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EASTER HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | MARCH 17, 2024
REV. DR. DALE M. WEATHERSPOON, PASTOR
OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

Worship Celebration | **Fifth Sunday in Lent** | **Year B**

March 17, 2024 | 10:00 a.m.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Jo Ann Lawson

Lenten travelers, how long have you traveled this road with your gaze pointed down at the dust, gravel, and asphalt as you walk or limp or roll down the path?

Sometimes it is easier to look at the road than at the people who share the journey with us.

Lift up your heads! Look, listen, reach out a hand. Who are your neighbors on this road?

We lift our heads and look to our Savior who journeys with us and helps us notice our neighbors all around us.

This is the Lenten journey—to learn to love God and love our neighbors just as Jesus showed us.

Our journey teaches us to lose our lives to God as we find and follow Christ in our service to others.

Come, let us worship God who caravans with us on this road to the cross.

Come, let us worship! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, October 2023.

[Ushers may seat the worshipers]

✦ HYMN OF WORSHIP

p. 133, UM Hymnal

“Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”

THE WORD OF GOD

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Mrs. Jo Ann Lawson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Dale

Love that knows no boundaries: we crowd our lives with so much activity that it is hard to find time for you. We become so focused on ourselves; we can overlook those around us who are searching for hope. We fill our spiritual emptiness with junk, rather than feasting on your Word.

Abundant Mercy, forgive us. Open our eyes, that we may see your new covenant written in plain sight on our hearts. Open our hearts, that we may join you in serving the broken of the world. Open our love, so we may pour it out as abundantly and graciously as your love is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Written by Thom Shuman and posted on his [Lectionary Liturgies](http://www.lectionaryliturgies.com) blog. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/02/prayer-of-confession-lent-5-b_22.html.

✦ WORSHIP IN PRAISE p. 122, Zion Still Sings
“Come and Go With Me”

[Ushers may seat the worshipers, please remain seated]

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Dale
Prayer requests via online @ www.easterhill.org/prayer

PRAYER HYMN p. 640, AAHH
“Always Remember Jesus”

[Ushers may seat the worshipers]

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS Mrs. Jo Ann Lawson
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 Mrs. Jo Ann Lawson

MUSICAL OFFERING Monitor
“I’m Free”

✦ DOXOLOGY p. 94, UM Hymnal
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

[Ushers may seat the worshipers]



BAPTISMAL COVENANT I

Pastor Dale
Page 33-37, UM Hymnal

TODAY

Naomi Lynn Chaisson
is being presented for Holy Baptism

Parents: Frank Chaisson, III and Destiny Chaisson

Grandparents: Frank Chaisson, Jr., Nancy Chaisson, Deborah Berry &
James Harvey

Godparents: Changez Shalmani & Malauni Chaisson

MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

Mrs. Vicki Carr Trotter

THE WORD OF GOD

John 12: 20-33

Volunteer

SERMONIC HYMN

Voices of Easter Hill

[Ushers may seat the worshipers]

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Dale

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Dale

✦ WORSHIP IN SONG

"I'm Yours, Lord!"

Monitor

[Remain standing]

BENEDICTION

Pastor Dale

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY & SERVICE

SHEPHERDS

The Shepherds' Ministry is **TODAY** at **12:15p** following the 10 am worship service. Contact the church office to be put on the Zoom invitation list. All shepherds are urged to attend.

PAPER BIRDS
KATIE DAHL
CLAUDIA RUSSELL
BRUCE KAPLAN
RICH HIGDON

SONGWRITERS IN FLIGHT!

PT. RICHMOND ACOUSTIC
@THE FIRST METHODIST
CHURCH OF POINT RICHMOND

SUN MARCH 17, 2024, 3PM

GRIEF GROUP

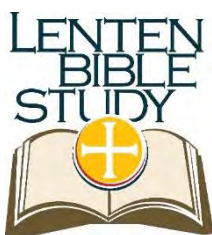
The Grief group will meet in the Beulah room on **Monday, March 18** at **1 p.m.**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

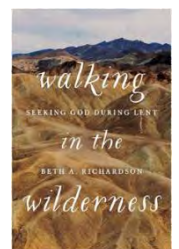
The Adult Bible Study will be choosing a new book at their next meeting on **Wednesday, March 20** at **1p** via Zoom. Contact Barbara Scott with any ideas, suggestions, or questions.

LENTON BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS; MARCH 20 & 27 FROM 6:00PM-7:15PM



Lent is a season of preparation leading to Easter Sunday. The Lenten Season is forty days, not counting Sundays, beginning with Ash Wednesday (this year February 14). Each Wednesday evening we will gather via Zoom for a time of study and reflection. We will be using the book **“Walking in the Wilderness: Seeking God during Lent”** by Beth A. Richardson. Purchase your book today on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), [Thriftbooks](https://www.thriftbooks.com) or [Cokesbury](https://www.cokesbury.com). To register to receive the Zoom link, please contact Joyce in the church office or Pastor Dale. Even if you don't plan to attend the Lenten Study, it is recommended you purchase the book to use.



