



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024
EIGHTEENTH 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 -

Children's Acolyte Training – At 9 am today in the St. Luke room upstairs, parish Verger Michelle Curry and Formation Director Lindsey Herring will talk to the children about the role of acolytes in worship services, walking them through a typical Sunday morning acolyte experience, processional and all. Any child of any age interested in becoming an acolyte is welcome to attend.

Rector's Forum – Join Fr. Andrew at 9 am in the Barrett Room for conversation on the passages of scripture we read in worship this Sunday and delve deeper into their meaning for our lives as followers of Jesus.

SEPTEMBER VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – The Vestry met on Tuesday, September 17, for their monthly meeting. Below are some highlights of actions taken this month –

- Welcomed new Vestry members, elected at August 25 Annual Meeting.
- Heard updates related to Annual Giving and the Audit of 2023 Financials.
- Accepted and approved grant allocations from the 2024 Tour of Homes Blowing Rock to 32 organizations across the High Country, totaling \$90,250.

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

JOY, DESPAIR AND HOPE: EXPERIENCING THE PSALMS – The Rev'd Sam Tallman and the Rev'd Torrence Harman offer an exploration of selected Psalms as representative of how the Psalms capture our universal human experience of joy, despair and hope. This is the last of three sessions, and each session has been independent of the others, so feel free to join us for the last session.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES – Our concert series continues at 3 pm today with the ASU Horn Quartet, sponsored by the Friends of Music at St. Mary of the Hills. From Disney to the classics, this concert brings something for everyone, including suites by Bruckner and Bozza, a quartet by the 18th century composer Homelius, and medleys from Disney's *Little Mermaid*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*, *Pocahontas*, and other favorites. All are welcome!

CHORAL EVENSONG - Join us next Sunday, September 29, at 3pm for Choral Evensong, a sung service of Evening Prayer led by the choir, to mark the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Men's breakfast returns next Thursday, September 26, with a 7:30 am Eucharist followed by breakfast and fellowship. We will be making plans for the Halloween Chili Supper, which will be held on Sunday, October 27. Please be sure to let us know you're coming and RSVP to bill@stmaryofthehills.org.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Emily Hammond and Josh Fisher on September 21.*

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:

09/22: Lisa Kaufmann
09/23: Butch & Donna Kerns
09/24: Angela & Chris King
09/25: Dick & Louann Kitchell
09/26: Dave Kline
09/27: Olivia Knight
09/28: Chris & Antoinette Kollmer

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Messiah, Murphy

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, James Pettitt, Emily R., Joe, Evie, Yolanda, Warren, Nancy, KC, Chris M., Lucy, Belinda S., Mary M., Kim Whittle, Vinny, Andrew C., David C., Roy, Sheila & Ray, Darlene

****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: Asemur Eygi, Jane, Stan R.

For those traveling this week: Leslie & Mitch, Larry & Nyssa, Julia Bennett

For those with other concerns: Lauren Ferraro; Stan Bray; Mary & Jennifer Cunningham; Ellen; The Hill Family; Evelyn; The Rogers Family

Thanksgiving for the birth of Oliver Bennett to Blair Sudderth.

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

09/21: Darren Van Dyke
09/22: Betty Green, Audrey Stone
09/23: Barbre McGill Hoar
09/25: Bob Miller, Renee Lyons
09/26: Sallie Corrigan
09/27: Norman Hillis

For those celebrating an anniversary:

09/25: Tom & Tina Barrett
09/28: Bob & Anne Jones