



**ST. MARY OF THE HILLS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 18, 2024
ST. MARY THE VIRGIN (TRANSFERRED)**

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

SUNDAY MORNING FORMATION

GODLY PLAY – Cathia Silver and Lynne Bell will be helping our children become better acquainted with seasons of the church year and the Episcopal calendar through the “Circle of the Church Year” story. Children ages 5-10 should join us in the St. Luke room at 9 am.

RECTOR'S FORUM – Father Andrew will lead us through a review of this summer's General Convention, which included the election of the 28th Presiding Bishop. We will gather at 9 am in the Barrett Room.

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS MEN'S BREAKFAST – Men's Breakfast returns this Thursday, August 22, with the celebration of Eucharist at 7:30 am, followed by breakfast and fellowship. Joe Doswell will also be on joining us to provide a presentation entitled, “Things I learned in the 60s in LA.” Men and women welcome!

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, August 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, August 19.

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!

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES – Join us at 3 pm on August 25 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*. Note this concert was previously scheduled for earlier this month but was canceled due to illness.

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 share follow-up thoughts on Thursday, August 22, 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!

ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE AT BRAHM – Two St. Mary of the Hills parishioners will be sharing their work in the upcoming weeks at BRAHM. Summer Blowing Rock resident, dancer, choreographer and painter Lee Harper will be showcasing her work August 15-25. Full-time parishioner, artist and educator Sue Wilders will be showcasing her work August 26 – September 1. A reception for Sue will be held on August 29 at Edgewood Cottage.

CAREGIVER CONVERSATIONS – Ruple Memorial Presbyterian, AppFaithHealth and St. Mary of the Hills have partnered to offer active listening training to caregivers, lay leaders and church staff from 2:15 to 2:30 pm on September 8 at Ruple. Register online at <https://rumplechurch.breezechms.com/form/b724d4> by September 1. More details will be provided after you've registered.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorn the altar to the glory of God and in loving memory of Maria Skibo.

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:

08/18: Bob Finney & Bonnie Holder

08/19: Buddy Fore

08/20: Bill & Emily Furr

08/21: Doug & Mary Galke

08/22: Bill & Joellyn Gibbons

08/23: Jim & Joyce Gibson

08/24: Gary & Judy Gloster

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: 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, Sam Harris, Glenn, Tanya, Yolanda, Warren, Glenn, Ira Pearce, Pat, Mary, Chris M., Logan, Chris Johnson, Evie, Pat B., Linda P., Don, Charlie, Harry, The Rogers Family

****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, Deka Tate, Von Poston

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

For those traveling this week: Suzanne Miller, Gladys, Ann & Bob

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

08/19: Richard Craver, JoAnn Hallmark, Jane Milner, Ham Wilson, Elizabeth Purcell

08/20: Christine Galke Thacker

08/21: Kate Cone, Claudia Heath

08/23: Susan Schilson, Jennifer Riebel

08/24: Tom Veale, Kay Donahue

For those celebrating an anniversary:

08/18: Roy & Nedra McCraw

08/20: John & Ruth Fitzgibbons