



**ST. MARY OF THE HILLS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 6, 2024
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

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 details about our congregation's life and ministry.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE IS NO CHRISTIAN FORMATION TODAY.

UNCTION TODAY – Unction, prayers for healing with Chrism oil, will be offered today following both the 8 am and 10:10 am services.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS TODAY – At 2 pm today on the front lawn of St. Mary's, we're gathering to bless beloved pets of all kinds, shapes and sizes at our annual Blessing of the Animals. All pets must be leashed or crated. The liturgy includes prayers for all those impacted by the Hurricane and its aftermath, including animals. In light of Hurricane Helene, we invite you to bring desperately needed items to donate in support of the Watauga Humane Society (dog food, cat food, treats, toys, litter, etc.). Learn more about their work and mission at www.wataugahumane.org.

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF –

A list of current ways to support our community in the aftermath of last week's hurricane can be found on our website here: www.stmaryofthehills.org/helenerelief.

The Parish Hall at St. Mary of the Hills continues to be a drop-off point for resources. We will ensure that they are delivered to the appropriate locations in Boone for distribution. If you'd like to make a monetary donation to assist with hurricane relief efforts, you can do so at www.stmaryofthehills.org/give_online. Please designate "Rector Discretionary" if you'd like your donation to help locally. If you'd like to make a general donation to assist those impacted by Hurricane Helene in all locations, designate "Episcopal Relief & Development" or donate directly to Episcopal Relief & Development's Hurricane Relief Fund at <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief/>.

ANNUAL GIVING – Our Annual Giving theme this year is "Walk in Love," calling us to remember that our greatest gift in community is how we come together in purpose and mission. Pledge cards are available.

FEAST OF ST. LUKE – Holy Eucharist with the Blessing of Hands will be held at 5:45 pm on Oct. 17 as we honor St. Luke the Evangelist. All are welcome!

WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK

Morning Prayer - A short service of scripture and prayer is held each weekday at 8:30 am in the Church.

Holy Eucharist - A simple, spoken Holy Eucharist occurs each Wednesday at noon in the Church.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Michael our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; José our Bishop; Andrew, Sam and Gary, our clergy; for our Vestry and staff; for all the people of this parish

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

10/06: Ed McCauley

10/07: Kay McCloskey

10/08: Roy & Nedra McCraw

10/09: Paul & Loy McGill

10/10: Tina McKnight

10/11: Will Merrill & Andy Sicard

10/12: Chris & Katherine Metzger

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: On this World Communion Sunday, we pray for all Ecumenical relationships

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Joseph, our President; Roy, our Governor; all those who hold elected office; and for those offering themselves for election this year

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, especially those impacted by Hurricane Helene.

For healing: Dale, Jorgann Rogers, Jeff Hedden, Gary, Kay McCloskey, Christine, John, Ann Greene, Bob Barham, Clare, Bill Tessien, Emily R., Evie, Yolanda, Warren, Nancy, KC, Chris M., Lucy, Belinda S., Mary M., Kim Whittle, Vinny, Andrew C., David C., Roy, Sheila & Ray, Darlene, Jane, Stan B., Pat B., Donna, Sallie, David Tribby, Tom Dixon, Scotty Turner, Gary, Lynn T., Tyler D.

****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 thanksgiving: First responders and volunteers

For those who have died: Adam Hill, Asemur Eygi, Jane, Stan R., Linda, Katy, all victims of Hurricane Helene, Linda, Dave Kline

For those with other concerns: Diane, Jena & Family; Lauren Ferraro; Mary & Jennifer Cunningham; Ellen; The Hill Family; Evelyn; The Rogers Family; The Hall Family; Elizabeth; those who are suffering from Hurricane Helene; Zoey; Chris & Angela

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Caitlyn, Mary Ella, Sarah, Bre Lawler, Emma Unkovic

For those celebrating a birthday:

10/06: Richard Goewey, Jo Rankin

10/07: Bo Henderson, Emma Kate Monroe

10/08: Joe Raulerson

10/09: Carmen Patella

10/11: Spenser Hallmark