



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

AUGUST 4, 2024
11TH 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

UNCTION – Prayers for healing & anointing with oil are offered this Sunday following both the 8 am and 10:10 am services.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – At noon on Tuesday, August 6, we will celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ with Holy Eucharist. All are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RAFFLE WINNER – The Blowing Rock Tour of Homes included a new charity raffle this year. The winner received 25 percent of raffle donations while 75 percent goes into proceeds used in the grant process. The TOH is happy to announce that Claudia Heath is the winner of the raffle drawing. We also want to thank her for donating a portion back to the TOH!

WORKSHOP FOR ACOLYTES, CHALICE MINISTERS & USHERS – All interested and current acolytes, chalice ministers and ushers are invited to join together for a workshop and celebration on Sunday, August 11, at 11:45 am. Lunch will be served, and we should be finished by 1 pm. Please let Michelle Curry (michellecurry523@gmail.com) or Lindsey Herring (Lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org) know if you will be able to attend. This workshop is a great opportunity to learn more about these important ministries in our church. All parishioners are welcome.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED – St. Mary of the Hills is seeking nursery workers to care for our youngest parishioners on Sundays from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. If you know someone who might be interested in this position, please contact Lindsey Herring at lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org. The job description can be viewed on the St. Mary's website.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – We are having the annual Blessing of the Backpacks at both the 8 am and 10:10 am services on August 18. Educators and students are invited to bring a briefcase or backpack or lunchbox—whatever works for you—and receive a special blessing from Fr. Andrew.

AUGUST BACKPACK DRIVE – Please join the Outreach Committee as we support our local schools with a Backpack Drive during the month of August. In coordination with our Blessing of the Backpacks on August 18, we would like to encourage you to donate a backpack with school supplies for area schools. Suggested items to pack in your backpack include pencils, notebooks, 16-count boxes of crayons or colored pencils, yellow highlighters, earbuds for computer use, erasers, glue sticks and scissors. Drop off your donations on August 18 or leave your bookbag donation at the church office. Please contact Michelle Curry at michellecurry523@gmail.com or Lindsey Herring at lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org with questions.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING – The Parish Annual Meeting is scheduled for 9 am on Sunday, August 25. We will elect four new Vestry members (three year-round members and one seasonal parishioner). We'll also go over this year's highlights and look to the year ahead. All are encouraged to attend!

WORSHIP AT ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

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

HOLY EUCHARIST – A simple, spoken Holy Eucharist service occurs Wednesdays weekly at noon in the Church.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Michael our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; 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:

08/04: Ryan & Wivianny DeHaas

08/05: Bill & Donna Devereux

08/06: Kay Donahue

08/07: Michael & Susan Donahue

08/09: Joe & Diana Doswell

08/10: Joe & Virginia Dulaney

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: Joseph, our President; Roy, our Governor; all those who hold elected office; and for those offering themselves for election

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, Clare, John M., Chris M., Mary, Logan, John A., Lucy, Claire, Daryl M., Zadie, Sam Harris, Glenn, Tanya, Silas, Jim W., Jeffrey Eastman, Yolanda, Warren, Glenn, Ira Pearce, Pat, Joe

****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: Peggy, Stan R., Dennis Grady, Norman

For those with other concerns: Diane, Jena and Family; Chris & Katie; Linda R. & Family; Barbara

For those traveling this week: Lindsey & Dallas

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Caitlyn, Brittany, Mary Ella, Blair Sudderth, Sarah

For those celebrating a birthday:

08/02: Leslie Billingsley

08/04: Bill Devereux, Sally Page

08/06: Will Merrill, Larry Watson

08/08: Linda Stone

08/10: Holly Carter

For those celebrating an anniversary:

08/04: Frank & Meg Fary

08/06: Frank & Annie Hellen Thomas

08/07: Bob & Charlene Barham

08/08: Carmen & Patty Patella