

Second Sunday in Lent

Easter Hill United Methodist Church | March 5, 2023

Rev. Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon, Pastor

Our Mission is to know Christ and to make Christ Known



Worship Celebration | **2nd Sunday of Lent | Year A**

March 5, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. | The star (✦) indicates where we are to stand.

A GATHERING MEDITATION

Mr. Alvin Lamber

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Alvin Lambert

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

When God says, “Go!” without telling us the destination,

Show us, Christ, how to go forward in faith.

When re-birth is the impossible way forward,

Christ, be our midwife as we accept God’s call to be reborn.

When we find ourselves in the in-between of where we’ve been and where we’re going,

Christ, meet us on the way and bless us in the going.

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. 555, AAHH

“If Jesus Goes With Me”

✦ PRAISE SONG

p. 404, AAHH

“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Dale

Prayer requests via online @ www.easterhill.org/prayer

PRAYER SONG

p. 228, AAHH

“O, How He Loves You and 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 SONG

“The Lord is Blessing Me”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Alvin Lambert

DOXOLOGY

p. 94, UM Hymnal

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

Mrs. Vicki Carr-Trotter

THE WORD OF GOD

Genesis 12: 1-4a

John 3: 1-21

Mr. Alvin Lambert

Mrs. Vicki Carr-Trotter

MUSICAL SELECTION

"I Shall Wear A Crown"

Voices of Easter Hill

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Dale

*CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Dale

**Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:
Hear our prayer.**

**There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
From one another and from You.**

**We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
For fear of admitting our part in the separation,
For fear of being rejected when we reach out.**

**You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
To a wholeness with each other and with You.**

Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations

Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION SELECTION

p. 257, AAHH

"There Is A Fountain"

✦ CLOSING SONG

p. 544, AAHH

"I'll Overcome Someday"

CLOSING BENEDICTION

Pastor Dale

We came to worship

We go now to serve.

We have been given the light.

We go now to let it shine.

We have been blessed by God's love.

We go now to share it.

We are Christ's disciples.

We go now to witness to all. Amen.



CONGRATULATIONS to **Horacio & Estelle Avelino** who just celebrated their **64th Wedding Anniversary** on March 2, 2023!

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, Marion, Eddie and Debbie and her granddaughter Destiny in our prayers.

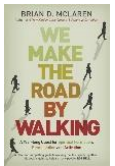


OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY & SERVICE



LENTEN STUDY – the six-week Lenten Study, using *“Faithful Lent: Connecting the Practices of Lent and Anti-Racism,”* will be held via Zoom each **Wednesday,**

March 1 through April 5. Sign-up to receive the study material and the Zoom link by contacting Joyce in the church office or Pastor Dale via email (pastordale316@gmail.com). Our next class is: **March 8 @ 6p**



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study will meet on **Wednesday, March 8** 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.

SENIOR MINISTRY

The next Senior Ministry meeting will be held on **March 9, 2023** at **2:00 p. m.** in person at the church.

ELDERTECH ACADEMY: Let's Get Back To Work! | March 10



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.

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

The next UMM meeting will be held via Zoom on **Friday, March 10** at **6 p.m.** All United Methodist Men are urged to attend!



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee will meet promptly at **11:45 am** on **March 12, 2023.** This will be our first meeting of the year and we look forward to seeing you at the church.

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**



Intercultural Competency Training

CRCC Culture Labs 1 & 2
Saturday, March 11, 2023
9-noon via Zoom

Open to all clergy and laity. Required for clergy and their SPRC in cross-racial, cross-cultural (CRCC) appointments.

Registration Deadline: March 5
[2023 CRCC--Culture Labs 1&2](https://www.brtapp.com)
([brtapp.com](https://www.brtapp.com))



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Intercultural Competence—
the ability to communicate and
work well with people from
different cultural/racial
backgrounds.

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**.

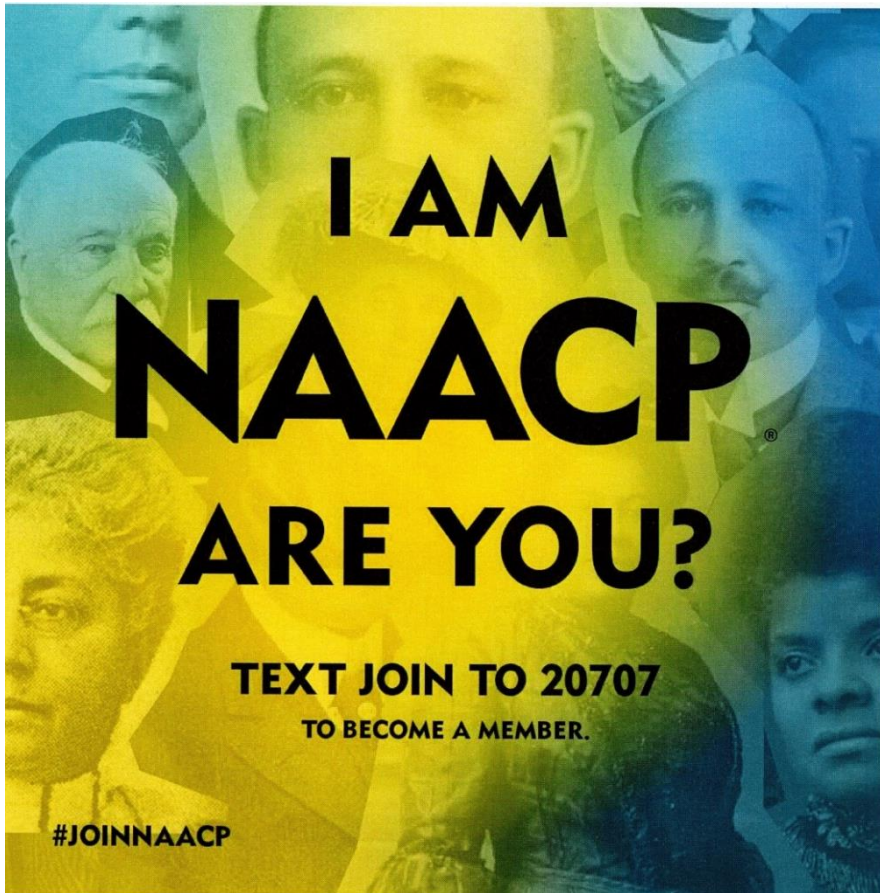
It will be held in person and live streamed on **Sunday, April 23, 2023**, at 10:00a.m. during our regularly scheduled church service. We look forward to an uplifting and prayerfully inspired worship service.

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.



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



CALENDAR EVENTS

MARCH 6 - MARCH 12, 2023

Monday, March 6, 2023

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

Tuesday, March 7 2023

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

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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

Thursday, March 9, 2023

2p Senior Ministry

Friday, March 10, 2023

11a ElderTech Academy | [Via Zoom](#)
6p UMM Meeting | [Via Zoom](#)

Saturday, March 11, 2023

9a Prayer Ministry | [via Zoom](#)

Sunday, March 12, 2023

10a Worship Service (Lectionary Year A)
In-person Attendance | [Live Stream on Facebook](#)
11:45a Worship Committee



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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.

