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Pastoral letter:

Dear Friends,

I hope and pray that your Christmas celebrations were meaningful and that you experienced God's presence with you. I pray that the sacred time brings you hope, joy, love, and peace that will overflow into the year to come.

Growing up, when I returned to school in January, I always felt as if we were past the halfway mark of the school year, and I could see the summer vacation. As much as I enjoyed school, I enjoyed summer vacation more! Like every good teacher that we have all had, my teachers worked hard to make school engaging, fun, and a good learning environment for every student. I am grateful for all teachers, past and present, who work so hard for their students, especially this year. Summer vacation, however, was summer vacation!

It turns out, I was wrong. We still had more than half of the school year to go before summer break. (I'm sorry to remind any of you weary teachers, parents, and students of that fact). There was plenty of learning left to complete. The journey was not over.

This month, we celebrate Epiphany; wise people, following a star, journeyed to Bethlehem to worship Jesus. Matthew 2:1-12 tells the story. Scholars don't know exactly how long the travelers journeyed, but it could have taken a few years. Once they reached Jesus, "they were overwhelmed with joy..." and offered Jesus gifts. The journey wasn't over once they reached Jesus. They returned to their homes another way. Changed by the experience, a new journey full of learning and sharing began for them.

However you are feeling about beginning 2021, the journey of faith continues for you. We are certainly on a different road than we expected to travel a short 12 months ago. The Christ child who was born so long ago in Bethlehem, visited by the Magi, was crucified, died and rose again offers un new life wherever our journeys take us in the year to come.

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The poet and prophet Isaiah wrote,

Arise! Shine! Your light has come;
the Lord's glory has shone upon you.
2Though darkness covers the earth,
and gloom the nations,
the Lord will shine upon you,
God's glory will appear over you.
3Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to your dawning radiance.
4Lift up your eyes and look around:
they are all gathered, they have come to you
Then you will see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice."
Isaiah 60:1-4a, 5a

The light still comes for us. Even here and now, the glory of the Lord shines upon us. So, look around you for God's light and be filled with joy in those moments as you discover it. May you experience God's blessings of joy and peace as you celebrate the new year and anticipate how God might work among, around, and through you in the days and weeks to come!

Pastor Kim

**DATES & ARTICLES of interest to both
Macedon Center & South Perinton**

REMEMBER the church bills continue to come in during the **PANDEMIC** while we are shut-in or not able to attend church. **PLEASE** keep up your weekly offering envelopes as much as possible.

Mail your offering envelopes to the church office at Macedon Center United Methodist Church, 1160 Macedon Center Road, Macedon, NY 14502.
It would be greatly appreciated and helpful.

Dear Friends, thank you so very much for the pastor's appreciation gifts and for the cards and Christmas gifts. It is so very generous of you, and I appreciate it. With your help, I was able to purchase an Advent Calendar that I have been looking at for a few years, and we enjoyed it this Advent season, and I look forward to using it every year, and being reminded of your care for me. Pastor Kim

SOUTH PERINTON UMC

FRI., JAN. 1: NEW YEAR'S DAY

We want to wish everyone a *HAPPY and HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2021!*

SUN., JAN. 3: HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated during worship service
ON-LINE.

MON., JAN. 18: MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY

SUN., JAN. 24: WORSHIP SERVICE on-line.

4th Sunday – FOOD DONATION SUNDAY

Food Donations can be dropped off at the Macedon Center Church,
Between 9:00 a.m. – Noon.

(Food Cupboard at MC Church in need of donations.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those in **JANUARY:** 1/3 Scott Wright, Courtney Partington;
1/8 Kyle Quigley; 1/10 Brent Long, Brianne Long; 1/11 Nancy Ferstead;
1/14 Emily Lauren Mossow; 1/18 Shawn Gerber; 1/23 Alayna Selsek;
1/26 Sunny Mauser; 1/28 Kelly Wahl, Richard Lovejoy; 1/29 David Walton;
1/30 Jessicah Beckman