



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 13, 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 - Have you made your pledge for 2023? As of this week, we've received 65 pledges totaling \$280,529. Join in making a commitment to our common life and mission in the year ahead today – pledge cards are available in the pew racks and online www.stmaryofthehills.org.

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 – The Gospel of Matthew** – This morning in the Rector's Forum, we'll spend some time introducing the Gospel of Matthew. Later this month, as we begin the season of Advent, we will hear primarily from Matthew's Gospel in worship on Sundays. Join us at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room.
- **Godly Play** - This morning in the St. Luke Room, Godly Play will be offered for our children of all ages.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK) will meet this morning, at 9:00AM in the St. Mary Room (2nd floor above the Parish Hall).

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

BURIAL EUCHARIST FOR FR. ROBERT MCCLOSKEY – A Burial Eucharist for the Reverend Robert McCloskey, Rector of St. Mary of the Hills from 1976 until 1982, will be held on Friday, November 18th at 10:30AM. A reception will follow the service in the Parish Hall.

HEIFER FAIR – Next Sunday, November 20th, get an early start on your holiday shopping at our annual Heifer Fair. Check out ways to support this great organization and their work all morning in the Parish Hall.

THANKSGIVING DAY EUCHARIST – Holy Eucharist will be offered on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th, at 11:00AM. All are welcome!

ADVENT KICKOFF – On Sunday, November 27th, we kick-off a new year in the life of the Church on the First Sunday of Advent. As we begin this season of contemplation, reflection, and anticipation, make plans to join us in the Parish Hall between the 8:00AM and 10:10AM Eucharists to pick up resources to accompany you in these holy days.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Randolph and Clementi Holder and Walter and Eric Turnbow by the Holder-Turnbow family.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

11/13 Natalie Bovino and Ken Johnson, Lula

11/14 Nioucha Branstrom, Isabelle, Sabastien

11/15 Jim Brooks

11/16 Pal and Nikita Brooks

11/17 Bob and Alva Browning

11/18 Greg Buchanan

11/19 Jim and Gale Buchanan

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: In thanksgiving for the 100th Diocese of WNC Convention and all delegates

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Joseph, our President, Roy, our Governor, all those who hold elected office, especially remembering those newly elected and all those who offered themselves for election to public office.

For all who suffer from war throughout the world and especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, the people of the Korean peninsula, the people of Yemen, and the people of Ethiopia.

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

For healing: Elizabeth Miller Lovejoy, Jennifer, Lauren, Meredith, Bonnie, Kathy D., Elizabeth Young, Bruce, Jane, Elizabeth Y., Kathy, Donna, Sandie Holder, Cat Carter, Joe Dyer, Bill, Nancy

****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.

For those traveling this week: Barbara and Rick, Louann and Dick Kitchell

For those who have died: The Rev. Robert J. McCloskey, Jr., Ralph Norman, Patty Wheeler, Monetta Grantham, Gail, Jerry, Joe, Perry, Max, John, Jane, Derusha, Doña Nina Rosario, Tom Presson, Warren, John, Sue, Chris,

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

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

11/15 Darlene Van Dyke, Matt Miller, Pete Page

11/17 John Bagg, Jerry Starnes

11/18 Bob Barham, Caroline Howe Clapp