



**ST. MARY OF THE HILLS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
MAY 26, 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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – The Parish office will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION – We are taking a break from our regular Sunday Christian Formation offerings for the next few weeks and will resume on June 9 with an intergenerational offering with Bishop José.

THIS AFTERNOON'S EVENTS

- **WELCOME BACK PICNIC TODAY** – We have a Trinity Sunday welcome back picnic immediately following the 10:10AM service today. All are welcome. Be sure to stick around for the concert at 3PM.
- **SUMMER CONCERT** – At 3PM, the High Country Improv Collective, which includes Karen Caldwell on vocals, Jim Banks - trumpet and flugelhorn, Rob Falvo - percussion, Jim Lodin - Piano, Harold McKinney - trombone, and Cindy Tate-Gibson – accordion, will be kicking off the summer concert series in the Nave at St. Mary's. The summer series is sponsored by the Friends of Music. Prepare to be entertained and surprised!

WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK AT ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

- **MORNING PRAYER** – A short service of scripture and prayer, offered Monday through Friday at 8:30AM, in the Church.
- **HOLY EUCHARIST** – A simple, spoken service of Holy Eucharist is offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM in the Church.

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary with Holy Eucharist occurs at noon on Friday, May 31. All are welcome.

ECW MEETING - Our Episcopal Church Women are hosting a welcome back ECW meeting on Tuesday, June 4, at 5:30PM. Bring your favorite picnic food. We will be celebrating summer and all our returning friends. RSVP to Sue Wilders or Suzanne Miller.

SUMMER FOYER GROUPS – Enjoy making new friends, fun and food this summer during our Foyer Groups. A sign-up sheet is available in the Foyer.

TOUR OF HOMES BLOWING ROCK – The 66th annual Tour of Homes Blowing Rock is scheduled for July 26 from 9AM to 4PM, featuring four homes in our community and a tour of St. Mary of the Hills. Tickets will soon be available online via the parish website. A Speakeasy Patron Party and Kickoff Gala will take place on Tuesday, July 16, from 5PM to 8PM at Westglow. Tickets will soon be available online.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Drake Buxton and Eric Rosenbower.

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:

05/26 Dallas Swoveland & Lindsey Herring

05/27 Miles & Clare Tager

05/28 Sam Tallman & Mike Zuravel

05/29 Bill & Cynthia Tessien, Genya, Billy,
Tommy

05/30 John & Christine Thacker, Evan

05/31 Ron Tharp

06/01 Frank & Annie Hellen Thomas

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Trinity Church, Spruce Pine; Trinity, Asheville

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, Art Hooper, Mark, James, Dianne, Kelly, Skip, Elaine, Lynn, Lucas, Belinda, Jamie, Susan H., Pat B., Chris M., Mary M., Logan, Sam, Angel, Valerie, Leslie, Bob, Glenn, Sheila & Ray, Andrew C., Kent W., Logan

****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: Ashley, Jonathan, Sarah, Jo Rankin, Ella, Virginia Rodriguez, Bob Hill

For those with other concerns: Bobby; Daniel & Family; Dan P.; Darren V.; Josh V.; Corinne; Diane, Jena & Family

For those traveling this week: Barbara & Rick, Dale & Michael, Mary Miles & David, Anne & Bob Jones

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Megan Redford, Caitlyn, Neta Franklin, Lindsey Eaton, Brittany, Chelsea, Hanna, Blair Sudderth

For those celebrating a birthday:

05/26 Gary Dinstuhl

05/27 Louise Cone, Jadus Combs, 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

06/01 John & Patti Turner