TRUSTEE BOARD

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

ELDERTECH ACADEMY: Our next session will be March 22

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



Members Class
Find Out More About Our Church

ALL ARE WELCOMED!!!

There will be a "New Member" class given by Pastor Dale on **Saturday, March 23rd** from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Come and learn about the United Methodist Church and learn about Easter Hill ministries and our community involvement. All are welcome, especially if you are ready to join the church.

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH (UWF)



We are excited to announce that our "**72nd Women's Day Celebration**" will be held in person and live streamed on Sunday, **April 21, 2024**, at **10:00 a.m.** during the regular worship service. The guest speaker is **Ms. Lorraine Weatherspoon**. The theme is "**The Winds of Change**" and the scripture is **John 3:8**. The color is shades of blue. We are prayerful that the program will be a blessing and an inspiring worship experience. We also anticipate an in-person Women's Day Choir.

Are you interested in participating in the Women's Day Choir? We would love to have you sing with us on **Sunday, April 21** during the 10:00 am Women's Day Service. Please contact Kimberly Nutting at (510)734-5141 or Marion Lourant at (510) 283-5247 to express your interest.

United Women of Faith prayerfully request donations of a \$150 as you are able. Additionally, donations and messages of "Honors, Celebrations or Memorials" to be printed in the souvenir booklet must be received by April 8, 2024. Messages should not exceed 25 words. *(Please use the enclosed forms provided in your bulletin.)*

Epworth UMC, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley, CA, will be hosting an Adult Forum on **Sunday, March 24** from **1-2:30 pm** with snacks provided between 12:30-1 pm.

The purpose is to learn more about what's coming up at the General Conference. **Members of Easter Hill are invited to attend.**

Come learn about the 3 priorities and major pieces of legislation for General Conference 2024:

1. Remove the harmful language
 - a. Repeal the entire Traditional Plan and all LGBTQ prohibitions.
 - b. Adopt Revised Social Principles
2. Adopt Regionalization
3. Stop disaffiliations from restarting and expanding

Dr. Randall Miller, General Conference delegate and member of Epworth UMC, will talk about the Revised Social Principles. Rev. Dr. Israel Alvaran, Organizer, Western and North Central Jurisdictions Reconciling Ministries Network, will speak about Regionalization legislation. Rev. Dr. Dale Weatherspoon, also a General Conference delegate and an experienced delegate, will speak on the logistics of the General Conference.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory and honor of our beloved Felicia. *With much love and blessings, Charles and Sheila Phillips and family.*



CALENDAR EVENTS | MARCH 18-24, 2024

Monday, March 18 2024

10:30a CD Group | **Via Zoom**
1p Grief Group | **Beulah room**
6p Young Adult Bible Study | **Beulah room**
7p Q Place | **Via Zoom**

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

11a Q Place | **Via Zoom**
5:30p UWF Exec Board | **Via Zoom**
6p UWF Women's Day Committee | **Via Zoom**

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

1p Adult Bible Study | **Via Zoom**
6p Lenten Bible Study | **Via Zoom**

Thursday, March 21, 2024

6p Trustee Board | **Via Zoom**

Friday, March 22, 2024

11a Eldertech Computer Training | **Via Zoom**

Saturday, March 23, 2024

9a Prayer Ministry | **Via Zoom**
10a-12p NEW MEMBER CLASS | **Beulah room**
11:30a-1p Choir Rehearsal | **Sanctuary**

Sunday, March 3, 2024

10a Palm/Passion Sunday Worship (Lectionary Yr. B) |
In-person Attendance | *Live Stream on Facebook*

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, Director of Music
Audrey Cormier, Organist
Kimberly Harvey, Director, Voices of Easter Hill
Joyce Clark, Administrative Assistant

Rev. Minerva G. Carcaño, Resident 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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United Women in Faith

**United Women in Faith and Women of Easter Hill UMC
72nd Annual Women's Day Celebration
April 21, 2024**

Form for submitting "In Honor-Celebration- Memorial Message" to appear in souvenir book must be received by **April 8, 2024**

Submitted By: _____

Address: _____

In Honor— Celebration — Memory of (Name(s)):

Message: (25 words or less)

Total Donation Paid by check: \$ _____ Check # _____ or Cash _____

Distribution of Donation: + _____ \$ 150.00

_____ Other \$ _____

_____ Patron List \$ _____

Make check payable to: **Women of Easter Hill.**

Please mail or hand-deliver donations and completed forms in envelopes addressed as follows:

Women of Easter Hill

Attention: Marion Laurant, (email: marionlaurant@gmail.com)

Easter Hill United Methodist Church

3911 Cutting Boulevard

Richmond, California 94804

UWF/ Women of Easter Hill Annual Day Receipt — Date: _____

Check # _____ Check Amount \$ _____ or _____ Cash Amount: \$ _____

Received from: _____

Received by: _____



United Women in Faith

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 2024.

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 8, 2024
Late nominations will not be accepted