



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
JANUARY 29, 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.

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. This week's story is 'The Beatitudes.'

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.

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION – Thursday, February 2, is the Feast of the Presentation, recalling Jesus' parents presenting him in the Temple, forty days following the celebration of Christmas. Also called 'Candlemas,' on this day we bless candles for use throughout the year in the Church. Join us at **12:00PM on Thursday, February 2** for Holy Eucharist on this festival day.

SAVE THE DATE – FAMILY NIGHT WITH RUMPLE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – Sunday, February 19, 5:00PM-6:30PM in the Rumble Fellowship Hall – All are invited to a joint family Pancake Dinner with friends from Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church – We will learn about the season of Lent, make fun crafts, play a few games, and share a meal together. RSVP to Formation Coordinator Lindsey Herring (formation@stmaryofthehills.org).

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

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 gift to the flower guild for altar flowers for a particular Sunday. Your offering will be noted in the weekly announcement sheet. The suggested amount of an offering 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.

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

1/29 Susan Keefe

1/30 Butch and Donna Kerns

1/31 Dick and Louann Kitchell

2/01 Dave Kline

2/02 Nell Kline

2/03 Olivia Knight

2/04 Chris and Antoinette Kollmer

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 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: Carroll V., William Wells, Jennifer Wells, Peyton Ray, 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: Earl, Mike, Billie, Rick, Marshall Pitts, Faye Church

For those traveling this week: Luba

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

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

1/31 James Galke

2/01 Gigi Poole

2/03 Tom Barrett, Louann Kitchell