



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
JANUARY 14, 2024

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.

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION TODAY

- **Godly Play** for children ages 3 to 10 occurs at 9:00AM in the St. Luke Room on Sunday mornings. This week, Lindsey & Ryan Postlethwait will be leading the class on the Parable of the Leaven.
- **Rector's Forum – The First Letter to the Corinthians** – Throughout the next several weeks, we'll be hearing from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians in worship. This letter has some of the most familiar passages in all of scripture as well as some portions that have been used and misused throughout the Church's history. Join us in the Rector's Forum at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room, January 14 - February 4, as we take a closer look at this portion of scripture together. All are welcome!

COFFEE MINUTE – Join us in the Foyer (following the 8:00AM service) or in the Parish Hall (following the 10:10AM service) for coffee, refreshments and time for conversation. Hosts are still needed for the 10:10AM service Coffee Minute. A sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Hall.

“FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE: HOW DO CHRISTIANS TALK ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE?” – Please join St. Mary's and Rumble Memorial Presbyterian for a continued discussion on gun violence. The next session occurs Tuesday, January 16, at 10:00AM.

VESTRY MEETING – This month's meeting occurs at 5:45PM on Tuesday, January 16. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - January 18-25 - Each year, between the Feasts of the Confession of St. Peter (January 18) and the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25), the World Council of Churches invites Christians worldwide to join in a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Join us for Eucharist on one of those feast days or for Morning Prayer on a Weekday as we pray for a deepening of the ties that bind us together as followers of Christ. Resources are available online at <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>.

SAVE THE DATE –

- January 18 – The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle – Holy Eucharist at 12:00PM
- January 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle – Holy Eucharist at 7:30AM (Men's Breakfast follows!)
- February 2 – The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple (Candlemas) – Holy Eucharist at 9:00AM

OFFICE CLOSED – The office will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Hilda and Marvin Wade, by Sande Wade Churchill. Their anniversary was February 5. Marvin died on January 29 and Hilda died on February 5.

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:

01/14 Bill and Emily Furr

01/15 Doug and Mary Galke

01/16 Bill and Joellyn Gibbons

01/17 Jim and Joyce Gibson

01/18 Gary and Judy Gloster

01/19 Richard Goewey

01/20 Frances Goodman and Charlotte Fox

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Episcopal Church Women, Daughters of the King

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 Korean peninsula, Yemen, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Israel and Palestine

For healing: Jeff Hedden, Jorgann, Sally, Lisa Kaufmann, Janice, Jordan M., Gary, Gary Bolka, Sue, Cullie, Julia, Dale, Mary M., Jeannie H., Martina, John, Mary Jane, Catherine, Pat, M.J., Jamie, Christine, Kay McCloskey, Jo-Anne Findt, Sheila, Mike, Adam, Luella, Clare, Michael Curry, Ann Greene, Greg, Bob Barham, Peggy, Mark, Larry, Joe, Laura, Kent Wells

****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: Haydee Majica de Santiago, Jim, Alon Shamriz, Tom D., Tom W., Kathy, Susan

For those with other concerns: Blair, Earl, Martina, Conner, George, Jena, Diane and family

For those traveling this week: Jorgann and Bill, Molly and Jamie

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Megan Redford, Crawford, Selby, Hanna, Caitlyn, Emily

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

01/16 Bunky Davant, Mike Tinka

01/18 Michelle Curry

01/19 Amanda White