



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



A Season of Faithful Giving - Thank you for your faithful generosity in response to our annual giving campaign for 2022. So far, we have received 89 pledges for \$350,650. It's not too late to make your financial commitment to the mission and ministry of St. Mary of the Hills in the year ahead.

Pledge cards are available in the pew racks as well as online at www.stmaryofthehills.org/stewardship.

Daughters of the King – Meets this Sunday at 9:00 am upstairs.

A Meal for the Appalachian State Campus Ministries -The students at the Presbyterian/Episcopal Campus Ministry at App State have asked if we could prepare vegetarian meals (**no nuts please**) that will serve 25 hungry students. Salads, bread, deserts and pasta dishes would be best. Please bring your contribution to the church before 5:00PM on Tuesday November 30th. Please contact Sue Wilders at 828-355-9751 or contact office@stmaryofthehills.org to sign up and give these great kids a special meal as they prepare for their final exams!

Supporting Friends at Hospitality House - As cold weather approaches, please help our friends at Hospitality House with new or gently used coats, blankets, pillows towels and toiletries of any size. You can drop off items in the Foyer at St. Mary of the Hills or at the Hospitality House Housing Center at 160 Den Mac Drive, Boone (use the door marked 'Housing Center'). Other much needed items can be found on the Amazon wish list at <https://hospHouse.org/covid19>.

Another way to support Hospitality House AND do your Christmas cards! "A New Way" 2021 Honor Card – Send a \$5 Honor Card to a friend or family member this season, honoring them with a gift to Hospitality House. 100% of contributions support housing, hunger relief and homeless prevention in seven Northwest N.C. counties. See display in the foyer or order online at: HospHouse.org/honorcard.

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist – A tradition in the life of St. Mary of the Hills, a celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be offered on Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 25, at 11:00AM. All are welcome! Join us!

Intergenerational Advent Kick-Off

Sunday Morning, November 28, 9:00-10:00 in the Parish Hall

On Sunday, November 28, join us in the Parish Hall between 9:00 and 10:00AM to begin the season of Advent together. Resources will be available to engage the season of Advent at home - including materials for an Advent wreath, devotions for individuals and families, alternative gift giving ideas, and treats for all ages. All are welcome! Please sign-up – [HERE](#) – to ensure we have adequate resources.

Advent Rector's Forum – The Canticles of Advent

Sunday Mornings, December 5, 12, & 19, 9:00-10:00 in the Parish Hall

During the season of Advent, we hear a series of canticles (scriptural songs) that replace the Psalms in our Sunday worship. Join Fr. Andrew in the Parish Hall, beginning Sunday December 6 at 9:00AM, for conversation about three of these canticles we hear in the season of Advent. All are welcome

Advent Study with Fr. Andrew

Friday Mornings, December 3, 10, & 17, 9:00-10:00AM in the Barrett Room & via Zoom

On three Friday mornings in Advent, Fr. Andrew will be leading conversation on three Advent reflections – 'Waiting for God' by Henri Nouwen, 'A Sky Full of Children' by Madeleine L'Engle, and 'The Grand Miracle' by C.S. Lewis. Biblical texts, familiar Advent hymnody, and poetry will be woven throughout our conversations. Come for one or join for all three!

Save the Date – Advent Lessons and Carols – A Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols will be offered on Sunday, December 5th at 3:00PM in the Church. Join us for this annual celebration of the season of Advent.

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 nation and those in positions of public trust: Joseph, our President, Roy, our Governor, and all those who hold elected office.

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

For healing: Mary Ellen Raulerson, Kitty Norris, Gail, Jeffrey, Jessica, Jennifer, Niel B., Jorgann Rogers, Mary Pearce, Sandy Hicks, Pi, Andrew, Chris, Bruce, Phyllis, Maggie, Ralph, Terry, Alton, Cathy, Charlie, Mary M., Bo, Laura, Jeff Hedden, Jane Hedden, Sandie Holder, John Horne, Lucy, Jim Shine, Sterling, John Rundell, Susie

****(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: Ann, Walt and Becky, Lauren, Laura

For those who have died: Don, David Murphy, Joelle, Ken, Graeme, Erin, Paul

For safe pregnancy and delivery for: Marlee, Jen

For those traveling this week: Peter and Valerie Purcell and Sue Sweeting are traveling to the Holy Land with Bishop José, Marjory and Larry, Barbara and Rick, William and Perry, Blair

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

11/23 Stephen Kapral

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

11/24 Ray and Heather Cameron

Parish Prayer Cycle:

11/21 Gary and Elaine Dinstuhl

11/22 Daniel and Kay Donahue

11/23 Joe and Diana Doswell

11/24 Joe and Virginia Dulaney

11/25 Dave and Julie Dutra

11/26 Joe and Patty Dyer

11/27 Linda Elksnin

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

11/21 Grace, Asheville; Grace, Morganton; Grace Church in the Mountains, Waynesville; Grace Mountainside Church, Robbinsville