



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 2, 2022

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

RESPONDING TO HURRICANE IAN - Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is on the ground across the state of Florida supporting those impacted by Hurricane Ian's devastation. Learn more about the work underway and how you can be a part of supporting their ministry of response and recovery by visiting their website (www.episcopalrelief.org).

UNCTION (PRAYERS FOR HEALING) will be offered by a priest following both services on the first Sunday morning of each month. Please feel free to come up to the steps at the front of the church, and a priest will offer a prayer of healing for you.

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 conversation.

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Rector's Forum** - This morning, we conclude our Rector's Forum series entitled, "Stewardship (More than Money)". We gather at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room. All are welcome!
- **Godly Play** - This morning in the St. Luke Room, Godly Play will be offered for our children of all ages. We are having a 'work day'. We will be engaging with play in response to all the stories we have heard thus far. The children might be working on something from last week's story or a story they have heard earlier or they may decided to start something new creatively.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE POSTPONED - Next Sunday, October 9th at 2:00PM, is the annual Blessing of the Animals on the front lawn of Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church (across Main Street). For safety, all animals must be leashed or crated at all times.

MORNING PRAYER - Join us for Morning Prayer, offered Monday-Friday at 8:30AM in the Church.

VALLE CRUCIS CONFERENCE CENTER PROGRAM (vcconferences.org)

- **Soul Searching Stories of Faith with Bishop Porter Taylor** – on three Fridays, Sept. 23, Oct. 21, and Nov. 18th from 10:00AM-3:00PM - A discussion of how we lose our way & God finds us over & over again - using the book, *Search for Your Soul*, Katherine Kurs. A hybrid offering—in-person & online.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) - TRICK OR TREAT!!! Come join the ECW, October 11th at 5:30PM to celebrate fall and the Great Pumpkin! Bring your favorite fall dish to share. Get out those costumes, masks and brooms and be prepared to have fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Sue Wilders, 561-371-5989, or the church office.

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 diocesan cycle of prayer: On this World communion Sunday, we pray for all our Ecumenical relationships.

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 who suffer from war throughout the world and especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for Joshua Dopp serving in the US Army in response.

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

For healing: Elizabeth Young, Daryl Mathias, Larry W., Joe, Gary, Sandie Holder, Dale, Cat Carter, Marcia Couthern, Bob M., Helen, Ben, Michelle, Kate, Rick, Marshall, Jim B., Andy, Kare, Rick, Ed B., Steve, Pat R., Ollie W., Everett, Catherine, Tina M., Patty Patella, Ann, Pat Phelan, Mills Poole, Bill Epps, Annabelle, Jay, Bruce, Ann, Ed Johnson, Greg Puhl, Kitty Lumpkin, Frank C., Daphne, Todd, Max, Joedy, Danny, Gail, Gary, Sandy H., Julia, Greg, Gay, Matt, Cathy J., Lucy, Mary M., Benjamin, Joe Dyer

****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, Frank, Ann, Greg, Lisa Puhl

For those traveling this week: Luba

For those who have died: Sue, Chris, Reba Kling, Cynthia, Nicole, Randy, Adam, James Fort, Queen Elizabeth II, Catherine “Kitty” Norris, Linda, Doug Crisp, Dave G.

For safe pregnancy and delivery for: Rebecca Purcell, Caitlyn, Jenna, Jennifer Wells, Charlene G.

For the birth of: William Gregory Wells, grandson of Lisa Kaufmann and son of Jennifer and Lamar Wells

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

10/03 Nioucha Branstrom, Josephine Hill, Loy McGill

10/04 Sara Placentra

10/06 Richard Goewey

10/07 Bo Henderson, Emma Kate Monroe

10/08 Joe Raulerson

Parish Prayer Cycle:

10/02 Bill and Cynthia Tessien

10/03 John and Christine Thacker

10/04 Frank and Annie Hellen Thomas

10/05 Jamie and Emily Thomas

10/06 John Thompson and Lee Rocamora

10/07 John and Patti Turner

10/08 Wayne and Lee Harper Vason