



A Letter From Jim

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Dear McEachern Members and Friends,

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed Saturday night. In the past few years the start date for Daylight Savings Time has moved to the second Sunday in March. If you wonder why everyone is leaving the service you attend about the time you're showing up, it means that you forgot to move your clock ahead!

This Sunday we will be celebrating Scouting Ministries during our 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 traditional services. Scouting played a large role in my formative years. I was involved in Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Explorers. Earning my Eagle award is still one of the proudest moments of my life. We sponsor many Scouting groups in our congregation and I am proud to have the opportunity to have them in our services this week.

This Sunday afternoon we will hold our Confirmation Service. Cindy Blocksidge and Drew Stapleton, along with a horde of volunteers, have been working with our young folks preparing them for church membership. I encourage you to attend the 3:00 service in the sanctuary as these young men and women publicly proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ.

Each Lent we take up our "Thirty Pieces of Silver" offering. These funds are used for various mission projects. You will have the opportunity to pick up a bag to use for your offering this Sunday at Sunday school and in the narthex. Please return your offering on Palm Sunday, March 19th, at the close of the service you attend.

Have you checked out our website lately? We're getting rave reviews over the new format and all the videos on the site. Go to www.mceachernumc.org to check it out. Make sure to save it in your "Favorites" so you can access it regularly for the latest McEachern news.

Last Sunday I mentioned the "Nothing But Nets" campaign in my sermon. Nothing But Nets is a global, grassroots campaign to save lives by preventing malaria, a leading killer of children in Africa. Sports Illustrated columnist Rick Reilly challenged his readers to donate \$10 for the purchase of an anti-malaria bed net, and thousands of people have joined the campaign. The people of The United Methodist Church, along with Sports Illustrated, NBA Cares, the United Nations Foundation and several other groups, are raising funds to purchase bed nets to end malaria. You can join the cause and contribute money for bed nets that will keep children and families safe. Check out [Nothing But Nets](#) for more information, or drop your check or cash in the offering plate and mark it "Nothing But Nets".

Finally, McEachern is hosting the district lay speaking workshops this year. These classes are for anyone who would like to sharpen their communication and speaking skills to share in ministry leadership. The classes will meet on four consecutive Thursdays from April 17th to May 8th from 7-9:30 p.m. For more information and an application contact Linda Galloway at lindag@mceachernumc.org.

Almighty God, as we approach the end of our Lenten journey, keep us ever mindful of the sacrifice you made on our behalf. Help us to live lives worthy of that sacrifice. All this we ask in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

God Bless,