



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
JANUARY 21, 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 Herring and Darlene Van Dyke are leading the class through the Follow Me/Fishers of Men story.
- **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.

CELEBRATING GRETA WILSON – Our Parish Administrator, Greta Wilson, will retire on February 2, having served the parish for 15 years. Join us on Sunday, February 4, for a festive reception following the 10:10 Holy Eucharist as we celebrate Greta and give thanks for her many years of faithfulness to St. Mary of the Hills. As a part of her retirement, Greta will be presented with a 'purse'; if you'd like to make a contribution, please note 'Greta Retirement' in the memo line of your check or online gift.

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 Jan. 25 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>.

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE – Join us at 7:30AM on January 25 for Holy Eucharist. (Men's Breakfast follows!)

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Men's Breakfast returns this month with 7:30AM Eucharist followed by breakfast. Our guest speaker is Aidan Waite, a culinologist and owner/executive chef of The English Connection. Both men and women are welcome to join! If you're not on the Men's Breakfast email routing list, please let us know if you would like to attend by emailing bill@stmaryofthehills.org. If you're on the list already, please reply to the regular email that comes from Orian Carter the week of the event so that we know how much food to prepare.

SAVE THE DATE –

- February 2 – The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple (Candlemas) – Holy Eucharist at 12:00PM (*Updated Time*)
- February 14 – Ash Wednesday – Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 7:00AM, 12:00PM, and 6:00PM.
- February 24 – The Feast of St. Matthias – Holy Eucharist at 9:00AM

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Andrew's Ordination to the Priesthood on January 17, 2015; acknowledging the grace that surrounds us and the dedicated service of Father Andrew.
The flowers are given by his family-Amanda, Eleanor and David.

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:

01/21 John and Cecilia Grasinger
01/22 Betty Green
01/23 Susie Green
01/24 JoAnn Hallmark
01/25 Dean Hamric and Burt Mulford
01/26 Helene Harper and Mike Tinka
01/27 Nancy Harris

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Chapel of Christ the King, Craggy Correctional Center, Asheville and all other prison ministries

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, Claudia, Andrew, Belinda, Siri, Jamie, Jordan M., Gary, Gary Bolka, Sue, Cullie, Julia, Dale, Mary M., Jeannie H., Martina, John, Mary Jane, Catherine, Pat, M.J., 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: Shelia Deal, Jane Rogers, Janice, Haydee Mojica de Santiago, Jim, Alon Shamriz, Tom D., Tom W., Kathy, Susan

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

For those traveling this week: Anne and Bob Jones

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

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

01/21 Bob Barbour
01/22 Mike Coston, Connor Leska
01/23 John Grasinger, Bill Rogers, Adeline Sauer
01/24 Margaret Joffrion, Garland Myers, Dallas Swoveland
01/27 Larry Jones

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

01/22 Larry Turnbow and Marjory Holder