

Easter Hill United Methodist Church | March 12, 2023

Rev. Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon, Pastor

Our Mission is to know Christ and to make Christ Known



Third Sunday in Lent

Worship Celebration | **3rd Sunday of Lent** | **Year A**

March 12, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. | The star (✦) indicates where we are to stand.

THE PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Alvin Lambert

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

The way is long, and we are thirsty.

We seek the living waters of Jesus.

We feel the weight of scarcity warring with hopeful whispers of abundance.

We need the living waters of Jesus.

We wonder if God will provide us with what we need, *here and now*.

As God gives us the living waters of Jesus, so God calls us to quench the thirst and meet the needs of our neighbors.

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.

- ✦ OPENING SONG p. 133, UM Hymnal
“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
- ✦ PRAISE SONG p. 122, Zion Still Sings
“Come and Go With Me”
- PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Dale
Prayer requests via online @ www.easterhill.org/prayer
- PRAYER SONG p. 273, AAHH
“He Touched Me”

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Mr. Alvin Lambert

Lay Servant: It's offering time!

Church: Praise the Lord!

How to make your offering via the "Giving link @ www.easterhill.org/giving"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Alvin Lambert

DOXOLOGY

p. 94, UM Hymnal

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

Ms. Karolyn Langston

THE WORD OF GOD

Exodus 17: 1-7

John 4: 5-42

Mr. Louie Lock

Mr. Alvin Lambert

MUSICAL SELECTION

Mrs. Jo Ann Lawson, Soloist

"Walk in the Light"

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Dale

✦ CLOSING SONG

p. 42, Songs of Zion

"Where He Leads Me"

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor Dale

As you leave today, may you be blessed with thirst that produces compassion, with living waters that restore your soul, and with a heart flowing with the healing waters that our parched world desperately needs. Amen. *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.*

CONDOLENCES to the family of **Mrs. Gussie Berry** who joined the band of heavenly angels on **Thursday, March 2, 2023**. Ninety-seven years young. Let us give God thanks for Gussie's life and faithful witness. Let us keep Gussie's family, especially her daughters Shirley, Sue Ann, Marian, Eddie and Debbie and her granddaughter Destiny in our prayers. A funeral service will be held at Easter Hill on **Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 11 a.m.**



OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY & SERVICE

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

“The Worship Committee will meet promptly at **11:45 am TODAY!** This will be our first meeting of the year and we look forward to seeing you.”

LENTEN STUDY – the six-week Lenten Study, using *“Faithful Lent: Connecting the Practices of Lent and Anti-Racism”* The next class held via Zoom will be **March 15 @ 6p**. Contact Joyce in the church office or Pastor Dale via email (pastordale316@gmail.com) to receive the link invitation and study materials.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY



The Adult Bible Study will meet on **Wednesday, March 15** at **1p** via Zoom. Contact Barbara Scott with any questions. [We Make the Road by Walking, by Brian McLaren](#) is the book used for the study.

TRUSTEE BOARD



The Trustee Board will have their monthly meeting on **Thursday, March 16** at **5 p.m. via Zoom**. An invitation to join the meeting through Zoom will be emailed to you prior to the meeting. All trustee board members are urged to attend.

ELDERTECH ACADEMY: Let's Get Back To Work! | March 17



Computer tutoring is being offered through the Eldertech Academy via Zoom each week. There will be **One class session per week: Fridays at 11:00 a.m.** The Zoom link invitation will be sent to you each week prior to the session. If you would like to join the class, contact the church office to give us your email address.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Mission and Outreach will be collecting Sandwiches at the church from **9a-10a** on **Saturday, March 18** to feed the homeless. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



SHEPHERDS

The Shepherds' Ministry meeting is **Sunday, March 19 at 12:30p** following the 10 am worship service. Contact the church office to be put on the Zoom invitation list. All shepherds are urged to attend.

MISSION & OUTREACH – Heifer Ark



Fill the ark is a missions-giving program that spans four weeks. It offers real life solutions to world hunger and shows that one can make a difference in today's world. As you fill a giving bank with money. Your gift can share God's love and end hunger and poverty around the world. So, pick up your arks today and return them **April 12, 2023**. If you would like to make a donation via check, make it out to Easter Hill with Heifer in the memo section. **Mission and Outreach Committee**

**I AM
NAACP
ARE YOU?**

TEXT JOIN TO 20707
TO BECOME A MEMBER.

#JOINNAACP

The poster features a collage of diverse people's faces in the background, overlaid with a yellow and blue gradient. The text is bold and black.

