EASTER Hill UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon

Our Mission is to know Christ and to make Christ known

October 11, 2026

Easter Hill: a growing, thriving, diverse and intergenerational church

Worship Celebration | 20th Sunday After Pentecost | Year A

October 11, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

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

Wearing a mask while attending worship service in the sanctuary is optional. Also please register your attendance in the black attendance booklet in the pew.

WELCOME — Pastor Dale

CALL TO WORSHIP — Mr. John McGill

Beloved, God's never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God's always-present grace surrounds us, enlivening us to love ourselves and our neighbors just as Christ loves us.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

God's persistent peace sweeps through us, guarding our hearts and empowering us to live as agents of God's mercy and justice wherever we go.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2026.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION — Mr. John McGill

God, we come into Your presence
with praise and thanksgiving for Your faithful love.
Your love never fails—not even when we turn away from You:
when we ignore Your invitation,
or desert You for gods of our own making.
Even then, You do not abandon us,
but reach out—again and again—
inviting us back into relationship once more.

As You welcome us, so You welcome our prayers.
We bring them to You with confidence,
knowing that You will hear and answer.

We pray for the world You created and the people who share it with us:
- for countries caught up in war or violent conflict,
- for those whose homes and lives are threatened by natural disaster;
For these and all the other areas in our world where there is need and despair,
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our country and for its people:
- for our government leaders, federal and local,
- for our judicial system, police forces, and military,
- for our cities, towns, and rural communities,
- for employers and employees, for young and old,
For all who are part of this great country,
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our local community, the people of this city/town,
- for those who are unemployed,
- for those in prison
- for those who are hungry,
- for those who are alone and afraid,
For all our neighbors, both known and unknown to us,
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for this congregation—our siblings in Christ,
- for those who are ill or whose loved ones are ill,
- for those who are anxious about the future,
- for those struggling with their faith,
- for those who minister among us,
For all Your people in this place,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Pour out Your Spirit on us!
Fix our hearts and minds on what is true and honorable and right.

Give us the joy and peace that comes from knowing and doing Your will.
Keep us faithful to the call we have received in Christ Jesus, our Lord,
extending Your loving invitation to the world around us.
In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Adapted from Christine Longhurst, posted on the re:Worship blog at https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/09/prayers-of-people-october-9-2011.html

~WORSHIP IN PRAISE – **Joyful, We Adore Thee**	p. 120, AAHH or p.89 UMH
~MUSICAL SELECTION – **Give Thanks**	p. 2036, TFWS

[Ushers may seat the worshipers – Please register your attendance]

PASTORAL PRAYER	Pastor Dale
PRAYER HYMN – **God Will Take Care of You**	p. 138, AAHH
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Pastor Dale
BAPTISMAL COVENANT I	page 33, UM Hymnal

David Brannan is being presented for Holy Baptism

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS	p. 38-39, UM Hymnal

David Brannan | **Melissa Brown**

MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN	Ms. Karolyn Langston
Let the Children Come/Let the Children Go	
WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS	Mr. John McGill

Lay Servant: It's offering time!
Church: Praise the Lord!

SCAN ME

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER	Mr. John McGill
MUSICAL OFFERING – **Again, I Say Rejoice**	
~ DOXOLOGY -	p. 650, UM Hymnal
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	
SCRIPTURE READING – **Philippians 4: 1-9**	Volunteer
SERMONIC HYMN	Soloist
MESSAGE –	Pastor Dale
CLOSING SONG – **Til We're Together Again**	
BENEDICTION	Pastor Dale

~~~Thank you to everyone who attended my 99th Birthday Celebration on **Sunday, September 20**. Thank you for the Beautiful Cards and lovely 🎁 Gifts. .Your attendance made it a SPECIAL DAY. ***With Love, Myrtle Braxton***

~~~THANK YOU **Ofa & Soloman Lango** for preparing the delicious food for the After Church Hospitality time last Sunday (10/4). Volunteers are still needed to prepare refreshments for the After Church Social time together. Volunteers are reimbursed for the cost of food. Volunteers select the SIMPLE menu. 🙏 Thank you for VOLUNTEERING.

OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY AND TO SERVE | SAVE THE DATES!

TODAY @ 8:30 a.m. the UMM with have a meeting in the Mann-Swisher Hall.

TODAY immediately following worship service, join us in the Mann-Swisher Hall for a fellowship discussion with Ahmad Anderson.

Monday, October 12th the church office will be closed for Columbus Day.

Thursday, October 15 at 6 p.m. the Trustee Board meeting will be via Zoom.

