



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

JULY 20, 2025 | SIXTH 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](http://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

**FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE** – The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene will be celebrated with Holy Eucharist at 9 am on Tuesday, July 22. All are welcome.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST + ECW** – Episcopal Church Women are invited to join Men's Breakfast on Thursday, July 24, for a range of activities. They'll gather to celebrate Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am and then move to the parish hall for a hearty breakfast. Afterward, the group will begin setting up items for the Tour of Homes. ECW is invited to participate in any or all of these activities. If you'd like to join the party for breakfast, please RSVP under the Events area in Realm, where you'll find the MB dated July 24. You need only reply if you are going to breakfast. You may also let MB know if your coming by emailing Bill at [bill@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:bill@stmaryofthehills.org).

**67<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES IS FRIDAY!** – This year, we have a very special focus on the question, "Who is my neighbor?" in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Remember, 100 percent of the event proceeds go to High Country charitable organizations. Timeless Treasures can be found in the St. Mary's Parish Hall and the Bake Sale on the front lawn. Event is 9 am to 4 pm, rain or shine. There will be transportation to the homes, but please wear comfortable shoes. Homes are not handicap-accessible and the Tour is not suitable for children under 6.

#### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

##### Sunday, July 20

8 am: Holy Eucharist

10:10 am: Holy Eucharist

(There is no 9 am Formation or Children & Worship today)

##### Tuesday, July 22

9 am: Holy Eucharist: Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

##### Wednesday, July 23

Noon: Holy Eucharist

##### Monday — Friday

8:30 am: Morning Prayer

- **Tickets:** \$35/advance; \$40/day of; \$18/lunch. Online ticket purchases at the discounted rate can be made until Wednesday at 11:30 pm. Purchase online at <https://www.stmaryofthehills.org/tour-of-homes25>. You can also make an additional tax-deductible contribution for hurricane restoration and rebuilding at the same time. You can pick up tickets at the Church beginning tomorrow from 9:30 am to 4 pm.
- **Flowers Needed:** Bouquets of flowers are needed for the Bake Sale and to decorate the church. Please bring donated flowers from your gardens to the church by Thursday, July 24, at noon.
- **Flower Arranging Volunteers Needed:** We'll need 5-6 volunteers to assemble small bouquets to sale at the Bake Sale, as well as decorate 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.

# ALTAR FLOWERS

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of god and in loving memory of Kathleen & Lewis Thompson by Katy Thompson.*

## 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:**

07/20: Tom Veale & Robert Kling

07/21: Alma Ward

07/22: Anna Ward

07/23: Jim West

07/24: Diana White

07/25: Steve & Amanda White

07/26: Susan Wilders

**For the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour of Homes Blowing Rock,** all volunteers, guests and partner organizations across the High Country

**In the Diocesan Cyle of Prayer:** Faith Memorial Chapel, Cedar Mountain; Whiteside Summer Chapel, Cashiers

**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; Evie; Leigh; Mary; Nicole; Susie Wright; Carolyn, Mason and Catherine; Louis; John H.; Susan; Lynn Turnbow; John T.; Mike Matthews & Sarah Matthews; Lynn S.; Jim Tabor

*\*\*\*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:** Duane, Ted, Clarkie, Rhett, Peter Hempfling, Shelby

**For those with other concerns:** Joe Dulaney, Lori Searfoss, comfort for the brokenhearted, comfort for the Hempfling family, Jacob; God's provision & peace for David Matthews & Aarti Matthews

**For those traveling this week:** Jim Corcoran, Troskey Family

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

**For those celebrating a birthday:**

07/16: McLean Redford

07/21: Kay Snow

07/25: Faith Jones, Alice Blackburn

**For those celebrating an anniversary:**

07/20: Bill & Jorgann Rogers, Chris & Angela King

07/25: Bill & Emily Furr