Join the NAACP

The time is now. By becoming a member of NAACP, you'll join a network of activists standing up to injustice, fighting back against systemic racism, and answering the call for equality. **THRIVE WITH US** It's one thing to succeed as a community – it's another thing to thrive. For more information contact: M Braxton or E Avelino

NEXT SUNDAY
March 19, 2023

SPECIAL SUNDAY
UMCOR

UMCOR SUNDAY
Support the sustainable work of UMCOR

GIVE NOW

The advertisement shows a group of people wading through water, wearing colorful plastic boots. The text is overlaid on a white background at the bottom.

Dear Easter Hill family and friends,

It's that time of year and we're excited to share our plans for our **71st Women's Day** Celebration at Easter Hill United Methodist Church.



United
Women
in Faith

Our featured speaker will be **Reverend Carol Estes**.

It will be held in person and live streamed on **Sunday, April 23, 2023**, at 10:00a.m. during our regularly scheduled church service. We look forward to an uplifting and prayerfully inspired worship service.

We invite you to share in our chosen colors. We hope you'll come dressed in **Shades of Purple**.

Our mission theme for this year is: **A Mosaic of Love, Faith and Hope**.

We invite all who are interested to join in our Women's Choir Ensemble.

Please Contact our Women's Day Chair Karolyn Langston or our President Kimberly Nutting if there are questions or interest in joining.

Our **assessment is \$160.00** and all checks should be made out to "Women of Easter Hill" and given to Ms. Marion Laurant. Assessment envelopes will be provided for you beginning **March 12**.

We will accept donations for Memorials and In Honor of -or In Celebration of someone and these special acknowledgements will be printed in the program. Forms for donations are available beginning **March 12** and must be returned by **April 9th**. Please see Ms. Marion Laurant for the forms and any additional information.

You may nominate someone for the "**Bobbie Alexander Award**" by filling out an Nomination form on the following page. Please see return the form to the committee members listed on the form by **April 9**. No late nominations will be considered





United
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Bobbie L. Alexander Award Nomination

Nominee's Name	Date
Name of Person Submitting Nomination	

The Bobbie L. Alexander Award is reserved for women-like Bobbie, who have served the United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women's) Organization above the call of duty in Christian and Community Service

This service could include any area of service in the church/ community i.e.: Choir, VBS, Mission, Prayer Ministry, facilitating a Bible Study class, teaching Sunday School, serving meals at the Souper Center, visiting those who are incarcerated, attending City Council meetings or any other type of civic or service involvement. The list could include so much more.

Please describe in detail how your nominee makes a difference in the life of others and why she is a good candidate to receive the Bobbie L. Alexander Award in 2023.

Please return nominations for this award to:

Carolyn Benjamin | 510 222-7320 | wescam35@yahoo.com

Barbara Williams | 510 967-9847 | wiyata550@yahoo.com

Gladys Carey-Sewell | 510 685-5979 | mandg@comcast.net

Deadline for submission is April 9, 2023 | *Late nominations will not be accepted*



CALENDAR EVENTS

March 13 – March 19, 2023

Monday, March 13, 2023

10:20a CD Group | [via Zoom](#)
7p Q Place | [via Zoom](#)

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

6p UWF Women's Day Committee | [via Zoom](#)

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

1p Adult Bible Study | [via Zoom](#)
6p LENTON STUDY | [via Zoom](#)

Thursday, March 16, 2023

5p Trustee Board | [Via Zoom](#)
7p Freedom School Steering Committee | [via Zoom](#)

Friday, March 17, 2023

11a ElderTech Academy | [Via Zoom](#)

Saturday, March 18, 2023

9a-10a GRIP Sandwich Collection
9a Prayer Ministry | [via Zoom](#)
11:30a UWF Executive Board | [via Zoom & In person](#)
12:30p UWF General Meeting | [via Zoom](#)

Sunday, March 19, 2023

10a Worship Service (Lectionary Year A)
In-person Attendance | Live Stream on Facebook
UMCOR SUNDAY – Special Offering
11:30a Choir Rehearsal
12:30p Shepherds

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFO

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STAFF

Rev. Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon, Pastor
Rev. Phil Lawson, Pastor Emeritus
Dr. Anthony Gordon, Co Senior Lay Servant
Linda Wright, Co Senior Lay Servant
Rev. Dr. D. Mark Wilson, Director of Music
Audrey Cormier, Organist
Kimberly Harvey, Director, Voices of Easter Hill
Joyce Clark, Administrative Assistant

Bishop Sally Dyck, Interim Bishop
Rev. Shinya Goto, District Superintendent

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

All creation is of sacred worth. All humans are sacred images of God. Easter Hill United Methodist Church affirms, without reservation, Jesus' life, and ministry of unconditional love. As an inclusive and nurturing family of families, Easter Hill will continue to welcome and offer hospitality to all persons regardless of age, race, gender orientation, religious, economic, educational, or social status.

Celebrating Women's History Month