Mission and Outreach will be collecting Sandwiches at the church from **9a-10a** on **Saturday, October 17** to feed the homeless. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

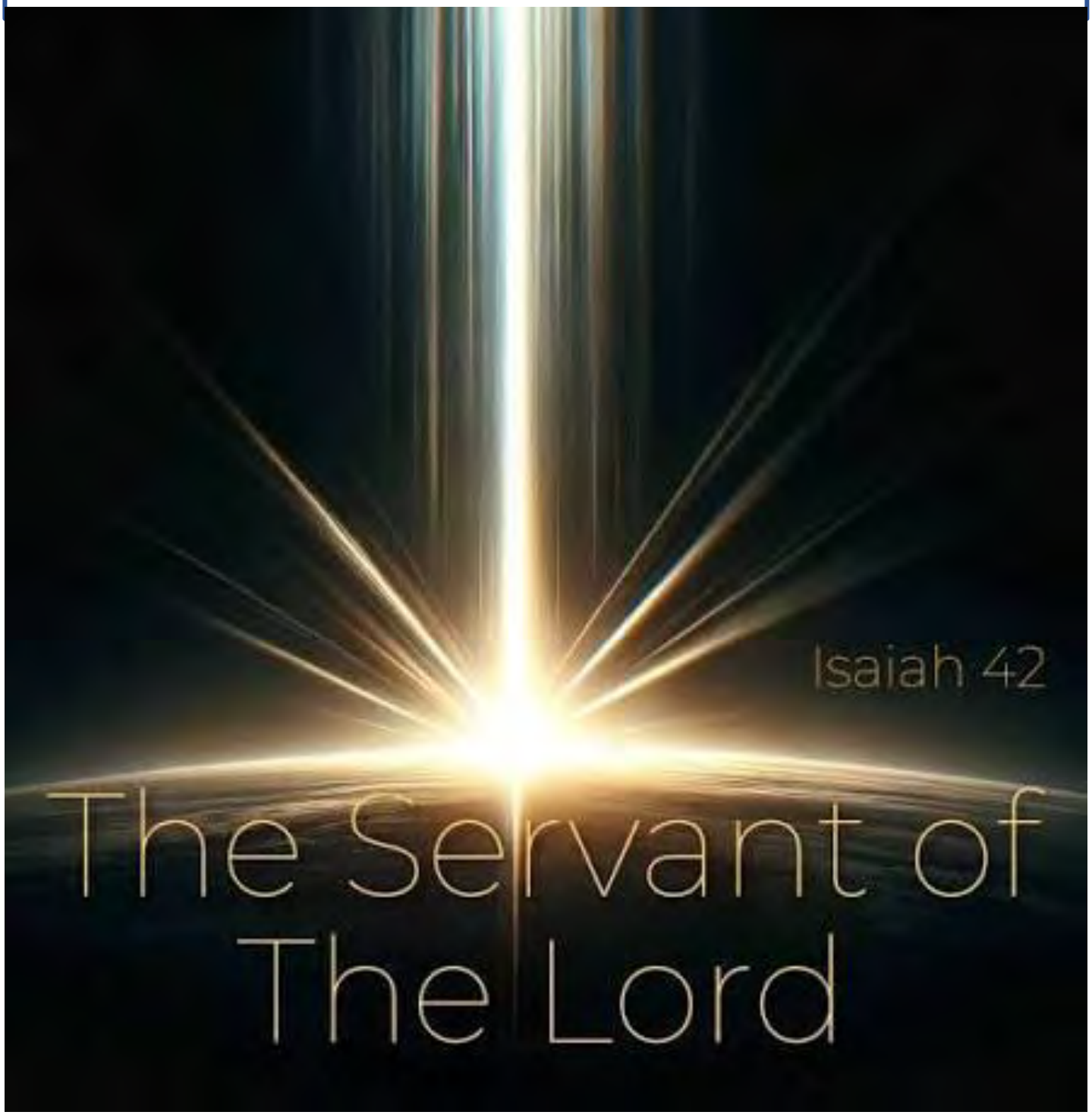
JOIN US AT EASTER HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | 10 A.M.

United Women in Faith

Special guest speaker: Sally Vonner, General Secretary and CEO, United Women in Faith

The **74th Annual Men's Day** worship celebration will be on **October 25** at **10 a.m.**; **Theme:** "*The Servants of the Lord*" **Scripture:** Isaiah 42 **Guest Speaker:** Michael Kerry Martin, Epworth United Methodist Church

*The United Methodist Men's Day Assessment of **$300** are being collected. Please mail your assessment to John McGill, visit the UMM table in the fellowship hall after church, or put it in the UMM mailbox.* ***We look forward to seeing you there!***



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith
Annual Celebration
Saturday, October 17, 2026
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m Registration and Check-In
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Lunch included)
Loomis 1st UMC, Loomis, California
Registration Cost: $25

Featured Speaker:

Sally Vonner

General Secretary & CEO, UWF

Leading the mission and ministry of United Women in Faith as it empowers women, children, and youth through faith, service, and justice.

