



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

SEVENTEENTH 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 CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS -

Godly Play – Cathia Silver and Lynne Bell will be leading the kids through a bit of Genesis—the new beginning and God's promise—and retelling the story of the Ark and the Flood today at 9 am in the St. Luke room. All kids are welcome!

Rector's Forum – *The Letter of James - An Epistle of Straw?*

For the next several Sundays, we will be reading from the Epistle of James during worship. Martin Luther once referred to this New Testament letter as “an Epistle of Straw.” Join us on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Barrett Room as we delve deeper with this early Church letter and the ways in which it might apply to us as followers of Jesus here and now.

ECW SEPTEMBER DIAPER DRIVE – The ECW diaper drive is underway and runs until the end of September. Please bring diapers to the closet located in the Foyer. Donations benefit the Diaper Bank at the Children's Council of Watauga County.

JOY, DESPAIR AND HOPE: EXPERIENCING THE PSALMS – The Rev. Sam Tallman and the Rev. Torrence Harman continue their exploration of selected Psalms as representative of how the Psalms capture our universal human experience of joy, despair and hope, with emphasis on the Jewish interpretation of these Hebrew scriptures. Each session will be independent of the others. This is an in-person only offering that will be held in the Barrett room. The next two sessions are from 4 pm to 5:30 pm Sept. 16 and Sept. 23. Come to one or as many as convenient.

SEPTEMBER VESTRY MEETING – Vestry will be meeting on Sept. 17 at 5:45 pm. All parishioners are welcome.

CHILDREN'S ACOLYTE TRAINING – At 9 am next Sunday, Sept. 22, in the St. Luke room upstairs, Verger Michelle Curry and Lindsey Herring will talk to the children about the role of acolytes in worship services, walking them through a typical Sunday morning acolyte experience. **Any child of any age interested in becoming an acolyte is welcome to attend.**

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES – Our summer concert series continues at 3 pm on Sept. 22 with the ASU Horn Quartet. All are welcome! This event is sponsored by the Friends of Music at St. Mary of the Hills.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT – Men of area churches are welcome to gather on Sept. 17 at 5:45 pm on the roof of the Allen Tate Company for Men's Night Out. Host Jaco Gerbrands will welcome MNO colleagues with beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres before moving across the street at 6:30 pm to the new South End Brewing Company for a dutch treat dinner. Please RSVP by noon on Monday, Sept. 16, to KeithTMartin@gmail.com or 704.608.2755.

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: 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:

09/15: Betty Howe
09/16: Sterling Hutcheson
09/17: Frank & Aline Irizarry
09/18: Bob & Anne Jones
09/19: Larry & Faith Jones
09/20: Martha J. Jones
09/21: Maureen Justice

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Holy Cross, Tryon; Holy Cross, Valle Crucis

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, Betty H., Tony, Lucy, Ben C., James Pettitt, Emily R., Joe, Duncan, Evie, Yolanda, Warren, Nancy, KC

****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 traveling this week: Clare

For those with other concerns: Diane, Jena and Family; Connor; Kevin, Jeannie & Erin; Lauren Ferraro; Stan Bray; Mary & Jennifer Cunningham

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

09/11: Michael Ferraro
09/15: Catherine Carter, Amanda Silverman
09/16: Sophia King
09/18: Patti Turner
09/20: Tom Rankin, Johnny Ray, Antoinette Kollmer
09/21: Miriam Lemnoui

For those celebrating an anniversary:

09/18: Alex & Bre Lawler