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Pastoral letter:

Dear Friends,

I hope and pray that you are well this day! These are certainly different days. We have been witnessing many events in recent days and weeks that challenge us to learn and grow as individuals, as a country, and a church. Along with you, I have heard stories and watched videos of people being harassed, harmed, and murdered because of the color of their skin.

Jesus said, “love your neighbor as yourself.” It is part of the 2 great commandments. When asked what were the greatest commandments, those most important rules to follow, Jesus responded, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these” (Mark 12:29-31). Time is overdue for all of us to say black lives matter. Everyone who is a person of color matters in our world.

On a personal level, it fills me with shame that my white children can go in our neighborhood and throughout our community and not feel unsafe or considered to be outsiders when other children cannot, because of how they are perceived, due to the color of their skin. My white children can see police and not be afraid. I will never have to have that talk with them, where other peers will have to be careful about what they say and do so that they can return home alive. It is wrong and so sad that in 2020 in upstate New York that this sin still runs rampant in our country.

Before these days, these conversations might have felt unnecessary to us because we feel as if we are a small, insulated community. It is time that we take to reflect upon why Sunday morning is among the most segregated time in the United States. What might we be willing to do to learn and work for justice in our world?

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Once resource that was shared with me is a worship service, entitled, Dismantling Racism: A Service of Lament. This moving service encourages us to reflect and be called to action with prayer, music, scripture, and brief reflections from people throughout our United Methodist connection. For those of you reading this online, here is the link to the service, and I would encourage you to watch it.

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/dismantling-racism-service-of-lament>

I would also encourage you to consider how we might begin the work of dismantling racism in our world. Macedon Center is currently in conversation with the people at Gonandagan, in order that we might learn from them and partner with them to support their work for the Native American Community. As we return to in person worship and activities in the future, it is my hope that we can gather with the purpose of discussing racism and how we might work against it.

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6:6-8, NRSV

An important worship note: South Perinton has begun worshipping outdoors. Macedon Center is actively preparing for a return to some form of worshipping in person. No date has been set as of this writing. Please know that while we some will be worshipping in person, online worship will continue. If you do not feel comfortable returning to worship, we support you, and we do not want to lose that connection with you.

May God’s blessings be with you all.

Pastor Kim

MACEDON CENTER UMC

Our Vision: *“To be a place where ALL people are fed and God’s love shines.”*

SATURDAYS: 5:00 PM, ***WORSHIP Service*** in the Fellowship Hall at MC Ch.

SUNDAY: CASUAL COFFEE is served in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday following the worship service.

The 2nd Sunday of the month is *CASUAL COFFEE HOUR AND SUNDAY BRUNCH*
in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. Bring a dish to share. Come join the
fellowship together.

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SAT., JULY 4: *INDEPENDENCE DAY*

SUN., JULY 5: *HOLY COMMUNION* will be celebrated.

WED., JULY 8: 9:00 AM, ***MEN'S BREAKFAST*** in the Fellowship Hall at the Mac. Ctr. UMC. All men of the congregation and community are invited to attend.

TUES., JULY 14: 6:30 PM, ***FINANCE Mtg.***, Macedon Center UMC.
7:00 PM, ***CHURCH COUNCIL Mtg.***, Macedon Center UMC.

SUN., JULY 26: *FOOD DONATION SUNDAY*

(Food Cupboard in need of donations)

Casual Coffee Hour immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall

WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to Jackie Dunstan Hansen on the recent passing of her mother Doris Darron, May 25, 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Sierra Benson** who graduated from Clarkson Univ. with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology, Business Minor, Human resources Management Minor... Sierra is the granddaughter of Lorraine Compton.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those in **JULY**: **7/1** Gerald Smith; **7/3** Kevin Francis;
7/5 Linda VanderMolen, Dawn Smith; **7/7** Emily R. Zschoche, Jennifer Hart;
7/9 Jeff Airy; **7/10** Pat Smith; **7/18** Elisa Robinson, Nolan Holdraker;
7/19 Rudy Sohns, Hunter Hurley; **7/20** Laura Schaal Calos; **7/21** Peggy Kelly Magee;
7/23 Luke D. Smith; **7/26** Joanne Rothfuss; **7/28** Richard Herendeen;
7/30 Eileen Campbell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Andrew & Catherine Mastowski **7/4**

Robert & Donna Frost **7/9**

Eric & Trudy Nystrom **7/21**

Eric & Leesa Israel **7/30**

Michael & Mary Barbero **7/31**

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

NOTE: I have made fabric masks to share with our church family. Nancy has some in the church office and I have more at home. If you need a mask or masks, please let me know by phone or email. I will put the bin of masks on y porch so you can choose. If you are unable to get to me, I can mail a mask to you. I am also planning to make masks for children. If you need children's masks, please let me know and I will make some for you. Jill Escrivá jescriva@rochester.rr.com 315-690-9449

REMEMBER the church bills continue to come during the summer months while we take a vacation OR are shut-in do to a pandemic. PLEASE keep up your weekly offering envelopes as much as possible, it would be greatly appreciated and helpful.

SOUTH PERINTON UMC

SAT., JULY 4: *INDEPENDENCE DAY*

SUN., JULY 5: *HOLY COMMUNION* will be celebrated.

11:00 AM, Church is resuming at the South Perinton UMC. Weather permitting we will be outside, otherwise it doors. Come join us!

WED., JULY 8: 9:00 AM, *MEN'S BREAKFAST* in the Fellowship Hall at the Macedon Center UMC. All men of the congregation and community are invited to attend. Come join us for the fellowship.

MON., JULY 20: 9:00 AM, *CHURCH QUILTERS Mtg.* in the Fellowship Hall at the South Perinton UMC.

SUN., JULY 26: 4th *Sunday – FOOD DONATION SUNDAY*
(Food Cupboard at MC Church in need of donations.)

CONGRATULATIONS to *Danielle Lee Quigley* and *Patrick Arthur Russell* on their marriage at the South Perinton UMC on Saturday, June 20, 2020. Danielle is the daughter of Kevin and the late Jennifer Quigley and the granddaughter of Nancy Quigley.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those in **JULY:** 7/4 Dan Jensen; 7/7 Alden Daryl Smith;
7/8 Paige Torrens; 7/9 Ashley Darrow, Matt Haefele, Mary Kay DeSeyn;
7/15 Susan Parisi; 7/17 Nichole Richards;
7/20 Laura Schaal Calos, Lilian Yvonne Long; 7/22 Davin Marie Smith;
7/25 Ethan Phelps; 7/27 Luke Jensen; 7/29 Wayne Wright;

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Greg & Dawn Knapp 7/6