



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

JULY 13, 2025 | FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

'SPIRES IN THE SUN' RECTOR'S FORUM TODAY – Join us at 9 am today for a special author talk on Florida Carpenter Gothic Episcopal churches featured in the award-winning book, "Spires in the Sun." Afterward, there is a meet and greet and book signing with the author, Mr. Jonathan Rich.

67TH ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES: JULY 25, 9 AM TO 4 PM:

<https://www.stmaryofthehills.org/tour-of-homes25>

Tickets available at link above: \$35/advance or \$40/day of. Lunch tickets: \$18. You can also make an additional tax-deductible contribution for hurricane restoration and rebuilding online.

- **Driver & Loader Training Begins at 1 pm Today:** Safety and directional training for Tour of Homes loaders and drivers begins today at 1 pm. Additional training is offered this week at 10 am and 6 pm on the following days: Monday, July 14; Wednesday, July 16; and Friday, July 18. If you have volunteered to be a Tour driver or loader, please plan to attend one of these meetings. Please let Andy Sicard know which session you plan to attend, if you have not already done so, by texting him at 919.222.2639. This training is very important in gaining a full understanding of loader/driver responsibilities. The safety and efficiency the Tour's operation depends largely on the good work of loaders and drivers.
- **Patrons Gala Tuesday:** It's not too late to purchase a ticket! The party occurs at BRAHM from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Tuesday. Visit <https://www.stmaryofthehills.org/tour-of-homes25-patron-party> for details and to purchase your tickets.
- **Bake Sale:** The bake sale needs volunteers to work Friday, July 25, especially during the 8:30 am to noon shift! Help is also needed with pricing and wrapping of goods on Thursday, July 24, starting at 9 am. And, we still would love to have more sweet or savory baked goods. Sign up with Sallie Wintz at wintzsallie1@gmail.com or at the church.
- **'Mountains as a Destination' Event at BRAHM:** From 6 pm to 7 pm on Thursday, July 24, the Blowing Rock Art & History Museum is offering a unique opportunity to learn about mountain landscapes and area architecture as we prepare for the 67th annual Blowing Rock Tour of Homes. Award-winning writer, historian and architecture expert Peggy Smith will lead the conversation. Visit <https://www.blowingrockmuseum.org/calendar/skiresorttalk> for details.

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.

SAVE THE DATE – Join us for Holy Eucharist at 9 am, July 22,, in celebration of the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

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 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia Gae Best by her family and friends.

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:

07/13: Frank & Annie Hellen Thomas

07/14: Jamie & Emily Thomas

07/15: John Thompson & Lee Rocamora

07/16: John & Patti Turner

07/17: Darlene Van Dyke

07/18: Wayne Vason & Lee Harper

07/19: Ann Vaughn

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Alban's, Hickory

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, Russia, the Korean peninsula, Yemen, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Israel, Palestine, India, Pakistan and Iran

For healing: Dale, Bill & Jorgann Rogers; Jeff Hedden; Christine; Ann Greene; Bob Barham; Clare; Emily R.; Kaye; Kay McCloskey; Doug T.; John; Sylvia; Erin; Evie; Sylvia; Leigh; Mary; Nicole; Susie Wright; Carolyn, Mason and Catherine; Louis; John H.; Susan; Lynn Turnbow

****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: Roy Kregge, Mary Helen, Duane, Ted, Clarkie, Rhett, Peter Hempfling

For those with other concerns: Joe Dulaney, Lori Searfoss, comfort for the brokenhearted, comfort for the Hempfling family, Jacob

For those traveling this week: Sherrill, Jenny, Liv & Sam; Hunter T.

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Caitlyn, Katherine, Kelley, Anna, Hannah, Lauren, Amanda, Jennifer, Corinne, Lauren, Jenna, Amy, Dani

For those celebrating a birthday:

07/14: Joe Dulaney

07/19: Suzanne Shaut, Martha Ameika

For those celebrating an anniversary:

07/14: Jim & Suzanne Shaut