



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 9, 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).

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

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. The topic is "The Ten Lepers".

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. This week's coffee minute following the 10:10 AM service will be prepared by Luba Skibo in loving memory of her father, Mijail Skibo, upon the 35th anniversary of his death.

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

KNITTING GROUP FORMING - If you are interested in joining knitters at all levels at Jane Milner's house on Tuesdays, with the time to be determined, please let the parish office or Jane Milner know. This group will be knitting prayer shawls for distribution.

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 WORKDAY - Our parish workday will be Saturday, October 29th from 9:00AM-1:00PM. We have much work that needs to be accomplished **so we need a big turnout!** Projects include weeding, trimming rhododendron bushes and other shrubbery; cutting down some small "trash" trees and picking up trash; work in the in some of the beds. We also plan to do work inside the church to include cleaning the kitchen (especially the ovens). Please make plans to join us. A sign up sheet is in the entry hall. **Lunch will be provided.** If you have any questions please contact Bob Finney, Junior Warden, at finneyb1@mac.com or at 904-540-0652.

VALLE CRUCIS TRAIL WORKDAY - Valle Crucis Conference Center seeks volunteers to help restore and repair the Crab Orchard Falls Trail. On October 29th from 9:00AM to the earlier of being ready to quit or 1:00PM. Coffee and sweets will be available early and lunch afterwards, all provided by the VCCC. Participants need only bring work gloves, good shoes/boots, appetites, and openness to fellowship. Please let our church office know if you plan to attend.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER - Please make plans to join us for RISE AGAINST HUNGER to be held on Sunday, November 6th from 2:00-4:00PM at the Blowing Rock Elementary School. We will be joining Ruple Memorial Presbyterian on this project and will help to package 20,000 meals to assist families who experience food insufficiencies each day. This is always a fun event for our parish and we hope you will participate. Please register on this link: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/Ruple2022>.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Charlotte McArthur and Hardin Lucas at St. Mary of the Hills on October 8, 2022

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: We pray for all Indigenous People and for the care of our creation.

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, Julia, Greg, Gay, Matt, Cathy J., Lucy, Mary M., Benjamin, Joe Dyer, Maxine,

****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: Bob and Anne Jones

For those who have died: Patty Wheeler, Tom Presson, Warren, John, Will, Sue, Chris, Reba Kling, Cynthia, Nicole, Randy, Adam, James Fort, Catherine “Kitty” Norris, Linda, Doug Crisp, Dave G.

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

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

10/09 Carmen Patella

10/13 Dave Kline, Sarafina Anderson

10/14 Sabine Miller, Mary Ellen Raulerson

10/15 Emily Furr

For those celebrating anniversaries this week:

10/14 Tim and Cathia Silver

10/15 Alex and Rachel Blackburn

Parish Prayer Cycle:

10/09 Ann Vaughn

10/10 Robert Kling and Tom Veale

10/11 Alma Ward

10/12 Jim West

10/13 Diana White

10/14 Steve and Amanda White, Jack and Benjamin

10/15 Larry Watson