



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
JANUARY 22, 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

### SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Rector's Forum** - Join us this morning for a conversation about our appointed scripture passages and their intersection with our lives. We gather at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room (second floor, above the Parish Hall). All are welcome!
- **Godly Play** - This morning in the St. Luke Room, Godly Play will be offered for our children of all ages. The topic is "Fishers of Men".

### WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

- **Morning Prayer** – Join us for Morning Prayer, a short (15-20 minute) service, offered Monday-Friday at 8:30AM in the Church.
- **Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12:00PM** – Holy Eucharist is offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM in the Church.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** – The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed each year in January between the Feasts of the Confession of St. Peter (January 18) and the Conversation St. Paul (January 25). Both of these feast days will be observed as a part of our regular Wednesday Eucharists. You are invited to join in this season of prayer for the whole Church. A prayer 'For the Unity of the Church' on page 255 of the Book of Common Prayer is particularly appropriate in these days.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** will meet on Thursday, January 26th, at 7:30AM for Holy Eucharist with a hearty breakfast and conversation to follow. Join us and bring a friend (or two)!

**MORE THAN ENOUGH** – Many thanks for your abundant generosity toward St. Mary of the Hills! Our annual giving campaign has received pledges in the amount of \$466,959. The annual operating cost of the parish totals more than \$500,000. It's not too late to submit a pledge for 2023 as we journey together into God's good future.

**CONNECTING WITH THE DIOCESE OF WNC** – Stay up to date with the latest news and offerings from the Diocese of Western North Carolina, as well as messages from Bishop McLoughlin, by subscribing to the weekly e-newsletter. Subscribe online via the diocesan website – [www.diocesewnc.org](http://www.diocesewnc.org)

**ALTAR FLOWER OFFERINGS** – If you are looking for a meaningful way to honor someone or to remember someone who has died, please consider making a donation to the flower guild for altar flowers for a particular Sunday. Your donation will be noted in the weekly announcement sheet. The suggested amount of a donation is \$60.00.

**COFFEE MINUTE HOSTS** – At the start of the new year, we are looking for volunteers to host Coffee Minute following the 10.10 Holy Eucharist. Hosts provide light refreshments, assist with set-up and clean-up, and foster a hospitable environment for all. Coffee and tea, linens, etc. are provided by the parish. Partner with a friend and sign-up in the Parish Hall.

## FLOWER OFFERING

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God.

## 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. We pray particularly in these days for the unity of the Church throughout the world.

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

1/22 Beth Ingram  
1/23 Frank and Aline Irizarry  
1/24 Bob and Anne Jones  
1/25 Larry and Faith Jones  
1/26 Martha Jones  
1/27 Maureen Justice  
1/28 Lisa Kaufmann

**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 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:** William Wells, Jennifer Wells, Sarah Metzger, Roy McCraw, Cliff Minor, Jim, Fred, Lois, Jill Gloster, Lauren, Denise A., Lucy A., Joel Keys, Jayden, Paula, Mel, Greg, Louann Kitchell, Elizabeth, Cat Carter, Joe Dyer, Christi and Charlie, Carl and his family, Elizabeth Young, Chris, Mary M.

*\*\*\*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:** Matthew, Julia

**For those who have died:** Mike, Billie, Rick, Marshall Pitts, Faye Church, Buzzy Miller, Bill Epps, Wil, Steve Frank

**For those traveling this week:** Luba

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

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

1/23 John Grasinger, Bill Rogers, Adeline Sauer  
1/24 Garland Myers  
1/27 Larry Jones  
1/28 Donna Lemnoui

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

1/22 Larry Turnbow and Marjory Holder