



A Letter From Jim

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Dear McEachern Members and Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Father God and of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We are in the midst of the holiest and most solemn week of the Christian year. I hope you are making plans to be a part of this week's special services.

Maundy Thursday. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum" or mandate. We remember on this day that Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. This day also marks the commemoration of the institution of The Lord's Supper. We will celebrate this service tomorrow in the sanctuary at 7 p.m.

The most somber service of the season is on March 21st with our **Good Friday** service. Reverends Cindy Blocksidge and Donna Goff are preparing a special service for us at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Then, finally, this Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus in our **Easter Sunday** services. We are encouraging all our regular worship attendees, especially our 9:30 worshipers, to consider coming to the 8:15 service in order to make room for all our guests at the 9:30 and 11:00 services. You, of course, are welcome to attend any of the services that best fit your need. For Easter Sunday, and Easter Sunday only, we will move the 8:15 service from the chapel to the sanctuary. We have made arrangements for you to park in the lots across New Macland Road on Easter Sunday. Let me encourage those of us who are able to park there and in the upper lots to do so in order that our older members and those with physical limitations can park near the buildings; it is a great way to be a servant leader and show true hospitality.

On a less somber note, I have been asked to remind you that the **Mary-Martha Circle** will have their **Chocolate-covered Easter Eggs** available for sale this evening from 5-6:30pm near the 2nd floor CLC elevator, Saturday at the Easter Egg Hunt and again Easter Sunday near the 2nd floor CLC elevator.

Quantities are limited.

Loving Lord. This week we remember your final week on earth. We remember your commandment to love one another as you love us. We commemorate your death, and look forward to the celebration of your resurrection. Help us to feel the depth of your anguish and passion that we may experience the triumph of your rising from the dead. Enable us to live as Easter people! Amen.

God Bless,