



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA APRIL 20, 2025

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

EASTER DAY EGG HUNT & RECEPTION –

- Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15 am on Sunday! Children may bring their own baskets but there will also be some available for use from the Parish.
- Receptions will follow the 8 am and 10:10 am services in the Parish Hall on Sunday. An array of rich foods will mark the end of our 40-day fast and the beginning of the season of resurrection. Everything is provided, so all you have to bring is an appetite and a spirit of goodwill and thankfulness for the abundance which our Savior gives freely to all!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE – St. Mary of the Hills will be closed April 21 in observance of Easter Monday. The Parish will reopen at 9 am on Tuesday.

MEN'S BREAKFAST THURSDAY – Men's Breakfast returns this month on Thursday, April 24. Menfolk will enjoy a hearty meal complete with all the favorites. Here's the routine: Eucharist at 7:30 am, with breakfast following Eucharist. Then fellowship and lively conversation ensues! Go to the REALM website to RSVP under the events section. Or you may RSVP to bill@stmaryofthehills.org. We look forward to seeing you on April 24!

CHILDREN'S BOOK FUNDRAISER NEXT SUNDAY – Parishioner and children's book author Jocelyn Lacey will lead us through a reading of her newest and fifth children's book, "Michael's Journey from Caterpillar to Butterfly" during Formation hour on next Sunday, April 27. This is an all ages Formation offering. Books will be available for sale and signing, and she'll also speak for a few minutes during coffee minute. Twenty percent of book sales will be donated to Hurricane Helene relief, recovery and rebuilding efforts.

VBS JUNE 18-20 – We will join Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church again this year for VBS, which will be held June 18-20. This year's VBS theme is *Wild Wonder*, where kids will embark on a fun-filled exploration of God's incredible creation outdoors. Register your children online by visiting <https://www.stmaryofthehills.org/VBS>.

SAVE THE DATE FOR CAMP – This year, St. Mary's will be hosting a new summer camp for rising first through fifth grade students June 30 through July 1. Save the date! More information forthcoming.

PARISH WORK DAY – Join us from 9 am to noon for an indoor projects that include a special cleaning, and organization in our Parish kitchen, Parish closet and storage rooms. Refreshments will be served.

EASTER DAY

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8:00AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)

9:15AM Easter Egg Hunt

10:10AM Festival Holy Eucharist
(sung w/choir and incense)

A festive reception follows each service
in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!



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:

04/20: Olivia Knight

04/21: Chris & Antoinette Kollmer

04/22: Alex & Bre Lawler

04/23: Rick & Beth Lawler

04/24: Sid & Donna Lemnoui

04/25: Renee Lyons

04/26: Mark & P.J. Martin

In the Diocesan Cyle of Prayer: Easter Sunday

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

For healing: Dale, Bill & Jorgann Rogers, Jeff Hedden, Christine, John, Ann Greene, Bob Barham, Clare, Emily R., Bob, Marty, Evie, Jerry & Stephanie M., Myra, Mary, Chandler, Mike

****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: Jim Wise, Reba, Joe D., Michael

For those traveling: Helene, Jim & Kay S., Season

For those with other concerns: Justice and the Rule of Law, Kilmar Agrego Garcia, Spencer Armstrong & Family

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Caitlyn, Hanna, Katherine, Kelley, Taylor Griffis, Anna, Libba, Nicole, Amanda, Mills

For those celebrating a birthday:

04/20: Butch Kerns, Michael Silverman

04/21: Cindy Milner

04/22: Richard Moore

04/23: John Fitzgibbon

04/25: Tamara Kimbrough