



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

AUGUST 3, 2025 | EIGHTH 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

VESTRY NOMINEES WELCOMED – During the annual meeting on Aug. 24, we will elect four new Vestry members (three year-round members and one seasonal parishioner). In preparation for the Annual Meeting, we are engaging a season of discernment with leaders in the parish who feel called to Vestry service. Visit <https://www.stmaryofthehills.org/vestry> to view Vestry qualifications. Printed nomination forms are available in the Foyer and Parish Hall and may be returned to the Parish Office. Nominations will remain open until 5 pm tomorrow, Monday, Aug. 4.

TRANSFIGURATION AUG. 6 – Join us in celebrating the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ with Holy Eucharist at noon on Aug. 6. All are welcome!

HIKE FOR FAMILIES AUG. 10 – Families with children all ages are invited to “Discover God’s Creation” through a hike on Sunday, Aug. 10, at Trout Lake on the Blue Ridge Parkway. The hike will begin at 4 pm and be a leisurely 2-mile walk on flat terrain, perfect for all ages. The day will conclude with a scavenger hunt and Evening Prayer outdoors. Reach out to Michelle Curry at michellecurry523@gmail.com with questions.

SAVE THE DATE FEAST OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN + BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: AUG. 17 – All are encouraged to join us as we celebrate St. Mary the Virgin and bless those among us heading into a new school year during morning worship.

ANNUAL MEETING AUG. 24 – The Annual Meeting of the parish will be held on Sunday, Aug. 24, at 9 am in the Parish Hall. Please make plans to join us as we mark another year in the life of this congregation and look forward to the future into which God is calling us.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN GIRLS NIGHT OUT THIS MONTH – The ECW will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 5:30 pm at Hellbender. NO COOKING, ladies! We are going to celebrate and toast the hard work everyone put in for the Tour as well as the blessings we all have. So put on your party hats and be ready for fun. Hellbender is located on Sunset Drive. We have reservations for 25 so PLEASE RSVP as soon as you can by contacting Sue Wilders suejackpaintfly@aol.com or call 561-371-5989.

SAVE THE DATE: SEPT. 6-8 WEEKEND WITH WESTMINSTER ABBEY – All are invited to join us for a weekend featuring Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey, the Rev. Canon Dr. James Hawkey, and Mr. Martin Castledine, Dean’s Verger at Westminster Abbey. We’ll have special events all weekend. Stay tuned for more 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.

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sunday, Aug. 3

8 am: Holy Eucharist

9 am: No Adult Formation

10:10 am: Holy Eucharist
Children & Worship

Wednesday, Aug. 6

Noon: Holy Eucharist —
Transfiguration of our
Lord Jesus Christ

Monday — Friday

8:30 am: Morning Prayer

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:

08/03: Chris & Joe Albertson-Coyne

08/04: Walt & Martha Ameika

08/05: Bob Amos & Sallie Corrigan

08/06: Charlie & Amy Anderson, Sarahfina, Asher

08/07: Marks & Mimi Arnold

08/08: Mike & Lucy Austell

08/09: John & Ann Bagg

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Transfiguration, Bat Cave; Church of the Transfiguration, Saluda

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; Kaye; Kay McCloskey; Doug T.; John; Sylvia; Evie; John H.; Susan; Lynn Turnbow; John T.; Mike & Sarah Matthews; Lynn S.; Jim Tabor; Leigh; Pat B.; Myra; Susie Brown Wright; Darlene; Lucy; Chris M.; Mary M.; Renada; Will; Sandi; Renee; Wanda; Margaret; Van; Carolyn; Betty; Nioucha

****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: Rhett, Peter Hempfling, Shelby, James

For those with other concerns: Comfort for the brokenhearted, comfort for the Hempfling family; Jacob; David Matthews & Aarti Matthews; Josh; Corinne; provision, safety and peace for Raquel, Savannah, Delilah

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

08/04: Bill Devereux, Sally Page, Debra Bennett

08/06: Will Merrill, Larry Watson

08/08: Linda Stone

For those celebrating an anniversary:

08/01: John & Cecilia Grasinger

08/02: Jerry & Genie Starnes

08/04: Frank & Meg Fary

08/06: Frank & Annie Hellen Thomas

08/07: Bob & Charlene Barham

08/08: Carmen & Patty Patella