



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
JANUARY 28, 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, Elizabeth Sudderth and Olivia Knight are leading the class through the Parable of the Mustard Seed.
- **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 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION – The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (commonly called Candlemas) will be celebrated on Friday, February 2 with Holy Eucharist beginning at 12:00PM. Join us!

SHROVE TUESDAY – Save the date for one final feast before the fast! Our Men's Breakfast group will sponsor a Cajun Feast on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th, beginning at 5:30PM. All are welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY – The season of Lent, our forty-day journey toward Easter, begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be offered at 7:00AM, 12:00PM, and 6:00PM. Join us as we make a right beginning of this holy season.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS –

- February 24 – The Feast of St. Matthias – Holy Eucharist at 9:00AM
- March 19 – The Feast of St. Joseph – Holy Eucharist at 12:00PM

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:

01/28 Andy and Claudia Heath

01/29 Andrew and Amanda Hege, Eleanor and David

01/30 Bo Henderson

01/31 Juliana Henderson

02/01 Lindsey Herring and Dallas Swoveland

02/02 Kevin and Sandra High

02/03 Adam Hill and Leslie Temple, Jo and Andrew

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Church of Our Saviour, Lincolnnton

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 all affected by natural disaster throughout the world and especially for those impacted by severe flooding in Sri Lanka

For healing: Teresa, Jeff Hedden, Lisa Kaufmann, Claudia, Andrew, Belinda, Siri, Jamie, Jordan M., Gary, Gary Bolka, Sue, Cullie, Julia, Dale, Peggy, Debbie, Dennis, Joe, David S., 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

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

For those traveling this week: Valerie and Peter Purcell

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

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

01/31 James Galke

02/01 Gigi Poole

02/03 Tom Barrett, Louann Kitchell