



**ST. MARY OF THE HILLS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**

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 –

The Exodus Story – Children are invited to join us for Godly Play at 9 am today in the St. Luke room upstairs. We'll be exploring how God's people navigate the desert and move through the waters of freedom, relying on God's presence.

Rector's Forum – Join Fr. Andrew at 9 am in the Barrett Room for conversation about the Feast of St. Michael & All Angels, and delve deeper into its meaning for our lives as followers of Jesus.

Fifth Sunday Parents Circle – Parents are invited to join us at 9 am in the St. Mary room to discuss acolytes in worship and what that means for their children.

MICHAELMAS EVENSONG TODAY – Our choir will present a special choral Evensong in honor of St. Michael and All Angels this afternoon at 3 pm with guest organist Dr. Joby Bell. Music for this Evensong includes Healey Willan's haunting Behold, the Tabernacle of God, the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in A Major by Herbert Sumsion, and an exciting anthem, Factum est silentium, involving a battle between the Archangel Michael and a dragon! Organ prelude begins at 2:45 pm. All are welcome.

ECW OCTOBER MEETING – The Episcopal Church Women will be meeting at 5:30 pm on October 1. Joe Doswell will be speaking on the topic, "What I learned in the 60s in LA." Please bring your favorite fall dish. Everyone welcome. RSVP to Sue Wilders, suejackpaintfly@aol.com or Suzanne Miller suzieline41@gmail.com.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Please bring your beloved pets of all kinds, shapes and sizes to be blessed at our annual Blessing of the Animals at 2 pm on Sunday, Oct. 6. We're partnering with Rumble again this year and gathering on their front lawn. All pets must be leashed or crated.

ANNUAL GIVING – Our Annual Giving theme this year is "Walk in Love," calling us to remember that our greatest gift in community is how we come together in purpose and mission. Pledge cards are available.

TOUR OF HOMES GRANT RECIPIENTS – The net proceeds from this year's Tour totaled \$90,250 and will be shared among 32 High Country organizations. The following programs are now receiving grants: Hospitality House Shelter and WeCan; Community Care Clinic; Hunger and Health Coalition; WAMY; Western Youth Network; Blue Ridge Conservancy; Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture; Casting Bread Ministry; Back2School Festival; Blowing Rock Cares; Blowing Rock Library, Parks and Recreation, School, Women's Club, and Police; Club 12; Women's Fund of the Blue Ridge; Crossnore School; F.A.R.M. Café; Habitat for Humanity; High Country Caregivers; Mediation and Restorative Justice Center; Mountain Alliance; BRAHM; OASIS; New Directions Mustard Seed; Quiet Givers; Valle Crucis Conference Center; Watauga Arts Council; Watauga Children's Council; and the Watauga Community Housing Trust. This wouldn't be possible without all of your hard work and dedication! Thank you!

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:

09/29: Alex & Bre Lawler, Laney

09/30: Rick & Beth Lawler

10/01: Sid & Donna Lemnouni

10/02: Renee Lyons

10/03: Mark & P.J. Martin

10/04: Mike & Sarah Matthews

10/05: Jeff & Paige McBride, Stevie

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton

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, especially those impacted by Hurricane Helene.

For healing: Adam, Dale, Jorgann Rogers, Jeff Hedden, Gary, Kay McCloskey, Christine, John, Ann Greene, Bob Barham, Clare, Bill Tessien, Emily R., Evie, Yolanda, Warren, Nancy, KC, Chris M., Lucy, Belinda S., Mary M., Kim Whittle, Vinny, Andrew C., David C., Roy, Sheila & Ray, Darlene, Jane, Stan B., Pat B., Donna, Sallie, David Tribby, Tom Dixon, Scotty Turner

****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: Adam Hill, Asemur Eygi, Jane, Stan R., Katy, Linda

For those traveling this week: Leslie & Mitch, Jim, Lynne

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

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

09/28: Kay Rankin

09/30: Eleanor Hege

10/05: Gillian Cone

For those celebrating an anniversary:

09/29: Chip & Garland Myers