



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
MAY 25, 2025
SIXTH 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

WELCOME BACK PICNIC TODAY – All are invited to join us today for the Welcome Back Picnic following the 10:10 am service, as we reconnect with old friends and make new ones! Bring a sweater or jacket as temps will be in the low 60s. A few tables will be set up in the parish hall for folks who may have difficulty accessing the front lawn.

OFFICE CLOSURE – St. Mary of the Hills will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. Offices will reopen at 9 am on Tuesday, May 27.

BURIAL EUCHARISTS

- A Burial Eucharist for John Rundell will be offered at 11 am Wednesday, May 28, at 11 am. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.
- A Burial Eucharist for Marshall Culp will be offered at 11 am on Friday, June 6. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Forum: Creation Through a Celtic Lens led by The Rev. Torrence Harman continues today (Session III) and June 1 (Session IV) at 9:10 a.m. in the Barrett Room. These final sessions will center on the Second Creation Story as told in Genesis Chapters 3 and 4. Join us as we explore this ancient Biblical version with its focus on God's creation of human beings and what happens when "human nature" begins to challenge God's plan for his Creation.

ECW MEETING JUNE 3 – The Episcopal Church Women will meet on Tuesday, June 3, for a private showing of the Ben Long frescos at Rumble Presbyterian. There will be an 8-minute video and an 8-minute presentation followed by a Q&A. We will then come back to St. Mary's for a potluck dinner. Our many thanks to Jennie Derby of Rumble for the invitation. Please RSVP to Rumble and Jennie Derby at lulu.derby@gmail.com so they know how many chairs to use.

HOLY EUCHARIST THIS WEEK –

- Wednesday Eucharist will not be offered at 12:00PM on Wednesday, May 28.
- **ASCENSION DAY** – Holy Eucharist for Ascension Day, forty days following the Day of Resurrection, will be offered on Thursday, May 29, at noon in the Church. All are welcome as we observe this great festival day!
- **THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION** – Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Visitation, remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary's journey to the home of her cousin, Elizabeth, will be offered on Saturday, May 31, at 9 am in the Church.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 25

8 am: Holy Eucharist

9 am: Formation

10:10 am: Holy Eucharist

Children & Worship

Welcome Back Picnic follows

Monday, May 26

Closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 28

11 am: John Rundell Memorial
with Burial Eucharist

Thursday, May 29

Noon: Holy Eucharist

Saturday, May 31

9 am: Holy Eucharist

Tuesday — Friday

8:30 am: Morning Prayer

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Rundell by Frank & Meg Fary.

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:

05/25: Page Parsons
05/26: Carmen & Patty Patella
05/27: Bill & Catherine Pearson
05/28: Nick & Sara Placentra
05/29: Shawn & Gigi Poole
05/30: Allison Postlethwait
05/31: Ryan & Lindsey Postlethwait, Will

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Ascension, Hickory

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Donald our President; Josh, our Governor; all those who hold elected office and those in positions of public trust.

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, India and Pakistan

For healing: Dick, Jackie, Jim West, Dale, Bill & Jorgann Rogers; Jeff Hedden; Christine; John; Ann Greene; Bob Barham; Clare; Erin; Bob; Marty; Evie; Charlie; Kaye; Bolick Family; Janeli, Daniel & Bennet; Lynn Turnbow; Marg; Faith; Corinne; Jerry & Steph M.; Ginger (Alex); Doug T.; Audrey; Leigh; Eric; Charlie; Myra; Chris M.; Jim W.; Lucy A.; Suzie W.; Mary M.; Tom; Ms. Simmons; Alvin C.; Erik B.

****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: Gae Best, Marshall Culp, John Rundell, Corinne Cullen, Belinda Wright Scanlon, Topper, Louie

For those traveling this week: Sue & Jim Corcoran, Rick & Barbara, Jon, Lynne Bell

For those with other concerns: Corinne & Josh, the Scanlon, Wright & Van Dyke Families; Maddie

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

05/25: Kitty Lumpkin
05/26: Gary Dinstuhl
05/27: Louise Cone, Claudia Heath, Sam McDonald
05/28: Katy Strand
05/29: Donna Devereux
05/31: Torre Hinnant, Tina McKnight

For those celebrating an anniversary:

05/27: Paul & Jackie Delmonico
05/29: Dick & Louann Kitchell