



## ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

JANUARY 9, 2022

### ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Emmett Jack Hefner by his grandparents, Beth and Gary Hefner and Debbie and Jonathan Jones.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rector's Forum - The Baptismal Covenant - Embodying our Essentials** - Beginning Sunday, January 9th, and continuing for the next several weeks, Fr. Andrew will be leading us into deeper exploration of our Baptismal Covenant, the essentials of our faith and practice as followers of Jesus. This Sunday morning we begin with a conversation about the sacrament of baptism and the first question of the covenant - 'Do you believe in God the Father?' Join us at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall.

**Baptism at St. Mary of the Hills** - This morning we celebrate Holy Baptism at the 10:10AM Holy Eucharist. The next available date for baptism at St. Mary's is at the Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 16th. Please contact Fr. Andrew if you'd like to talk more about baptism for you or someone in your family.

**Coffee Minute** – Join us in the Foyer (following the 8:00AM Eucharist) or in the Parish Hall (following the 10:10 Eucharist) for coffee, refreshments, and conversation.

**The beautiful Christmas Poinsettias** have been removed from the altar and placed in the Parish Hall. Please feel free to take one or two to brighten your homes with the light of Christ.

**Morning Prayer** – Morning Prayer resumes this week. We gather each weekday, Monday-Friday, at 8:30AM in the Church. Join us!

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - Each year, the week between the Feasts of the Confession of St. Peter (January 18th) and the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25th) marks a week of prayer unity across the Christian tradition. Holy Eucharist will be offered on both feast days at 9:00AM. Join us in these days as we unite our hearts and souls in prayers with siblings throughout the Church.

**A Season of Faithful Giving** - If you haven't made a pledge, it's not too late to make your financial commitment to the mission and ministry of St. Mary of the Hills in the year ahead. So far, we have received 117 pledges for \$440,390. Thank you for your faithful generosity in response to our annual giving campaign for 2022. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks as well as online at [www.stmaryofthehills.org/stewardship](http://www.stmaryofthehills.org/stewardship).

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

**For the Church:** Michael our Presiding Bishop, José our Bishop, Andrew, Sam and Gary our clergy, for our Vestry and staff.

**For our nation and those in positions of public trust:** Joseph, our President, Roy, our Governor, and all those who hold elected office.

**For all medical personnel and all ministering to the needs of those affected by COVID-19.**

**For healing:** Howard Dutra and the Dutra family, Roxanne and Joe, Sally, Kristen, Ann, Jim B., Dave, Cathy, Billy, Joyce and Ricky, Lindsay Hanson, Peggy, Kitty Norris, Kit R., Susie, Dee, Brooks family, Mike Murphy, Vinny, Mary M., Peggy, Joe Mitchell, Susan and Tom, Carolyn and Charlie, Michael Rhoads, Jim Shine, John Rundell

*\*\*\*(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:** Max and Mary

**For those who have died:** Dee, Carol Dutra, Jim Sutton, Hurbie Miller, Seth, Peggy, Dan, Carlos, Justyn, George, Kirby, Cathy

**For safe pregnancy and delivery for:** Marlee, Jen, Rachel

**For those traveling this week:** Lula, Barbara and Rick

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:**

01/10 Jim Brooks, Joe Dyer, Chris Metzger, Buzzy Miller

01/13 Betty Howe, Beau Wilson

**Parish Prayer Cycle:**

01/09 John and Eri Latimer

01/10 Rick and Beth Lawler

01/11 Sid and Donna Lemnoui

01/12 Kitty Lumpkin

01/13 Renee Lyons

01/14 Marla MacKenzie

01/15 Mark and PJ Martin

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Church of the Epiphany, Newton