



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

AUGUST 11, 2024
TWELFTH 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

CONCERT TODAY – Join us this afternoon at 3 pm in the Church for an afternoon tour of musical poetry when Alicia Chapman, oboe, Eric Koontz, viola, and pianist Mi-Jin Kim present a program they're calling *Loeffler, Bax, Manet, a Spirit and the Moon*. Music for this concert includes *Deux Rhapsodies* (1905) by Loeffler, Silvestrini's *Le Ballet Espagnol*, Gluck's *Dance of the Blessed Spirits* from *Orfeo ed Eurydice*, and *Claire de Lune* by Debussy.

TRAINING FOR ACOLYTES, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & USHERS – All interested and current Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers are invited to join together for a workshop and celebration today at 11:45 am. Lunch will be served, and we should be finished by 1 pm. This workshop will be a great opportunity to learn more about these important ministries in our church. All are welcome.

THE FEAST OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN – The feast of St. Mary the Virgin will be celebrated with Holy Eucharist on Thursday, August 15 at 12PM. As this festival day is also our feast of title, from which we draw our name as a parish, we will also celebrate it next Sunday, August 18 (note that incense will be used at 10:10AM).

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – The annual Blessing of the Backpacks will take place 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—as we ask God's blessing upon the new academic year.

AUGUST BACKPACK DRIVE – 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 encourage you to pick-up 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 backpack donation at the church office. Contact Michelle Curry at michellecurry523@gmail.com or Lindsey Herring at lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org with questions.

MEN'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP DINNER – Men from St. Luke's, Boone, St. Mary of the Hills and Holy Cross, Valle Crucis will have their second annual gathering 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at the Cooper Pavilion at Valle Crucis Park. Cost is \$5 per person. RSVPs are due to KeithTMartin@gmail.com no later than noon on Monday, Aug. 19.

TOUR OF HOMES WRAP-UP MEETING – Thank you to everyone who volunteered, contributed, and/or PRAYED for success at the Tour of Homes! Billie and Suzanne wish to invite you to the wrap-up meeting on Thursday, August 22nd at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. A thank you dinner will be served! Please bring input (both positive and negative) to the meeting so we can continue to make this one of the best and most productive events for the community. RSVP via text (preferred) to Billie at 828-964-0746 for an accurate dinner count. All volunteers and chairpersons are invited!

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING – The Parish Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 25, beginning at 9AM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome and 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 occurs each Wednesday 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:

08/11: Dave & Julie Dutra

08/12: Joe & Patty Dyer

08/13: G. Loy & Melissa Ehlers

08/14: Linda & Nick Elksnin

08/15: Doug & Terri Fabel

08/16: Frank & Megan Fary

08/17: Robert Felix & Jennifer Nelson, Robert Henry

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: La Capilla de Santa Maria, Hendersonville; St. Mary of the Hills, Blowing Rock; St. Mary's, Asheville

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 this year.

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, particularly those impacted by Hurricane Debby.

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, Evie, Sheila and Ray, Chris J., Cinda, Don, Vincent

****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, Ed Bocons, Barbara Dunnigan, Allan Jones

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

For those traveling this week: Darlene Van Dyke

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

08/11: Jack White

08/12: Gale Buchanan, Alex Lawler, Katy Thompson; Gray Van Dyke

08/15: Heather Cameron

08/16: Dale Sandusky, Cynthia Tessien

For those celebrating an anniversary:

08/11: Bill & Joellyn Gibbons

08/12: George & Barbara Ball