



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 16, 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

MORE THAN ENOUGH - This year's annual giving campaign theme is *More Than Enough*, from Luke's telling of Jesus' feeding of the five-thousand. Thank you for your generous support in support of our parish's mission and ministry. During the month of October, all are invited to consider God's rich abundance and what you will pledge to our community in the coming year to sustain our ministry and to serve our neighbors. Pledge cards are now available in the pew rack, online (www.stmaryofthehills.org), and will be mailed to you in the days ahead.

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. We are also in need of volunteers to share in hosting Coffee Minute in the weeks ahead – a sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Hall.

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 Story of Jacob.

THE FEAST OF ST. LUKE - St. Luke, known both as an Evangelist and a Physician, has long been a patron saint of those working in the medical professions. On Monday evening, October 17th, the eve of his feast day, we will offer a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 5:30PM. A blessing of hands for all who work in the medical field will be a part of this service. Join us!

VESTRY MEETING – The Vestry meets on Tuesday evening, October 18, at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall for their regular monthly meeting. All are welcome to attend.

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

PARISH WORKDAY - Our next parish workday will be Saturday, October 29th from 9:00AM-1:00PM. We have a lot of work that needs to be accomplished so we need a big turnout. Outdoor projects include weeding, trimming/pruning, trimming, and other preparation in the gardens for winter. We also have a number of indoor projects planned. Please make plans to join us. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Foyer. If you have any questions please contact Bob Finney, Junior Warden, at finneyb1@mac.com or at 904-540-0652).

CHILI COOK-OFF– Men's Breakfast is hosting a chili cook-off supper on Sunday evening, October 30th from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. Please bring your favorite chili to join in some friendly competition, or bring a side dish or a dessert to share. A sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Hall. Costumes are welcome!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER - Please make plans to join us for The RISE AGAINST HUNGER event which will 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 join us on the 6th. Please register on this link: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/Ruple2022>

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: St. Francis, Rutherfordton

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: Amy and family, Kathy D., Berta, Elizabeth Young, Daryl Mathias, Larry W., Sandie Holder, Cat Carter, Marcia Couthern, Bob M., Andy, Kare, Rick, Ed B., Ann, Pat Phelan, Mills Poole, Greg Puhl, Gail, 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: George D., Matthew, Greg, Lisa Puhl

For those traveling this week: Luba

For those who have died: John, Dixie, Maude, Patty Wheeler, Tom Presson, Warren, John, Sue, Chris, Reba Kling, Cynthia, Nicole, Randy, Adam, James Fort, Linda, Doug Crisp, Dave G.

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

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

10/17 Natalie Bovino
10/18 Valerie Purcell
10/20 Allison Postlethwait
10/21 Peter Purcell

Parish Prayer Cycle:

10/16 Larry and Glenda Williams
10/17 Sue Wilders
10/18 Beau Wilson
10/19 Greta Wilson, Rucker
10/20 Ham Wilson
10/21 Rick Williams and Barbara Yale-Read
10/22 Albert Yount