



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
MAY 12, 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: Amanda White and Sally Page continue the series "Knowing Jesus in a New Way," as we learn about the transition between Jesus' earthly ministry and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Join us at 9AM in the St. Luke Room.
- Rector's Forum: "He ascended into heaven..." We make this affirmation in our creed each time we gather for worship, but what do we really mean when we affirm Jesus' ascension? Grab a cup of coffee and meet us in the Barrett Room at 9AM.

ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST CHORAL CONDUCTOR TIM BROWN – Tim was Director of Music at Clare College, Cambridge, for over 30 years, prior to retirement. He now combines teaching and composing with guest conducting around the world. He is currently on a nationwide tour, making his way through Oklahoma, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas before heading home to the UK. Welcome, Tim!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Registration for VBS, which will be held at St. Mary of the Hills June 17-20 for children ages 5-11, closes this week. There are a few spots remaining, so make sure your child fills one of them! Visit the St. Mary's website to sign up and learn more about this year's theme, "Hometown Nazareth."

If you'd like to lend a hand during VBS, we could use your help! More volunteers are welcome. Reach out to Formation Director Lindsey Herring (lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org) if you'd like to volunteer.

TRINITY SUNDAY WELCOME BACK PICNIC – On May 26, we'll have a welcome back picnic immediately following the 10:10AM service. All are invited. Burgers, hot dogs, vegetarian and gluten-free items are on the menu. Be sure to RSVP for this event, either by responding to the email invitation we sent through Realm or by filling out the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS MAY 19 – Our next Confirmation class will meet on May 19 at 1PM upstairs in the St. Mary Room. We'll be exploring the ways we worship and why, Holy Eucharist and Sacramental rites. Contact Lindsey Herring (lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org) or Father Andrew (rector@stmaryofthehills.org) to learn more.

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. The suggested amount of an offering is \$60.00.

COFFEE MINUTE HOSTS – We are looking for volunteers to host Coffee Minute following the 10:10 Holy Eucharist. Hosts provide light refreshments, assist with set-up and clean-up, and foster a hospitable environment for all. Coffee and tea, linens, etc. are provided by the parish. Partner with a friend and sign-up in the Parish Hall.

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:

05/12 Luba Skibo

05/13 Paul & Karen Smiley

05/14 Kempton & Gina Smith

05/15 Jim & Kay Snow

05/16 E.B. Springs

05/17 Jerry & Genie Starnes

05/18 Audrey Stone

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Church of the Ascension, Hickory

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, Cindy, Lauren, Robert, Vincent, Beth C., Ellie, Aubrey, Peggy, Keira, Laney, Julie, Jim, Mark, James, Dianne, Kelly, Skip, Elaine, Lynn, Lucas, Belinda, Jamie, Susan H.

****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: Richard, Jan Johnson, Ashley, Jonathan, Sarah, Jo Rankin

For those with other concerns: Blair, Bobby, Daniel & Family

For those traveling this week: Dallas, Bob & Carol Rhoads, Sue & Jim Corcoran, Lynne

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

For thanksgiving: Birth of James McArthur Hall to Emily & Adam Hill, grandson of Bryan & Carolyn Crutcher; mothers everywhere

For those celebrating a birthday:

05/15 Greg Rhoads

05/16 Leslie Temple

05/17 Ray Williams

05/18 Frank Thomas

For those celebrating an anniversary:

05/13 Bill & Donna Devereux

05/18 Mike Tinka & Helene Harper