



## ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

NOVEMBER 28, 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 94 pledges for \$369,950. If you haven't made a pledge, 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](http://www.stmaryofthehills.org/stewardship).

**Feast of St. Andrew - Tuesday, November 30th, 9:00AM** - Tuesday, November 30 is the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle. We will observe this festival day with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9:00AM. All are welcome!

**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 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Sue Wilders at 828-355-9751 or contact [office@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto: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. Check out the display in the Foyer or order online at: <https://hosphouse.org/honorcard>.

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

**Intergenerational Advent Kick-Off - Sunday Morning, November 28, 9:00-10:00 in the Parish Hall** - Join us in 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!

**Advent Rector's Forum - The Canticles of Advent - Sunday Mornings, December 5, 12, & 19, 9:00-10:00 in the Parish Hall** - Beginning next Sunday and continuing throughout, 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 5 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** Joyce and Ricky, Lindsay Hanson, Mary Ellen Raulerson, Kitty Norris, Kit R., Len B., Libby B., Michael Rhoads, Richard G., Carole G., Gail, Jeffrey, Jessica, Jennifer, Niel B., Jorgann Rogers, Mary Pearce, Sandy Hicks, Pi, Andrew, Chris, Bruce, Phyllis, 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:** Morgan Megna, Don, David Murphy, Joelle, Ken, Graeme, Erin, Paul

**For safe pregnancy and delivery for:** Marlee, Jen

**For those traveling this week:** Ben and Mary Kate and family, Bob and Sabine, Marjory and Larry, Barbara and Rick, William and Perry, Blair

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:**

11/29 Adam Lemnoui

12/04 John Williams

**For those celebrating anniversaries this week:**

12/02 Jim and Joyce Gibson

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**Parish Prayer Cycle:**

11/28 Doug and Terri Fabel

11/29 Frank and Meg Fary

11/30 Bob and Margaret Finney

12/01 Buddy Fore

12/02 Jim Fort

12/03 Bill and Emily Furr

12/04 Saralynn Gaillard

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Christ Church, Sparta; Church of the Savior, Newland