



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 23, 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 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 serve our neighbors. Pledge cards are now available in the pew racks, 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** - This morning, Lindsey Herring will lead our Rector's Forum discussion on the topic "Thanks be to God: Exploring the Indwelling of the Spirit." 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will meet on Thursday, October 27th, at 7:30AM for Holy Eucharist with a hearty breakfast to follow. Join us and bring a friend (or two)!

FEAST OF STS. SIMON AND JUDE – On Friday, October 28th, at 12:00PM, we will offer a celebration of the Holy Eucharist for the Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude. Join us!

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

FOYER GROUPS – Looking for ways to connect with fellow parishioners? Foyer Groups will soon be forming for the winter months, and you are invited to take part! A sign-up sheet is available in the Foyer – groups will be put together by random draw and typically meet once per month, often for dinner (either in someone's home, with everyone offering something for the meal, or at a restaurant) and create space for community building in an informal setting. Contact Mary Ellen Raulerson for more information.

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, pruning, trimming, and other preparation in the gardens for winter. We also have a number of indoor projects. Please 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 Rumpel 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/Rumple2022>

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mijail Skibo by his daughter Luba Skibo upon the 35th anniversary of his death.

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. Luke's, Asheville; St. Luke's, Boone; St. Luke's, Lincolnton

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: Bonnie, Kathy D., Elizabeth Young, Daryl Mathias, Larry W., Joe, Gary, Donna, 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, Michelle and Mark, Louann and Dick Kitchell

For those who have died: Ralph Norman, Patty Wheeler, Doña Nina Rosario, Tom Presson, Warren, John, 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:

10/23 Helen Fabry
10/24 Mary Lois Shelton Bolka
10/27 Amanda Hege, Jim West
10/29 Bill Gibbons, Bob Jones

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

10/28 Kevin and Christina Hayes

Parish Prayer Cycle:

10/23 Chris and Joe Albertson-Coyne
10/24 Walt and Martha Ameika
10/25 Bob Amos and Sallie Corrigan
10/26 Charlie and Amy Anderson, Abbie and Sarahfina
10/27 Ron and Radie Armstrong
10/28 Marks and Mimi Arnold
10/29 Mike and Lucy Austell