



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 27, 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 77 pledges totaling \$322,429. 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.

ADVENT KICKOFF – Today we kick-off a new year in the life of the Church on this 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 as we will have resources available for individuals and households to mark this holy season, alongside coffee and refreshments. A brief story to introduce the Advent season for all ages will be offered at 9:20AM.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY AND CONVERSATION CIRCLE – On Thursdays in Advent, (December 1 - December 22), from 12:00PM-1:00PM either online or in person, we will discuss the powerful book, Names for the Messiah, from noted Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann. Books will be available in the church office or online.

MORNING PRAYER – Join us for Morning Prayer, offered Monday-Friday, resuming on Monday, November 28, at 8:30AM. in the Church.

THE FEAST OF ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE – On Wednesday, November 30th, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle with Holy Eucharist at 12:00PM. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – If you wish to honor or remember a loved one this Christmas, please consider donating to the flower guild for Christmas greenery and flowers. There will be a list of those who give and in whose memory/honor the gift is made in the Christmas bulletins. All gifts are welcomed; a suggested donation is \$50.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS – A festival of Advent Lessons and Carols will be offered on Sunday, December 4 at 3:00PM. Join us on a journey into the season through scripture and song. The service, led by our choir, weaves familiar passages of scripture with carols of anticipation and expectation.

SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY –

- **2022 HONOR CARD** – Support the Hospitality House where 100% of the contributions support housing, hunger relief and homeless prevention in seven Northwest NC counties by buying a \$5 Honor Card to send to friends and family for this Christmas season. Honor Cards are available in the foyer or you may order them online at: <https://hosphouse.org/honocard>.
- **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 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) 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).

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:

11/27 Bill and Owene Courtney

11/28 Dick Craver

11/29 Bryan and Carolyn Crutcher

11/30 Marshall and Kaye Culp

12/01 Mark and Michelle Curry

12/02 Kathy Dacchille

12/03 Bunky and Teena Davant

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Christ Church, Sparta; Church of the Savior, Newland

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, Jennifer, Lauren, Meredith, Bonnie, Kathy D., Elizabeth Young, Bruce B., Jane F., Chris, Mary M., Keith, Elizabeth Y., 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, Blair and William, the Wilson family

For those who have died: The Rev. Robert J. McCloskey, Jr., Ralph Norman, Monetta Grantham, Jane, Derusha

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

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

12/03 Mills Poole

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

12/02 Jim and Joyce Gibson

12/03 John and Ann Bagg