



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA JUNE 1, 2025 SEVENTH 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,” the Sunday Adult Forum Series led by The Rev. Torrence Harman, concludes today in the Barrett Room. This final session begins at 9:10 am and focuses on the Garden of Eden story and a summary of Celtic themes and threads in contemporary Christianity. Even if you missed one or all of the previous sessions you are encouraged to come and participate in this final important one.

BURIAL EUCHARIST FOR MARSHALL CULP – Burial Eucharist for Marshall Culp will be offered at 11 am Friday. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

ECW MEETS TUESDAY – The Episcopal Church Women meet at 5 pm on Tuesday, June 3, for a private showing of the Ben Long Frescos at Rumble Presbyterian. Folks should come to St. Mary's and drop off their food for the potluck before heading over to Rumble. The evening includes a short video and presentation, followed by a Q&A at Rumble. The ECW will then return to St. Mary's for a potluck dinner. Please RSVP to Rumble and Jennie Derby at lulu.derby@gmail.com so they know how many chairs to use.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES – Pianist and composer Heather Niemi Savage will perform at St. Mary of the Hills on Sunday, June 8, at 3 pm as part of the Summer Concert Series sponsored by the Friends of Music. Savage is an accompanist at Appalachian State University and her concert features reflections on biblical passages and Psalms, as well as on familiar hymns such as “Of the Father's Love Begotten” and “Away in a Manger.” Her music is drawn on her background in jazz and musical theater, as well as classical and sacred music. The event is free and open to the public.

CHORAL EVENSONG JUNE 15 – Please join us for Choral Evensong at 3 pm on Sunday, June 15, in the Church. Led by the parish choir, this service of sung evening prayer includes readings from sacred scripture, ancient prayers set to beautiful music, and a holy space for silence and reflection. All are welcome!

TOUR OF HOMES HOSTS NEEDED – We are in great need of home hosts & hostesses for the 67th annual Tour of Homes scheduled for July 25. They are stationed in the selected homes in shifts, and share information with those visiting the homes during the tour. Please contact Amanda White at amanda.white0119@yahoo.com or 336.509.8095 if you'd like to learn more.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – VBS runs June 18-20 and we are in need of a few more volunteers to help with check-in/check-out, as well as snack prep (no group leading involved). This year's VBS theme is Wild Wonder, where kids embark on a fun-filled exploration of God's incredible creation. Through activities, nature discoveries and inspirational lessons, children will grow in their admiration and understanding of the world around them. If you'd like to volunteer, reach out to Formation Director Lindsey Herring at Lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org. Register kids online here: <https://www.stmaryofthehills.org/VBS>.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Our regular nursery assistants have varying summer schedules and we are in need of hands to ensure the nursery is staffed during the 10:10 am Holy Eucharist. We will need help on the occasional Sunday throughout the summer, including June 8. Reach out Lindsey Herring at Lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org if interested.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 1

8 am: Holy Eucharist

9 am: Formation

10:10 am: Holy Eucharist

Children & Worship

Wednesday, June 4

Noon: Holy Eucharist

Friday, June 6

11 am: Burial Eucharist for
Marshall Culp

Monday — Friday

8:30 am: Morning Prayer

(A short service to begin the day with
readings from scripture and prayers
for our whole community)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of her children and grandchildren by Greta Wilson.

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:

06/01: Peter & Valerie Purcell

06/02: Tom Rankin

06/03: Joe & Mary Ellen Raulerson

06/04: Lennon & Megan Redford, McLean

06/05: Greg Rhoads & Lynn Searfoss

06/06: Robert & Carol Rhoads

06/07: Edward & Stephanie Rickenbaker, Olivia, Teddy

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. George's, Asheville

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, India and Pakistan

For healing: Dale, Bill & Jorgann Rogers; Jeff Hedden; Christine; Ann Greene; Bob Barham; Clare; Evie; Kaye; Jim W.; Lynn Turnbow; Marg; Faith; Corinne; Jerry & Steph M.; Ginger (Alex); Doug T.; Audrey; Leigh; Eric; Charlie; Myra; Chris M.; Lucy A.; Suzie W.; Mary M.; Tom; Ms. Simmons; Alvin C.; Erik B.; Jason; Brad; Pete; Jeffrey

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

For those traveling this week: Sabine & Bob; Lynne, Jorgann & Bill; Molly, Jamie and Andy; The Silvers

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

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

06/03: Bryan Crutcher

06/04: John Thompson, Mimi Arnold

06/05: Teena Davant, Julianna Silver

06/06: Gary Gloster, Michael Slaughter

06/07: Charlie Anderson

For those celebrating an anniversary:

06/01: John & Patti Turner

06/05: Joe & Virginia Dulaney, Richard & Mary Lou Moore

06/07: Gary & Judy Gloster, Will Merrill & Andy Sicard