



A Letter From Jim

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Dear McEachern Members and Friends,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ; I give thanks for you as I hear of your love for all the saints and your work in ministry.

As I have travelled throughout our congregation in our neighborhood meetings one of the concerns I have heard is in the arena of communications. Now, that is a perennial problem in organizations, and a constant need in large organizations like McEachern. Wanting to be part of the solution, I have established a blog where we can have informal discussions and send out the good news from McEachern. You can access the blog from our website at www.mceachernumc.org by clicking on the link "Dr. Jim's Blog". Or you can go directly to the blog by typing in the URL <http://mceachernumc.blogspot.com>. Make sure to leave comments!

While you are at the site you will see an icon that will direct you to the website that will allow you to sign up to have your portrait taken for our new church directory. You may register online from October 8th to October 31st. If you are not on the web, you can make your reservation in person on the second floor of the Christian Life Center each Sunday from October 7th to November 4th. Our photography dates are set for November 6th-11th, November 13th-17th, and December 4th-8th. Our goal is for 100% of our members to participate in our new directory. Our new pictorial directory will not be complete without you!

This Sunday, October 7th, is World Communion Sunday. Together with Christians around the world we will join around a common table and participate in The Lord's Supper. I will be preaching about the importance and meaning of the sacrament for United Methodists. We will also be taking up a special offering for World Communion Sunday. Six times throughout the year United Methodist congregations celebrate church wide Special Sundays with offerings. Our support is critical to the survival of these important ministries and for sharing God's gifts around the world. The World Communion Sunday offering goes to support the Crusade Scholarship Program and the Ethnic Minority Scholarship program. I am almost embarrassed to say this, but if each worshipper this Sunday gave only \$1 to this offering, we would increase last year's offering over tenfold! I encourage you to pray about this special offering and to give generously.

Don't forget the United Methodist Men's Fall Barbeque on Saturday, October 13, at 11 a.m. There will be pork, chicken, cole slaw, beans, bread, and chips. All proceeds will benefit mission projects. While you are getting your BBQ, make sure to stop by and get your car washed by our Youth Choir. There is no set price; it's by donation only. This project helps fund the Christmas Outreach Tour.

Almighty God, we give you thanks that we belong to a Church that values the educated mind and the warmed heart. Thank you for the opportunity we have to assist the least, the last, and the lost in obtaining an education so they can glorify you. Be with us, and guide us, as we seek to communicate the good news of the Kingdom of God revealed through Jesus Christ in ever more effective ways. Forgive us, and bless us, that we may be a blessing to others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who saves us, heals us, and empowers us to be his disciples. Amen.

God Bless,

Jim