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Easter Hill United Methodist Church | September 17, 2023
Rev. Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon, Pastor
Our Mission is to know Christ and to make Christ Known

Worship Celebration | **16th Sunday after Pentecost** | Year A

September 17, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.

The star (★) indicates where we are to stand.

WELCOME

Pastor Dale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Jo Ann Lawson

Children of God, when we face strife, upset, and harm in our midst, we so often turn to God and ask:

How many times should I forgive?

When Jesus answers that we should forgive again and again and again, we are tempted to repeat the question:

How many times should I forgive?

Until God turns the question around: “How many times have I forgiven you?”

Seventy times seven.

“How many times have I loved you?”

Seventy times seven.

“How many times has my grace been sufficient for you?”

Seventy times seven.

Let us learn, then, how to forgive not out of our own power, but out of God’s, who forgives us that we might be free to learn to live with one another well.

Amen.

[Ushers may seat the worshipers]

★ OPENING SONG

p. 158, AAHH

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

★ SONG OF PRAISE

p. 23, Songs of Zion

“Leave It There”

[Ushers may seat the worshipers, please remain seated]

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Pastor Dale

PRAYER HYMN

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

[Ushers may seat the worshipers]

p. 357, UM Hymnal

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Lay Servant: It's offering time!

Church: Praise the Lord!

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

Mrs. Jo Ann Lawson

OFFERTORY SONG

Rev. Carolyn Anderson

Guest pianist

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Jo Ann Lawson

✦ DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

[Ushers may seat the worshipers]

p. 94, UM Hymnal

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Mrs. Vicki Carr-Trotter

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 103

Matthew 18: 21-35

Ms. Jo Ann Lawson

Volunteer

MUSICAL SELECTION

“One More Day”

[Ushers may seat the worshipers]

Voices of Easter Hill

p. 538, AAHH

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Dale

✦ CLOSING SONG

“Nothing but the Blood”

[Remain standing]

p. 362, UM Hymnal

BENEDICTION

Pastor Dale

SENIOR MINISTRY AUCTION FUNDRAISER | *4 Great Legends*



SEPTEMBER 3– OCTOBER 3, 2023

The opening bid would start at \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) minimum. The auction would run for one month starting *September 3, 2023 through October 3, 2023*. The highest bidder will receive the picture. If you would like to submit a bid complete the “*bid form*” below and put it in the “*Senior*” mailbox.

Bid Form

Name: _____

Contact Info: _____

Bid (*Minimum \$100*): _____

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY & SERVICE

SHEPHERDS

The Shepherds’ Ministry next meeting will be **TODAY** at **12:45p** following the 10 am worship service. Contact the church office to be put on the Zoom invitation list. All shepherds are urged to attend.

GRIEF GROUP

The Grief Group will meet on **Monday, September 18 @ 1:00 p.m.** in the Beulah Room.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Young Adult Bible Study will meet on **Wednesday, September 20 @ 6:00 p.m.** in the Beulah Room.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study will pick up where they left off with, [We Make the Road by Walking, by Brian McLaren](#) They will meet on **Wednesday, September 20** at **1p** via Zoom. Contact Barbara Scott with any questions.

TRUSTEE BOARD

The Trustee Board will meet on **Thursday, September 21, 2023** at **6 p.m.** via Zoom.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH (UWF)

Our next general meeting has been postponed to **Saturday, September 23 @ 12:30p**. Are you interested in becoming a member or planning events with the UWF? Please share your thoughts with Kimberly Nutting at BlakBrit@sbcglobal.net | (510)734-5141 or Karolyn Langston at californiakid57@hotmail.com | (510) 689-8288.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee has been postponed to **Sunday, September 24** promptly at **11:45 am** in the Beulah Room immediately following the worship service.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY | Information sessions



Join us for our upcoming Zoom information sessions to learn more about the **CLM program** and **LSM Course Offerings!** Choose from one of the following dates and times:

- **Wednesday, September 20, 12 Noon - 1 pm**
- **Saturday, September 23, 9 am - 10 am**

To secure a spot, please register using this link <https://Calnev-reg.brapp.com/LaityInfoSession202324CertifiedLayMinistryCLMTraining71>. Once registered, you'll receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link for the session. We look forward to virtually meeting you and providing all the information you need to embark on this meaningful educational journey!

SAVE THE DATE

The Richmond Commission on Aging

City of Richmond Community Services – Recreation Division

Proudly Presents

Fire Safety Prevention Workshop

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Richmond Memorial Auditorium – Bermuda Room

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Doors Open At 9:30 AM

Lite Refreshments Will Be Served

*For More Information Contact CSD Registration 510.620.6793

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – Joint Worship with Epworth UMC Sunday, Oct 1 at 10am



Please mark your calendars. Easter Hill UMC will be worshipping with Epworth UMC, 1953 Hopkins Street in Berkeley at 10am on World Communion Sunday, October 1. There will be no physical worship service at Easter Hill that morning. The service will be live-streamed on FaceBook. Stay tune for more information.

ALL ARE WELCOME...SPREAD THE WORD!

Jack Jezreel, founder of JustFaith Ministries, <https://justfaith.org/about-us/staff/> is visiting the Bay Area in early October.

He is the guest preacher at Epworth UMC for World Communion Sunday, when we worship with Easter Hill UMC on the Epworth Campus.

Later that Sunday, October 1, Easter Hill UMC will host a presentation on their campus by Jack titled *"The Gospel Invitation to Wholeness: Strategies for Transformation."*

Please come and bring your congregation leaders.

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. The event will begin promptly at 4:00 p.m.

To register the QR code below or visit: <https://justfaith.org/the-gospel-invitation-to-wholeness-strategies-for-transformation/>

Please feel free to invite family and friends.

I hope to see you there!

In faith,

Pastor Debbie and Pastor Dale



JUSTFAITH
ministries

SAVE THE DATE!!!

37TH Annual Harmony Walk

OCTOBER 28TH, 2023
9 AM - 2 PM

@ NICHOLL PARK IN RICHMOND

GREATER RICHMOND INTERFAITH PROGRAM
PRESENTS THE 37TH ANNUAL



Join us for food trucks, live music, a raffle, a short walk/fun run, a tour of GRIP's shelter, talks with community leaders, and more!

Register to get a t-shirt, free ice cream, and other goodies!

www.gripcares.org



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For more information and registration see Cecile Smith.

CALENDAR EVENTS | SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2023

Monday, September 18, 2023

10:30a CD Group | [Via Zoom](#)
1p Grief Group | [Beulah Room](#)
7p Q Place | [Via Zoom](#)

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

1p Adult Bible Study | [Via Zoom](#)
6p Young Adult Bible Study | [Beulah Room](#)

Thursday, September 21, 2023

5p Trustee Board | [Via Zoom](#)

Friday, September 22, 2023

Saturday, September 23, 2023

9a Prayer Ministry | [Via Zoom](#)
12:30p UWF General Meeting | [Via Zoom](#)
3p Choir Rehearsal | [Sanctuary](#)

Sunday, September 24, 2023

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

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. Carolyn Anderson, Guest Pianist
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.

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