



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA FEB. 16, 2025 SIXTH 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](http://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

- **Godly Play:** Formation for our elementary-age children occurs upstairs in the St. Luke room at 9 am. Today the children will explore the Parable of the Sower.
- **Youth:** There is no Youth Formation today. Class resumes next week at 9 am.
- **Rector's Forum:** Join us at 9 am in the Barrett Room as we continue our series on 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. They will together during the Gloria and rejoin their families in the Nave before the passing of the Peace. The children's lesson today coincides with the Gospel as they'll be learning more about the Beatitudes.

**DOK MEETING TODAY** – The Daughters of the King will meet today at 9 am.

### DEDICATION OF FRESCOES AT RUMPLE PRESBYTERIAN TODAY –

We join our friends at Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church as they unveil and bless two frescoes – The Good Shepherd and The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm – by artist Ben Long today. All are welcome to attend. The gathering space at Rumble will be open until 3 pm for viewing of the Frescoes.

**PRESIDENTS DAY OFFICE CLOSURE** – The Parish offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 17, in observance of Presidents Day and will reopen at 9 am on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

**FEBRUARY VESTRY MEETING** – The St. Mary of the Hills Vestry will meet at 5:45 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**SAVE THE DATE: FEB. 24** – The Feast of St. Matthias will be celebrated with Holy Eucharist on Monday, Feb. 24, at 9 am. All are welcome.

## WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Sunday, Feb. 16

8 am: Holy Eucharist

9 am: Godly Play

Rector's Forum

10:10 am: Holy Eucharist

Children & Worship

### Wednesday, Feb. 19

Noon: Holy Eucharist

### Monday — Friday

8:30 am: Morning Prayer

# 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:**

02/16: Donald & Julie Cashman

02/17: Marion Church

02/18: Laura Copeland

02/19: Jim & Sue Corcoran

02/20: Lynn Coulthard

02/21: Bill & Owene Courtney

02/22: Bryan & Carolyn Crutcher

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Lake Logan Conference Center, Valle Crucis Conference Center

**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., Charlotte, Maxine P., Carolyn, Pam L., families of victims of Black Hawk helicopter and American Airlines plane crash, John Bagg, Bob, Marty, Pete, Belinda, Wayne, Caroline

*\*\*\*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:** victims of Black Hawk helicopter and American Airlines plane crash, Amy, Lily Crawley, Jack Lone, Ms. Allen, Marlina, B.T., Amy

**For those with other concerns:** the Lane Family, Clemens Family, Marcy & Cindy

**For those traveling:** Bob, Barbara & Rick, Tim

**For safe pregnancy and delivery:** Caitlyn, Chelsea, Hanna, Katherine, Kelley

**For thanksgiving:** birth of Charlotte Callahan Unkovic

**For those celebrating a birthday:**

02/13: Hannah Reule

02/17: Janet Hillis, Reese Reule

02/18: Genie Starnes

02/19: Ryan Postlethwait, Alma Ward