Register at the UWF Web Site
https://canvuwf.org

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA UWF WEB SITE
HTTPS://CANVUWF.ORG

ALL ARE INVITED

Easter Hill United Methodist Church

75th Anniversary Celebration

Guest Speaker: Rev. Ronald Swisher,
Retired United Methodist Clergy

November 7, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Legacy: Standing on the Past, Building for the Future

Jeremiah 29: 11

El Cerrito Community Center
7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, CA 94530

EASTER HILL UMC 75TH ANNIVERSARY
Silent Auction & Raffle Donations Needed!

The 75th Anniversary Planning Committee is seeking donations for our upcoming ***Silent Auction*** and Raffle!

We welcome gift cards, gift baskets, merchandise, artwork, collectibles, and other valuable items. All donated items must be NEW, except artwork, paintings, statues, and similar collectible pieces.

Please provide an estimated value for each donated item unless a professional appraisal is available. For artwork and collectibles, please indicate whether a Certificate of Authenticity is included.

📍 **Donation Drop-Off:** At the church immediately following Sunday worship services throughout October.

Your generosity will help make our 75th Anniversary Celebration a tremendous success!

Thank you for your support!
75th Church Anniversary Planning Committee

Join us as we celebrate 75 years of faith, ministry, service, and community on **Saturday, November 7**; Ticket price: **$75**

You may also purchase an ad page for the **75th Anniversary Souvenir Booklet**; in memory, in honor, your business card or be a patron listed in the booklet,

The tickets for the Easter Hill United Methodist Church **75th Anniversary Gala** will be on sale in the Mann-Swisher Hall following worship!

Come celebrate this incredible milestone with us! 75 years is a blessing worth celebrating—and we want you to be part of the celebration!

SCAN ME

Make checks payable to Easter Hill UMC or pay online at
www.easterhill.org/giving

Housing through Homesharing

Educational Workshop

Richmond Commission on Aging (RCOA)

Wednesday, October 28, 2026, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

3230 Macdonald Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804

This workshop implements **Goal 1 (Housing for All Stages & Ages)** of the California and Contra Costa County Master Plan for Aging, addressing the critical fact that thousands of older adults in Contra Costa County are currently on waitlists for affordable housing.

Welcome & Local Data Overview (1:30 PM)

Chair Michelle Hayes and Housing Committee Chair Gerry La Londe-Berg.

- Framing the "Richmond Housing Mismatch." We will present key data showing that while **50%** of Richmond's older renters are severely rent-burdened and need more affordable options
- An impressive **74%** of local seniors over 65 own their homes but may be cash-poor and struggling with maintenance and mortgages.

Individual Home-Sharing and Community Housing (1:45 PM)

Logan Robertson, Program Director, Front Porch Home Match
Amy Appleton, Executive Director, SHARE Sonoma County.

- **Home Match:** Detailing the individual matching process, safety screenings, and roommate compatibility.
- **SHARE Sonoma:** Presenting the "master lease" model, where a non-profit leases a single-family home to sub-let to seniors and others.
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Senior Legal Rights & Eviction Prevention (2:45 PM)

Contra Costa Senior Legal Services (CCSLS).
Focus: Tenant protections and landlord-tenant dispute resolution processes

Q&A and Public Resource Connection (3:15 PM)

Contact 707-569-4280 for information

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Western Jurisdiction

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HILTON GARDEN INN
SAN FRANCISCO/ OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE
1800 Powell Street
Emeryville, CA. 94608

REGISTRATION
$125

BMCR ROOM BLOCK
$139

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CALENDAR EVENTS | OCTOBER 12-18

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – Columbus Day

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026
10a Eldertech Training | Via Zoom
6p 75th Anniversary Committee | Via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026
6p East County HUB | Via Zoom

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026
11a FOSTER FAMILY MEMORIAL
11:30a Q Place | Via Zoom
6p Trustee Board Meeting | Via Zoom

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2026
11a Eldertech AI Training | Via Zoom

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026
9a-10a GRIP Sandwich Collection | M-S Hall
9a-Prayer Ministry | Via Zoom
11:30a Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026
10a 21st Sunday after Pentecost | Laity Sunday | Guest Speaker: Sally Vonner, CEO UWF
12p Usher Board Meeting | Beulah room

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 people regardless of age, race, gender orientation, religious, economic, educational, or social status.

STAFF

Rev. Dr. Dale M. Weatherspoon, Pastor
Linda Wright, Senior Lay Servant
Audrey Cormier, Organist
Rev. Phillip C. Lawson, Pastor Emeritus
Joyce Clark, Administrative Assistant
Apryle Stanley, Director of Music
Kimberly Harvey, Choir Director
Rev. Sandra K. Olewine, Resident Bishop
Rev. Dr. Debbie Weatherspoon, District Co-Superintendent
Rev. Dr. Mahsea Evans, District Co-Superintendent

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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