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What Lies Ahead?

A new year has come. What lies ahead?

One of the beauties of a new year is uncertainty. We don't know what the coming days, weeks, and months hold in store. Each new day will dawn with untold promise and prospect. The routines of yesterday will most likely continue and many of the developments of the coming year will not surprise, but the new year ahead will have its share of surprising developments. If it is like most years, we will come to December and look back, commenting, "Can you believe what happened this year?" Or, "Whew, I didn't see that coming!"

As we begin this new year, consider what is written in James 4.13-15: "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will travel to such and such a city and spend a year there and do business and make a profit.' You don't even know what tomorrow will bring—what your life will be! For you are a bit of smoke that appears for a little while, then vanishes. Instead, you should say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.'"

I'm also reminded of the words Moses spoke to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 4.39-40. They stood on the east bank of the Jordan River preparing themselves to cross the river and enter the land of Canaan to take possession of the Promised Land. Moses offers them some important advice as they begin this journey, advice that is good for us to hear and consider as we begin this new year. Moses said to them: "Today, recognize and keep in mind that Yahweh is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other. Keep His statutes and commands, which I am giving to you today, so that you and your children after you may prosper and so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you for all time."

Moses tells the people to remember God's presence and to remember His word, resolutions that we would do well to remember as we begin 2024.

- Jeff Foster

*Let's make 2024
a good year...
with God's guidance.*



Our Prayer List

- Pray for Heather Velez's brother Chris Chilton, who is having further tests for possible cancer. Pray for the family as they go through this journey with him.
- Brittany Pringle is in ICU at St Michael's recovering from pneumonia in her right lung and a cyst on her pancreas. She requests no visitors. Please lift Brittany, her partner, and son, and the family in your prayers for healing.
- Pray for Brian Bungart, who will have another MRI to determine if the tumor on his spine is cancerous.
- Praise that Nancy Armenta received a good report on her neck and will have it re-checked in 6 months.
- Pray for Ivana who is involved in an occult group. Pray for her family.
- Pray for others who have illnesses in their families
- Please pray for the less fortunate who are out in this cold weather.
- Please lift Gary Chasteen and his family in prayer. His nephew Sean passed away on Thanksgiving Day.
- Praise God that Shari's son David doesn't have cancer, but he is being treated for a lung infection.
- Praise for our celebration of Mercy Mobile's 1st year!
- Pray for the Snypp family as Dave's father recently passed away.
- Pray for suggestions for those who may become future Deacons. Should you have any suggestions, please submit the names to the Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) - Darrell and Laura, Brad and Eunice, Bob and Sharon or to our Deacons Gary, Troy, Brad and Cisco.
- Pray for Israel.
- Pray for our Nation and Leaders

I Am the New Year

- I am the new year.
- I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.
- I am your next chance at the art of living.
- I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the past twelve months.
- All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it out with more determination.
- All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.
- All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.
- I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."
- I am the new year.

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Sunday Worship December 31, 2023 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children’s church is this week.) Watch live-stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ					
December Servers – Brian Bungart Elijah Herbert Dan Gross Terry Bratcher					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Darrell Fry	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Wayne Hammock	Communion: Brad Orser	Offering: Brad Orser
For the latest worship leader schedule, click this link: http://pococ.weebly.com/uploads/2/6/7/2/26721665/worship_leaders.pdf					
9:30 am Adult Class: Auditorium Led by Trent Herbert			Children Class: Downstairs Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					
Men’s Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am			Ladies in the Word Upstairs Overflow Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
Bible Class & Prayer Book of Daniel (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			Ladies Prayer Group LaDonna's home – 10:00 am		
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com			December 24 th - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 1,910.00 If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. <i>Gary Chasteen</i> (cell) 360-731-4104		

Communion and Tithes & Offerings

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address above. We have a lock mailbox.

Happy Birthday!

December 2023: Gary White – 28, Jake Orser – 31, Randy VanLeuvan – 31.

January 2024: Shari Whitlock – 11, Mark David – 2, Michelle Herbert – 4, Pat Woodrow – 9, Madison Casely – 13, Isaiah Zepf – 13, Floyd Whitlock – 15, Karen Taylor – 18, Tammy White – 29, Myron David – 30.

Thank You, Lord, for One More Year

[Chorus]

Thank You, Lord for watching over us
Through our trials You've made us victorious
We praise Your name most great and glorious
Thank You Lord for one more year
(repeat)

[verse 1]

New year has come along
Lord give us wisdom and keep us strong
Face all the things that come our way
And make us one Lord we truly pray
(chorus)

[verse 2]

We have been through good times and bad
And in our sad times You've made us glad
Because you were there to see us through
For this and other mercies Lord er truly thank You
(chorus)

[verse 3]

O Lord, bless all the children, keep them safe and warm
Guide their every footsteps; protect them from harm
They are the future, bless them we pray
And teach all the leaders to walk in Your way
(chorus)



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