



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK,
NORTH CAROLINA

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

ALTAR FLOWER OFFERING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Suzy by Shane Burton and Jim Bumgardner.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints Sunday & Choral Evensong - On November 7th, All Saints Sunday, please note that incense will be used at the 10:10AM Holy Eucharist. Choral Evensong will be offered at 3:00PM. The names of our beloved dead who have died in the past year will be read and remembered at this service. Please share names of loved ones who have died in the past year that you would like to include with Fr. Andrew (rector@stmaryofthehills.org)



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 50 pledges for \$233,336. It's not too late to make your 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.

Fall Grounds Clean-up Day – We are having a Fall Clean-up the grounds day on Saturday, November 13th from 9am-12pm. We need many volunteers to help prepare our church grounds for the winter. Please bring your rakes, wheelbarrows, and gloves and wear your work clothes. It will be work but more than that-it will be FUN!

Sign-up online here - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-workday-november-13-2021-tickets-199243411407>.

Hospitality House needs our help! As cold weather approaches, please help our brothers and sisters at Hospitality House. You can drop off the following items at the Hospitality House Housing Center at 160 Den Mac Drive, Boone (door marked with Housing Center sign). Needed: new or gently used coats, blankets, pillows towels and toiletries of any size. Other much needed items can be found on the Amazon wish list at <https://hosphouse.org/covid19>.

Bread of Life – 25 years ago St. Mary's started the Bread of Life Program with one team serving one dinner a month to Hospitality House. Hospitality House is a shelter serving a seven-county area of the High Country which includes Watauga County. Approximately 20 to 30 meals were served. In 2021 over 6,000 meals will be prepared by 5 teams. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bread of Life teams have continued to serve the community by dropping off meals or purchasing meals from F.A.R.M. Café'. The need continues to grow and more volunteers are needed and welcomed to join a team. It is one day per month, a small time commitment that serves so many. It is truly an act of love. Please contact Sue Wilders (828-355-9751) or the parish office (office@stmaryofthehills.org) and we will connect you with a team leader.

Morning Prayer – Two Options (In-Person and Online) – Morning Prayer is offered each weekday, Monday-Friday, at 8:30AM in the Church. Morning Prayer is offered at 7:30AM via Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Owene Courtney (owene_courtney@yahoo.com) for more information and for Zoom log-in information.

Giving – Your faithful generosity funds our mission and ministry in this community. If you'd like to give online, visit www.stmaryofthehills.org/donate

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: Niel B., Jorgann Rogers, Mary Pearce, Sandy Hicks, Pi, Andrew, Chris, Bruce, Phyllis, Maggie, Ralph, Terry, Alton, Cathy, Barb, Charlie, Mary M., Bo, Charles, Laura, Taryn Barnes, Jeff Hedden, Jane Hedden, Sandie Holder, John Horne, David Murphy, a daughter, Debbie, Frank Thomas, Barbara, Gary, Kit Raulerson, David Murphy, Michael Rhoads, Maha, Jim S., Kay S., Morgan M., Mary, Ashlyn, Susan, Len B., Kay S., Pam, Ham, Joelle, Lucy, Carolyn, Pat R., Richard G., Carole G., Jan, Mary, Jim Shine, Sterling, John Rundell, Virginia, John and Terry Smallwood, Susie, Greg Puhl, Skip Rose

****(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: David Murphy, Joelle, Ken, Graeme, Erin, Paul, Zemma, Joseph Stiefel, Bailey Reis, Owen B., Beverly, Becky, Kevin

For safe pregnancy and delivery for: Marlee, Jen

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

11/10 Cecilia Grasinger, Nell Kline, Lee Harper Vason

11/11 Lily Pearce

11/12 Caroline Shepard

Parish Prayer Cycle:

11/07 Katy Thompson and John Carlson

11/08 Orian and Cat Carter

11/09 Toby and Louise Cone

11/10 Laura Coston

11/11 Mike Coston

11/12 Lynn Coulthard

11/13 Bill and Owene Courtney

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

11/07 Grace, Asheville; Grace, Morganton; Grace Church in the Mountains, Waynesville;
Grace Mountainside Church, Robbinsville