



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
NOVEMBER 20, 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](http://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 73 pledges totaling \$309,529. 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](http://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** – This morning in the Rector's Forum, join Fr. Andrew as he shares updates from the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. We gather 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.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK** – As members of our staff travel for the Thanksgiving holiday, our parish office will be closed this week, November 21-25. If you or a loved one are experiencing a pastoral emergency (hospitalization, death, arrest, mental health crisis), please contact Fr. Andrew directly (336.848.4052).

**HEIFER FAIR** – Get an early start on your holiday shopping this morning 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 24<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00AM. All are welcome!

**MORNING PRAYER** – Morning Prayer will not be offered this week.

**ADVENT KICKOFF** – On Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY -

- **Gloves for Hospitality House** – We are collecting waterproof gloves (60 pairs for men, 60 pairs for women) to share with our friends at Hospitality House to fulfill their Christmas wish list. Please bring the items to the church; a basket labeled "Hospitality House Gloves" is in the Foyer to receive these items. Contact Amanda White at 336-509-8095 or [amanda.white0119@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda.white0119@yahoo.com) with any questions.
- **Christmas Angels** - Whitnel Elementary in Lenoir, is seeking some extra Christmas Angels this year. We have 6 names from our Angel Tree that need an outfit and a gift for Christmas. If you would like to help, please contact Michelle Curry ([michellecurry523@gmail.com](mailto:michellecurry523@gmail.com)) for more details. The school's emergency clothes closet is also in need of underwear (all sizes), pants with elastic waists (especially larger kids sizes) and t-shirts (all sizes).

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptisms of Palmer Elizabeth Hoar and Evan Grey Thacker by the McGill and Hoar families and by the Galke 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:**

11/20 Jim Bumgardner and Shane Burton  
11/21 Ray and Heather Cameron  
11/22 John Carlson and Katy Thompson  
11/23 Orian and Catherine Carter  
11/24 Toby and Louise Cone  
11/25 Laura Copeland  
11/26 Lynn Coulthard

**In our Diocesan cycle of prayer:** Grace, Asheville; Grace, Morganton; Grace Church in the Mountains, Waynesville; Grace Mountainside Church, Robbinsville

**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:** Louann Kitchell, Elizabeth Miller Lovejoy, Cat Carter, Joe Dyer, Linda Johnson, Andy, Jennifer, Lauren, Meredith, Bonnie, Kathy D., Elizabeth Young, Bruce B., Jane F., Chris, Mary M., Keith, Kathy, Donna, Sandie Holder, 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:** Luba, Barbara and Rick, Leslie and Mitch, Blair and William, the Wilson family

**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 an anniversary this week:**

11/24 Ray and Heather Camerson