



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 8, 2025

THE DAY OF PENTECOST/WHITSUNDAY

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

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES TODAY – Pianist and composer Heather Niemi Savage will perform at St. Mary of the Hills this afternoon 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.

ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE HOLY EUCHARIST – This Join us in the commemoration of St. Barnabas the Apostle on June 11 at noon in the Church.

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 TICKETS – Tickets for the 67th Annual Tour of Homes can be purchased at <https://www.stmaryofthehills.org/tour-of-homes25>. Tickets are \$35 in advance/\$40 day of (July 25) and lunch tickets are \$18. You can also make an additional tax-deductible contribution for hurricane restoration and rebuilding when purchasing tickets through our website. Visit us online to learn more about this year's tour.

TOUR OF HOMES HOSTS – 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. Contact Amanda White at amanda.white0119@yahoo.com or 336.509.8095 if you'd like to learn more.

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.

ALTAR FLOWER OPPORTUNITIES – Sponsoring flowers placed at the altar each week is a great way to offer thanks for life's many gifts, like birthdays, anniversaries, special people in your life and significant events. Contact Director of Finance & Administration Michael Marshall at Michael@stmaryofthehills.org for more details and available dates in the coming months.

ABOUT THE DAY OF PENTECOST/ WHITSUNDAY

Today, Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as experienced by Jesus' followers and the Apostles. This Feast Day occurs 50 days after Easter. The holiday's name stems from “Pentēkostē,” which literally means “the 50th day” in Greek.

We celebrate Pentecost is the inauguration of the Church's mission in the world. Empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are to go out into our neighborhoods and the world witnessing to the risen Christ.

The Day of Pentecost is known to be “especially appropriate” for baptism, as described in the Book of Common Prayer. It is for this reason that Pentecost is also known as “Whitsun” or “Whitsunday” (“White Sunday”). This term is used to describe the white baptismal garments worn by people who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost and again worn on the Day of Pentecost.

(Adapted from episcopalchurch.org.)

WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK

- **Morning Prayer** – A short service of scripture and prayer is held each weekday at 8:30 am in the Church.
- **Holy Eucharist** – A simple, spoken Holy Eucharist occurs each Wednesday at noon in the Church.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marshall Culp by Kaye Culp and family.

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:

06/08: Donald & Katherine Riopel
06/09: Ralph & Francine Roberson
06/10: Bill & Jorgann Rogers
06/11: Ethan & Kristen Rundell, John Anders, Anna, Alethea, Eden
06/12: Luella Rundell
06/13: Michael DeCorte & Dale Sandusky
06/14: Bryan & Maria Saterbo

In the Diocesan Cyle of Prayer: Holy Spirit, Mars Hill; Church of the Advocate, 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; Audrey; Leigh; Eric; Charlie; Myra; Chris M.; Lucy A.; Suzie W.; Mary M.; Tom; Ms. Simmons; Alvin C.; Erik B.; Jason; Brad; Pete; Jeffrey; Kay McCloskey

****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: The Hege Family

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:

06/09: Reese Walter, Jr.
06/10: Laura Page
06/11: Elaine Dinstuhl
06/12: Kathy Dacchille, Terry Schilson, Philip Smith
06/13: Sam Tallman, Skyler Miller
06/14: Kay McCloskey

For those celebrating an anniversary:

06/09: Ryan & Lindsey Postlethwait
06/14: Bunky & Teena Davant, Jim Bumgardner & Shane Burton