



**ST. MARY OF THE HILLS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 25, 2024
FOURTEENTH 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

TODAY'S FORMATION – Rector's Forum and Godly Play are canceled today. Children ages 15 and younger are encouraged to meet in the nursery for a special Spirit-led activity and time outdoors during the Annual Meeting. Our regular Sunday morning Formation offerings, Rector's Forum and Godly Play, will resume at 9 am on September 1.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING – The parish annual meeting occurs at 9 am today. We will discuss the past year, look to the future ahead and vote on new Vestry members. Members ages 16 and up are encouraged to attend and participate.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES – Join us at 3 pm today for an afternoon of musical poetry when Alicia Chapman, oboe, Eric Koontz, viola, and pianist Mi-Jin Kim present a program they're calling *Loeffler, Bux, Manet, a Spirit and the Moon*. Note this concert was previously scheduled for earlier this month but was canceled due to illness.

UNCTION – Unction, prayers for healing and anointing with oil, will be offered following both the 8 am and 10:10 am services on September 1.

ECW MEETING – All are invited to attend the next ECW meeting at 5:30 pm on September 3. Parishioners Owene Courtney, Katherine Metzger and Gigi Poole, along with two others, will be giving a presentation about their pilgrimage to Ireland in September last year and sharing stories of their transformational journey. ECW is providing an Irish-themed main dish. Please bring an Irish-inspired side or dessert. RSVPs are necessary! RSVP to Sue Wilders at suejackpaintfly@aol.com or Suzanne Miller at suzieline41@gmail.com.

ECW DIAPER DRIVE – The ECW diaper drive begins on September 3 and runs until the end of the month. Please bring packages of diapers to the ECW meeting the evening of September 3. You can also drop them off in the Church foyer throughout September.

ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE AT BRAHM – Summer Blowing Rock resident, dancer, choreographer and painter Lee Harper's is showcasing her work at BRAHM until Monday. It has been on display since August 18. Parishioner, artist and educator Sue Wilders will be showcasing her work next week, August 26 – September 1. The parish is invited to attend a reception for Sue held on August 29 at Edgewood Cottage.

CAREGIVER CONVERSATIONS – Rumble 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 Rumble. Register online at <https://rumplechurch.breezechms.com/form/b724d4> by September 1. More details will be provided after you've registered.

DINNER & A MOVIE FAMILY NIGHT – Families are invited to join us on the Parish Hall on September 8 for a pasta dinner and screening of the Disney Pixar film "Up" as we get ready to usher in the fall. (Vegetarian option provided.) RSVP to Lindsey Herring at lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org by September 3.

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 Michael 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:

08/25: Richard Goewey

08/26: Frances Goodman & Charlotte Fox

08/27: John & Cecilia Grasinger

08/28: Betty Green

08/29: Susie Greene

08/30: JoAnn Hallmark

08/31: Dean Hamric & Burt Mulford

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Sparta; Church of the Savior, Newland

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

For healing: Adam, Dale, Jorgann Rogers, Jeff Hedden, Gary, Kay McCloskey, Christine, John, Ann Greene, Bob Barham, Clare, Bill Tessien, Yolanda, Warren, Ira Pearce, Pat, Mary, Chris M., Logan, Chris Johnson, Evie, Pat B., Linda P., Don, Charlie, Harry, The Rogers Family, Betty H., Tony, Ben C., Lucy

****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, Glenn

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

For those traveling this week: The Troskey Family

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

08/25: Patty Dyer

08/26: John Anders Rundell

08/28: Lennon Redford

08/29: Ben Galke, Alex Blackburn

08/31: Virginia Dulaney

For those celebrating an anniversary:

08/30: Leslie Billingsley & Mitch Mitchell