



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA MAY 4, 2025 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

- **CREATION THROUGH A CELTIC LENS** – Join us today as we begin a new adult forum series led by The Rev. Torrence Harman. Class continues on Sundays this month. We'll explore the Celtic Way woven within our Western Christian Tradition. This Celtic Way highlights the sacredness of earth, the interrelatedness of all life and finding the Holy in ordinary rhythms of living. While each session offers a “stand-alone” forum time, you are encouraged to attend the full series for a more intensive study. Contact Torrence at 804-436-7591 or Formation Director Lindsey Herring at Lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org with questions.
- **YOUTH FORMATION** – Join our youth leaders at 9 am in the St. Mary room to discuss the Prodigal Son. Through group discussion and independent prayer, the group will reflect on what we can do to become closer to God and more true to ourselves. For our teens, this is the last regular meeting before summer hits.

PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES NO LONGER ACCEPTED – For many years, St. Mary's parishioners have collected their used prescription medicine bottles for reuse at the Community Care Clinic. Unfortunately, the Clinic is no longer able to accept these used medicine bottles and we will no longer collect them in the Foyer. Thank you for your many years of faithful support of this ministry!

FOOD LION GLEANING PICKUP – Did you know that parishioners from St. Mary's pick up food gleaned from the Blowing Rock Food Lion each weekday to deliver to the Hunger and Health Coalition? This team is growing and looking for new volunteers to join in the pickup on weekday mornings. To volunteer or learn more, contact Glary Gloster at 704.650.2014.

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 25 PICNIC – Save the date for our annual Welcome Back Picnic after the 10:10 am Eucharist on May 25. Join us as we get reacquainted with our seasonal friends!

COFFEE MINUTE VOLUNTEERS – This is our primary point of contact each Sunday following the 10:10 am Eucharist and it's a great time of fellowship. Partner with a friend to host and help cultivate a space of hospitality and welcome. Contact Director of Hospitality & Facilities Bill Devereux at bill@stmaryofthehills.org to learn more.

ECW REMINDER – Episcopal Church Women meets on Tuesday at 5:30 pm. Contact Sue Wilders with questions.

WEEKLY SERVICE

Sunday, May 4

8 am: Holy Eucharist

9 am: Formation

10:10 am: Holy Eucharist
Children &

Worship

Wednesday, May 7

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:

05/04: Paul & Loy McGill

05/05: Tina McKnight

05/06: Will Merrill & Andy Sicard

05/07: Chris & Katherine Metzger

05/08: Bob & Sabine Miller

05/09: Matthew Miller & Ashley McCurry, Skylar, Maddox

05/10: Mike & Gay Miller

In the Diocesan Cyle of Prayer: Church of the Good Shepherd, Cashiers; Church of the Good Shepherd, Hayesville; Church of the Good Shepherd, Tryon

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; Myra; Mary; Chandler; Mike; Charlie; Kaye; Erin; Bolick Family; Janeli, Daniel & Bennet; Lynn Turnbow; Marg; Faith; Corinne

****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: Reba, Michael, Denver, Gae

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

For those traveling this week: Leslie & Mitch, Jim & Kay S., Barbara & Rick, Orian & Cat, Blair and Oliver

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

05/04: Jackie Delmonico, Andrew Hege

05/05: Bill Battaglia, Jim Buchanan

05/07: Blair Sudderth

For those celebrating an anniversary:

05/04: Shawn & Gigi Poole

05/06: Lennon & Megan Redford