



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
JANUARY 1, 2023

## WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS!

We are so glad that you are here. If you are a guest among us, we invite you to complete a 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](http://www.stmaryofthehills.org).

Members of our Vestry (*elected lay leadership*) are identified by name tags with yellow lanyards. Seek them out for information about our congregation's life and ministry.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A NOTE OF APPRECIATION** - Abundant thanks to all who have worked so hard to prepare for the season of Christmas. Too many individuals to list have been busy arranging flowers and greenery, preparing the altar, rehearsing music, and making all things ready for this season. Thank you!!

**SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS** - Will not meet this Sunday, January 1, but will resume next Sunday with the Rector's Forum and Godly Play at 9:00AM upstairs over the Parish Hall.

**MORNING PRAYER** – Join us for Morning Prayer, offered Monday-Friday at 8:30AM in the Church.

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** - We have raised \$3695.00 thus far. You can still support Heifer International on Sundays at Coffee Minute. The credit card machine will be set up in the volunteer office. Thank you.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, January 2 as our staff observe holiday time. If you have a pastoral emergency (hospitalization, death in your family, arrest, mental health crisis), please contact Fr. Andrew directly at (336-848-4052).

**ALL YEAR-END PAYMENTS TO THE CHURCH** must be dated and the envelope postmarked on or before December 31, 2022 to be credited on giving statements for the year 2022.

**THANK YOU FROM BILL STROH** – Bill Stroh extends a heartfelt thank you to those who contributed to his retirement purse. He is enjoying retirement but misses seeing all of you. He wishes everyone a happy 2023!

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

**For the Church:** Michael our Presiding Bishop, José our Bishop, Andrew, Sam and Gary our clergy, for our Vestry and staff, and for all the people of this parish.

**In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:**

1/01 Gary and Judy Gloster  
1/02 Richard Goewey  
1/03 John and Cecilia Grasinger  
1/04 Betty Green  
1/05 Susie Greene  
1/06 JoAnn Hallmark, Hunter, Spencer  
1/07 Dean Hamric and Burt Mulford

**In our Diocesan cycle of prayer:** St. John's Cartoogechaye, Franklin; St. John's, Asheville; St. John's, Marion; St. John's, Sylva

**For our nation and those in positions of public trust:** Joseph, our President, Roy, our Governor, all those who hold elected office.

**For all who suffer from war throughout the world** and especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, the people of the Korean peninsula, the people of Yemen, and the people of Ethiopia.

**For all medical personnel and all ministering to the needs of those affected by COVID-19.**

**For healing:** Roy McCraw, Cliff Minor, Jill Gloster, Denise A., Jayden, Paula, Mel, Greg, Lillian White, Danny Whittington, Evonne Folk, Barry Horton, Watson family, Joey Eller, Ed, Meredith, Louann Kitchell, Elizabeth, Cat Carter, Joe Dyer, Christi and Charlie, Carl and his family, Jennifer, Lauren, Bonnie and Bob, Elizabeth Young, Bruce B., Jane F., Chris, Mary M., Keith, Kathy, Donna, Sandie Holder, Bill, Nancy

*\*\*\*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 with other concerns:** George D., Matthew, Julia

**For those who have died:** Buzzy Miller, Bill Epps, Wil, Steve Frank

**For safe pregnancy and delivery for:** Darrow, Rebecca Purcell, Caitlyn

**For those celebrating a birthday this week:**

12/25 Megan Lawler Redford, Randy Ouzts  
12/26 Marjory Holder, Duncan McGill, Teddy Rickenbacker  
12/27 John Carlson  
12/29 Ray Cameron  
12/30 Jillian Barnes Kay  
01/01 Ann Bagg, Mark Martin, Shawn Poole  
01/03 Molly Rogers  
01/07 Rebecca Purcell

**For those celebrating an anniversary this week:**

12/28 Bill and Owene Courtney  
12/29 Andrew and Amanda Hege, Mike and Gay Miller  
01/06 Joe and Mary Ellen Raulerson