need a new year to do that, it is a natural time to begin. My prayers are with all of you as you turn the calendar. May we continue to find true hope in the Lord in 2019!

-Pastor Colleen
WOMEN’S CARD MAKING BREAKFAST POTLUCK

We hope you can join us for our first women's event of 2019 as we enjoy good food and fellowship, on January 26, 2019! We will be making beautiful threaded heart cards while spending time getting to know one another better in the comfort of a lovely home. Part of our time together will be listening to a devotional.

Please feel free to bring a friend and be sure to bring a breakfast item to share. Coffee, tea, and orange juice will be provided by the church.

We will meet at the home of Astrid Guenthart, who lives at 1477 Sterling Ave, Carpinteria, from 9:00-11:00am.

All are invited! This event is limited to 50 guests, so RSVP to Tammy Lashlee: mrslashlee@gmail.com soon.

A FEW FRIENDS AT THE END

Prayer of an Anonymous Abbess:

Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of other's pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint-- some of them are so hard to live with-- but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the Devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Amen.

Anonymous (17th century)
WHAT IS HAPPENING IN JANUARY?

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGES
for the month!!!!

Due to the first Thursday being too close to the holiday for our staff, we are moving the lunches to the 2nd and the 4th. Please tell your friends!!!!!

January 10, 2019
Ukulele Lou Lou’s will be in the house! Come and find a bit of tropical fun on what might be a cold day. Our friends will play music that we can sing along to, which is one of our favorite things! Invite a friend for this joy-filled day. What is for lunch? Get ready for a favorite! Salmon in white wine butter sauce, rice pilaf and tasty vegetables.

January 24, 2019
We have so many lovely people who want to come and talk to you. One of them is Rev. Dr. Helen Rhee, who is a pastor and professor at Westmont College. She has a deep love for students to learn about the history of the church, as well as current events happening for Christians globally. You will enjoy her talk on “Stories from the Great Century of World Missions.” She loves questions and is quite engaging. Bring a friend for a fun time of learning! For lunch, we will be serving an old favorite! Meatloaf with mashed potato and salad. Dessert? Of course!!

NEW YEAR... NEW BEGINNINGS

Every man should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page.

-Henry Ward Beecher

Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

-Saint Francis of Assisi

Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.

-Henry Ford

The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret to getting started is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks and then starting on the first one.

-Mark Twain
LORD OF THE RINGS TRILOGY CHARACTERS

ARAGORN
ARATHORN
ARWEN
BALROG
BELLADONNA TOOK
BILBO BAGGINS
BOROMIR
CELEBRON
DEAGOL
DENETHOR
ELENEDIL
ELROND
EOMER
EOWYN
FANGORN
FARAMIR
FARMER MAGGOT
FRODO BAGGINS
GALADRIEL
GANDALF THE GREY
GANDALF THE WHITE
GIMLI
GLOIN
GLOFINDEL
GOLDBERRY
GOLLUM
GRIMA WORMTONGUE
GWAIRI
HALDIR
ISILDUR
LEGOLAS GREENLEAF
LOBELIA
LURTZ
MERIADOC BRANDYBUCK
PEREGRIN TOOK
RADAGAST
RODIE COTTON
SAMWISE GEMGLE
SARUMAN
SAURON
SHADOWFAX
SHAGAT
SHELOB
SMEAGOL
THEODEN
THEODRED
TOM BOMBADIL
TREEBEARD
URUKHAI
WITCH KING OF ANGMAR

“Deeds will not be less valiant because they are unpraised.”