



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

APRIL 7, 2024

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Godly Play: We begin a new series this week in which we'll explore different and new ways of getting to know Jesus. Amanda White and Lynne Bell share part 1. Godly Play meets upstairs in the St. Luke Room at 9AM.

Rector's Forum: Father Andrew offers a Holy Week recap, exploring the themes of the week, and also gives us a glimpse into the Great 50 Days of Easter. Grab a cup of coffee and meet us in the Barrett Room at 9AM.

VBS REGISTRATION OPEN – VBS will be held at St. Mary of the Hills June 17-20 and is a joint program between Rumble Presbyterian and St. Mary's. Learn more about the 2024 VBS theme, "Hometown Nazareth," and register your child(ren) ages 5-11 online at the St. Mary's website. Contact Formation Director Lindsey Herring (lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org) with questions.

BREAD OF LIFE AT HOSPITALITY HOUSE – We have four active groups supplying meals for over 100 people on four different nights (once a month) at Hospitality House, our local emergency shelter for those experiencing hunger and/or housing insecurity. We are seeking new volunteers to contribute, prepare and deliver food. Seasonal support is also welcome. Please contact Sue Wilder (suejackpaintfly@aol.com) or Mike Austell (austellmike37@gmail.com) for more information.

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION – We will observe the Feast of the Annunciation with Holy Eucharist at noon on Monday, April 8.

CONFIRMATION – We will begin another round of Confirmation classes in the coming weeks. Reach out to Formation Director Lindsey Herring (lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org) or Father Andrew (rector@stmaryofthehills.org) to learn more.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC – With the arrival of spring the Friends of Music need new committee members for planning our summer-fall concert series. For almost ten years we have supported bringing sacred and secular musical offerings in the nave and on the lawn as a way of reaching out to the larger community and engaging them with our family at St. Mary of the Hills. We also contribute to special music performed during services such as the Eucharist at Christmas and Easter. The cost of the concerts is not dependent on the Parish budget and is supported solely by voluntary contributions. Our current Committee members include Sterling Hutcherson, Marjory Holder and Tom Veale from the Parish, Joby Bell who is Professor of Organ at ASU and our liaison for obtaining faculty and student musicians from ASU, and advisors Fr. Hege and Choir Director Jim Bumgardner. For further information please contact any Committee member and you will be most welcome!

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

04/07 Amy Nimens

04/08 Linda Norman

04/09 Randy Ouzts, Scott Adams

04/10 Mike & Laura Page

04/11 Pete & Sally Page

04/12 Page Parsons

04/13 Carmen & Patty Patella

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Parish of the Holy Communion, Glendale Springs

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Joseph, our President, Roy, 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 throughout the world.

For healing: Adam, Dale, Jorgann Rogers, Jeff Hedden, Gary, Kay McCloskey, Christine, John, Ann Greene, Bob Barham, Peggy, Lauren, Chris M., Bob Jones, Keira, Charlie, Christine, Laney, Roo, Kent, Chris, Mary, Glenn & Patsy, Catherine, Lynn T., Ann Davidson, Will, Susan, John, Andy, Lindsey

****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: Susan, Laurie, Richard Howe, Joel Jones, Jan Johnson, Marie Montan, Brenda Stanley, Phoebe

For those with other concerns: Blair, Brenda Stanley, A.C., Corrine, Greg, Connor & Alyssa, peace and understanding for all

For those traveling this week: Dallas, Bunky & Teena, Troskey Family

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Megan Redford, Crawford, Caitlyn, Emily, Neta, Lindsey E., Brittany, Chelsea, Hanna

For those celebrating a birthday since Palm Sunday:

03/31 Rick Lawler, Will Postlethwait

04/05 Page Parsons, Anderson and Zachary Page