



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

Connection Card in the pew rack so that we might connect with you further. More information about our parish is available online at www.stmaryofthehills.org. Members of our Vestry (*elected lay leadership*) are identified by name tags with yellow lanyards. Seek them out for details about our congregation's life and ministry.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Youth** - Teens, middle school and high school students are invited to join us at 9 am in the St. Mary room for our new Youth Group class. This week's topic centers around competition, goals and glory.
- **Rector's Forum:** Join us at 9 am in the Barrett Room for the start of a series on approaches to religious pluralism. As people of a world with a multitude of faith traditions, we'll explore different ways to faithfully interact with religious diversity.
- **Children & Worship:** This offering runs through the first portion of the 10:10 am service. The children should begin church as usual with their families. They will leave together during the Gloria and rejoin their families in the Nave before the passing of the Peace. If you'd like to learn more or volunteer, please email Joanna Reule at jrreule@gmail.com.
- **Note:** There is no 9 am Children's Formation today. There is no Youth Formation on Feb. 16 over Presidents Day weekend.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9: Morning Prayer this week will not be held this week.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY – Be sure to pick up the most recent copy of the Forward Movement's quarterly devotional "Forward Day by Day" located throughout the parish. Our friend and fellow parishioner Owene Courtney is April's featured writer.

DEDICATION OF FRESCOES AT RUMPLE PRESBYTERIAN – On Sunday, February 16, we will join in celebration with our friends at Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church as they unveil and bless two frescoes – The Good Shepherd and The 23rd Psalm – by artist Ben Long.

WELCOME & HOSPITALITY –

Welcoming One Another: The Vestry is creating a name tag initiative for the parish to help us welcome visitors and guests, as well as get to know one another better. This simple act of hospitality can make a difference as we know from Matthew 25:35: "... I was a stranger and you welcomed me ...". You can pick up a name tag when you arrive, fill it out and return it before leaving. There will be designated locations for name tag pickup and drop-off. Contact Sue Sweeting for more details at 828.406.9376 or sweetingsue75@yahoo.com.

Altar Flower Offerings: If you are looking for a meaningful way to honor someone or to remember someone who has died, please consider making a gift to the flower guild for altar flowers for a particular Sunday. Your offering will be noted in the weekly announcement sheet.

DOK MEETING – Daughters of the King will meet Sunday, Feb. 16, at 9 am.

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 16 RISE AGAINST HUNGER – From 2 to 4 pm on March 16, we'll be joining our Rumble Presbyterian friends for Rise Against Hunger. Details: <https://rumplechurch.org/news/rise-against-hunger-sign-up/>.

WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 9

8 am: Holy Eucharist

9 am: Youth Formation
Rector's Forum

10:10 am: Holy Eucharist
Children & Worship

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Noon: Holy Eucharist

*There is no Morning Prayer
this week.*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Chip Monroe and Carrie Cornett on February 8.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Sean, our Presiding Bishop; José our Bishop; Andrew, Sam and Gary, our clergy; for our Vestry and staff; for all the people of this parish

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

02/09: Coleman Burgess & John Jordan

02/10: John Carlson & Katey Thompson

02/11: Orian & Cat Carter

02/12: John & Jane Chanon

02/13: Dillon & Tama Coleman

02/14: Dayne & Lindsay Cook, Mack

02/15: Chris Cooley & Brendan Housler

In the Diocesan Cyle of Prayer: Church of the Redeemer, Asheville and Church of the Redeemer, Shelby

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Donald our President; Josh, our Governor; all those who hold elected office.

For all who suffer from war throughout the world and especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, the Korean peninsula, Yemen, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Israel and Palestine

For all affected by natural disaster, especially those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, and those impacted by fires throughout California.

For healing: Dale, Bill & Jorgann Rogers, Jeff Hedden, Christine, John, Ann Greene, Bob Barham, Clare, Bill Tessien, Emily R., Joe Dyer, Harry, Sandra, Kim Reitzel, Charlotte, Maxine P., Carolyn, Pam L., families of victims of Black Hawk helicopter and American Airlines plane crash, John Bagg, Bob, Marty

****Please note that the names on this list will remain for four weeks, unless the office is notified that the person(s) needs to remain on the list for a longer period of time.****

For those who have died: Bill Tribby, H.C. Moretz, Beulah Saunders, Logan, victims of Black Hawk helicopter and American Airlines plane crash, Amy

For those with other concerns: Donna L., Hal & Melaine, the Lane Family, Clemens Family, Marcy & Cindy

For those traveling: Beth Lawler, Bob

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Caitlyn, Emma Unkovic, Chelsea, Hanna, Katherine

For those celebrating a birthday:

02/09: Dave Ballesty

02/13: Judy Gloster, Alison

02/14: Andy

02/15: Carolyn Crutcher, Lee Monroe, Mike Zuravel

For those celebrating an anniversary:

02/12: Bryan & Carolyn Crutcher

02/14: Sam Tallman & Mike Zuravel