



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

AUGUST 17, 2025 | TENTH 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

WELCOME BISHOP BRIAN COLE - We welcome The Right Rev'd Brian L. Cole to St. Mary of the Hills as our guest preacher this morning as we celebrate our festival day today. Bishop Cole has served as Bishop of East Tennessee since 2017. Prior to his election, he served as Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Lexington, Kentucky (2012-2017), as Sub-Dean of the Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville (2005-2012), and as Vicar of Church of the Advocate in Asheville (2002-2005).

CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY – The choir will sing Choral Evensong at 3 pm today. All are welcome!

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.

FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW – Join us in commemorating the Feast of St. Bartholomew with Holy Eucharist on Monday, Aug. 25, at 9 am. All are welcome.

AUGUST BACKPACK DRIVE – Please join the Outreach Committee as we support our local schools with a Backpack Drive for the month of August. We would like to encourage you to bring in a backpack with school supplies for donation to our local schools by Aug. 31. Suggested items to pack your backpack with include pencils, notebooks, 16 count boxes of crayons or colored pencils, yellow highlighters, earbuds for computers, erasers, glue sticks and scissors. Contact Michelle michellecurry523@gmail.com with questions.

CELEBRATE OUR USHERS TOGETHER – Calling all current and future church ushers! A Celebration of Ushers is scheduled for Sunday, August 31st following the 10:10 service. If greeting and hospitality are your superpower- please consider joining us for a light lunch and brief presentation. Please RSVP to Albert Yount or the church office.

SEPT. 6-8 WEEKEND WITH WESTMINSTER ABBEY – Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey, the Rev. Canon Dr. James Hawkey, and Mr. Martin Castledine, Dean's Verger at Westminster Abbey, will be joining us for worship and special programming Saturday, Sept. 6, through Monday, Sept. 8. Visit our website to learn more about these men and ways you can participate while they're visiting.

PRESBYTERIAN EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY RESTARTS – Appalachian State students are back on campus and PECM is ready to have their first meeting. As in the past, we need two large lasagnas (hot and ready to go), one or two big salads with dressing, two French or Italian loaves of breads buttered and hot, drinks and dessert (ice cream is a favorite). Please bring these items to church on Tuesday, Aug. 26, by 4 pm. Contact Sue Wilders 561-371-5989 or suejackpaintfly@aol.com. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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.

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:

08/17: Zach & Julia Bennett, Grace
08/18: Leslie Billingsley & Mitch Mitchell
08/19: Alex & Rachel Blackburn, Spencer and Alice
08/20: Natalie Bovino & Ken Johnson
08/21: William & Woodson Bradley
08/22: Nioucha Branstrom
08/23: Jim Brooks

In the Diocesan Cyle of Prayer: All students, faculty & staff returning to school; College & Campus Ministries at Appalachian State University; Western Carolina University; University of North Carolina, Asheville

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; Evie; Susan; Lynn Turnbow; Leigh; Pat B.; Myra; Susie Brown Wright; Darlene; Lucy; Chris M.; Mary M.; Renada; Will; Sandi; Renee; Wanda; Margaret; Van; Carolyn; Betty; Nioucha; Larry; Garris Haynes; John V.; Barbara; Krystal H.

****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: James, Gabby, Tim, the Rev. Helen Tester

For those traveling: Bill & Donna Devereux

For those with other concerns: Josh; Corinne; Raquel, Savannah and Delilah; Lamar; family & friends of the Rev. Helen Tester

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

08/19: Richard Craver, JoAnn Hallmark, Jane Milner, Ham Wilson
08/20: Christine Galke Thacker
08/21: Claudia Heath
08/23: Jennifer, Susan Schilson

For those celebrating an anniversary:

08/18: Roy & Nedra McCraw
08/20: John & Ruth Fitzgibbons

*Today's Coffee Minute is hosted by Billie Rogers. Want to host an upcoming Coffee Minute?
Reach out to Bill Devereux, Hospitality & Facilities Director, and we'll get you on the schedule!*