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Pastoral letter:

Dear Friends,

I hope and pray that you are well. As Thanksgiving quickly approaches, we remember that November is the time for giving thanks. I recently heard, "It's kind of hard to know what to give thanks for because its been such a terrible year." That might be a sentiment with which you might agree from time to time. There have been happy experiences, times that have made us laugh and celebrate, and people who have brought us deep joy, and we have had many experiences that cause us pain. Perhaps, you are like me and are looking towards Thanksgiving, wondering how different it will look, feel, and taste this year. Perhaps, extended family cannot gather together; perhaps, it is the first Thanksgiving with a loved one not present. We might look upon this Thanksgiving and upcoming holiday season with sorrow, knowing what we will miss.

Giving thanks is a powerful tool of resistance against that within us that wants to grumble in despair. Philippians 4:4-7 states, Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, "Rejoice, Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." With God's grace as our helper and our comfort, as we give thanks for the blessings we have received, we can feel empowered to work to allow God to bring more good in our world through each of us. As the storms around us rage, God offers us peace.

Life looks and feels very different; We do not know when life will return to "normal," or what normal will look like. God's grace and love for us remains the same and neverending. That is something of which we can remain certain and for which we can give thanks.

"For all things bright and beautiful,
For all things dark and mysterious and lovely,
For all things green and growing and strong,

(continued)

For all things weak and struggling to push life up through rocky earth,
For all human faces, hearts, minds, and hands which surround us,
And for all nonhuman minds and hearts, paws and claws, fins and wings,
For this Life and the life of this world,
For all that you have laid before us, O God,
We lay our thankful hearts before you. In Christ's name, Amen.
-Gail A. Ricciuti

I am praying for you. If there is anything that the church can do to offer you or someone you know care, please let us know. I look forward to being with you in worship in person or online each weekend.

Blessings,

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.

SUN., NOV. 1: ALL SAINTS DAY / DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated during worship service.

9:30 AM, Macedon Center UMC is holding worship inside the Fellowship Hall at a safe distance and with masks on. Come join us.

TUES., NOV. 3: ELECTION DAY HAM DINNER at the Macedon Center UMC.

TAKE-OUT ONLY – Serving 4:00 PM until gone

Serving: Ham, Baked potato, coleslaw, vegetables, a roll and a treat.

All dinner - \$10

SAT., NOV. 7: 5:00 PM. WORSHIP Service at Macedon Center UMC in the Sanctuary.

<u>TUES., NOV. 10</u>: 6:30 PM, *FINANCE Mtg.,* Macedon Center UMC. 7:00 PM, *CHURCH COUNCIL Mtg.,* Macedon Center UMC.

WED., NOV. 11: VETERANS DAY

SUN., NOV. 22: FOOD DONATION SUNDAY

(Food Cupboard in need of donations)

THURS., NOV. 26: THANSGIVING DAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those in NOVEMBER: 11/1 Jane Bradley; 11/2 Kemp Bundy;
 11/3 Sarah Packard Flight;11/6 Alexander Mastowski; 11/8 Kaury Leibenguth;
 11/9 Laurel Packard Harvey; 11/10 Lauren Pauly; 11/11 Marisa Ostrowsky;
 11/20 Joyce Rothfuss; 11/21 Richard Jackson; 11/23 Willis Ferrel; 11/25 Suzanne Mills;
 11/26 Karen Diliberto, Nancy Quigley; 11/27 Samantha Kemp;
 1128 Stephanie Packard, Dominic Villaaruel; 11/29 Riley Israel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Chuck & Joyce Rothfuss 11/20

NOTICE: Anyone using the facilities (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, kitchen, or any room downstairs) needs to fill out the contact tracing log. It is located on the white table by the entrance to the Fellowship Hall.

NOTICE: The Christmas program the church has participated in over the years. Due to Covid there are changes, but they are proceeding with the program. This is what they are suggesting:

Each family will be given a food box

Individual gifts, that we would put on our angel tree will not be allowed this year. They are suggesting gift cards and they will hand those out to the families. We are hoping you will participate this holiday season as we have done before. Nonperishable food can be brought in at any time and left in our big basket which right now is in the Fellowship Hall.

Gift cards for \$20 - \$25 can be brought in on any Saturday/Sunday and give to anyone on the Worship Team, Bev. Hart, Mary Smith, Kathy Courtney, Mary Miller, Jill Escriva or myself Karen Yorks.

Thank you in advance for your donations during this holiday season. Karen Yorks

<u>DATES & ARTICLES of interest to both</u> <u>Macedon Center & South Perinton</u>

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.

<u>BOTH</u> *Macedon Center & the South Perinton Churches* are holding worship services inside at a safe distance and with face masks on. Come join us!

TUESDAY, NOV. 3

ELECTION DAY HAM DINNER at the Macedon Center UM Church. Take-Out Only, Serving 4:00 PM until gone!

Serving: Ham, baked potato, coleslaw, vegetables, a roll and a treat.

All Dinners - \$10

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

(Special Offering)

SOUTH PERINTON UMC

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TAKE-OUT ONLY – Serving 4:00 PM until gone. All dinners \$10.

MON., NOV. 9: 9:00 AM, CHURCH QUILTERS MEETING in the Fellowship Hall at the South Perinton UMC.

WED., NOV. 11: VETERANS DAY

SUN., NOV. 22: 4th Sunday – FOOD DONATION SUNDAY (Food Cupboard at MC Church in need of donations.)

THURS., NOV. 26: THANKSGIVING DAY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those in NOVEMBER: 11/1 Rick Murray, Brianna Darrow;
11/2 Joan Darrow Keirn; 11/3 Floris Lent; 11/7 Janice Young; 11/8 Virginia Darrow;
11/11 Rich Beckman, Brian Wahl, Alice Vivian Laskowski; 11/15 Eli Schaner;
11/17 Tim Montroy; 11/19 Logan Phelps; 11/20 Heidi Lux; 11/21 Curtis Gippe;
11/23 Willis Ferrel; 11/24 Joni Montroy; 11/25 May Ellsworth, Judy Brown Wahl;
11/26 Nancy Quigley; 11/28 Rebecca LeGrett; 11/30 Becky Gerber Luckman.

WE Extend Our Heartfelt Sympathy to **Wayne Wright & Family** on the recent loss of Wayne's father **Fred Wright** on Sunday, October 4, 2020..

WE Extend Our Heartfelt Sympathy to Richard Roberts, husband and David Roberts, Son, family and friends of Ruth Roberts. **Ruth Roberts** went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. Ruth was a very active member of the South Perinton UM Church since September 1944. Ruth will be greatly missed by all who knew her. A Memorial Service was held at the South Perinton UM Church, Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

<u>A LETTER OF THANKS</u> has been received from (CWS) Church World Service for the \$160 donated from the South Perinton UMC for Blankets.