



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 9, 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 – At 9AM today, join Bishop José McLaughlin for a time of informal conversation.

CONFIRMATION/RECEPTION – Confirmation will be administered at 10:10AM today. Candidates for Confirmation & Reception include: Robert T. Amos, III, Sarah McRae Corrigan, Shane Quentin Burton, Donna Smith Kerns, Wilmoth Duke “Butch” Kerns, Jr., John Samuel Lynch, Sarah Thompson Matthews, Patricia Stinson Murphy, Richard Phineas Murphy, Jr., Linda Lillo Norman, and on behalf of St. Luke's, Boone: Eric Christopher Berry, Dawn M. Snotherly and Colton Hunter Curlee. Please join us in welcoming our new Confirmands to the Episcopal Church and greeting the Bishop following the service.

CHORAL EVENSONG – Join us for Choral Evensong today at 3:00PM 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!

FEAST OF ST. BARNABAS – At noon on Tuesday, June 11, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Barnabas the Apostle with Holy Eucharist. All are welcome.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – VBS runs June 17-20, and a number of items are still needed to help create our “Hometown Nazareth” environment. Solid-colored sheets in all sizes, fabrics, curtains and table cloths; artificial plants and fruit; primitive-looking pottery; rugs; and other props you might consider relevant to the time period are needed. Donations can be dropped off at the Church office or in the St. Matthew room. Contact Formation Director Lindsey Herring with questions.

MARLA MACKENZIE BURIAL SERVICE – A Burial Eucharist for longtime parishioner Marla MacKenzie will be held Saturday, June 22, at 11AM.

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 BAKE SALE – The Tour of Homes “Garden Party Bake Sale” will be held the day of the Tour, July 26, on the Church lawn. Baked goods including cakes, pies, tarts, cookies, brownies, jams, and savory snacks and treats are needed. Please plan to drop off your baked goods to the church nursery on Thursday, July 25, anytime between 9AM and 1PM. Contact Robert Kling with questions at robertkling@ymail.com.

WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK AT ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

MORNING PRAYER – A short service of scripture and prayer is offered Monday through Friday at 8:30AM in the Church.

HOLY EUCHARIST – A simple, spoken service of Holy Eucharist is offered each Wednesday at noon in the Church.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Fr. Andrew's 5th anniversary at St. Mary of the Hills Parish by his parents Barry & Lisa Hege.

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:

06/09 Alma Ward
06/10 Anna Ward
06/11 Jim West
06/12 Diana White
06/13 Steve & Amanda White
06/14 Susan Wilders
06/15 Ray Williams

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Holy Spirit, Mars Hill; Church of the Advocate, 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, Belinda, Jamie, Susan H., Pat B., Chris M., Mary M., Logan, Sam, Angel, Valerie, Lynn T., Leslie, Glenn, Pat B., Bill T., H.C., Chris & Carrie, Ann Davidson, Evie, Jesse L., David, Daryl M.

****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: Bob Hill, Gary, Suzanne, Bill Elder

For those with other concerns: Dan P., Darren V., Josh V., Blair

For those traveling this week: Sue Sweeting & Megan, Barbara & Rick, Pam

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

06/09 Frances Sacripanti	06/13 Fr. Sam Tallman
06/10 Laura Page	06/14 Kay McCloskey
06/11 Elaine Dinstuhl	06/15 Frank Fary, Doug Galke, Jim Gibson, Bella Weaver
06/12 Kathy Dacchille, Terry Schilson, Philip Smith	

For those celebrating an anniversary:

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