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I want to take this moment to thank each and every one of you for the time we have shared this past year. As we look back at all that we have accomplished together and all that God has provided to us over this year, we thank him for all he has done for us and with us. We ask for his guidance into our future time with him.

The Lord blesses us with new beginnings with peace, hope, joy and love. As we journey into our New Year together, may those blessings of the Lord be with us. May the Spirit that he has given us, fill our hearts with the ability to continue to do the Lord's work.

I'm looking forward to the opportunity to share in worship together in this New Year, as a family of faith within the Stirling community. I feel God's presence in everything we share and I know that he will continue to be with us on our path in faith.

I want to encourage you to pause and examine your personal walk with God, as we head into the New Year. I have come to realize how important our daily walk with God really is. I love those times when God shows up and makes some immediate changes in our lives – and yet, it's the daily walk with God that ultimately transforms us. We need to put those walks to good use.

May God's peace be with you all this year.

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Carol Merrill, Worship Leader

***Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.***