



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

We are so glad that you are here to share in worship of the Living God and in community with one another.

Restrooms are in the hallway beyond the Foyer. A nursery is available for children up to age five and is in the hallway beyond the Parish Hall. 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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector's Forum – This morning Fr. Andrew will begin a two-week series re-introducing the Gospel of Matthew, from which we will read primarily in worship beginning in the season of Advent and throughout 2026. We gather in the Barrett Room at 9:00AM. All are welcome!

Tell Out My Soul – Annual Giving 2026 – With gratitude for the ways that St. Mary's parishioners have supported the mission and ministry of our parish this year, we are looking to the year ahead and making plans for our common life. Our parish relies on your generous financial support and our Finance Committee and Vestry are now planning our priorities and budget for the coming year. Pledge cards for 2026 are available in the Foyer and Parish Hall, as well as on our website.

November Men's Night Out – St. Mary of the Hills will host Men's Night Out, with friends from St. Luke's, Boone and Holy Cross, Valle Crucis on Tuesday, November 11, beginning at 5:30PM. All are invited and welcome! Contact Bill Devereux (bill@stmaryofthehills.org) to learn more or to RSVP today.

Parent's Night Out – November 16 - In continuation of our children and families' offerings, St. Mary of the Hills will offer a parents night out on Sunday, November 16th from 4:30-7:30PM. We will provide childcare, activities, dinner and a movie. Contact Cayla Honeycutt (cnoble@alumni.ncsu.edu) for more information or to RSVP.

Worship During the Week –

- Morning Prayer is offered each weekday morning at 8:30AM; this service lasts approximately 15-20 minutes and includes readings from scripture along with prayers of intercession for our full parish prayer list.
- Holy Eucharist is also offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM and on major feast days, as announced.

November Diaper Drive – Throughout the month of November, the Outreach Committee invites the parish to participate in a drive to support the Diaper Bank at the Children's Council of Watauga County. Diapers will be collected in the Foyer and all sizes are currently needed by the Children's Council.

A Quiet Pre-Advent Retreat at Valle Crucis Conference Center - Advent fills us with the thrill of anticipation for the joy that is to come. We will experience this together with those who were present and waiting more than 2000 years ago. Whom were they expecting? What was it they were seeing? How did they greet the mind-opening promises given to them? This annual retreat will take place on Saturday, November 22, in Johnson Hall, from 10:00 to 2:00PM. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Save the Date – 'Buy Boone Lunch' – December 10 – On Wednesday, December 10, St. Mary's is sponsoring another 'Buy Boone Lunch' event at F.A.R.M. Café. Sign-up will be available soon for set-up, serving, and clean-up, throughout the day.

Coffee Minute Hosts – Please join us in the Parish Hall following our 10:10 Holy Eucharist. You can host too! Partner with a friend to host and help cultivate a space of hospitality and welcome for all. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall.

Flower Sponsors - Is there an important person or a significant event happening in your life? Sponsoring the flowers placed at the altar each week is a great way to offer thanks for life's many gifts. If you would like to sponsor flowers, please contact Michael Marshall in the Parish Office for more information and available dates.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Sean 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:

11/9 Perry & Jan Mixer
11/10 Chip & Carrie Monroe & Family
11/11 Pat & Marty Moore
11/12 Richard & Patricia Murphy
11/13 Linda Norman
11/15 John & Neal Orgain
11/16 Mike & Laura Page

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In thanksgiving for the 103rd Annual Convention of the Diocese held on November 8 at Christ School, Asheville

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Donald, our President, Josh, our Governor, all those who hold elected office

For all who suffer from war throughout the world and especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, the Korean peninsula, Yemen, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Israel and Gaza.

For those affected by natural disaster and especially for the people of Cuba & Jamaica in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa.

For healing: Rachel; Pete P.; Olivia; Luba; Lynn S.; Mike & Sarah; David; Dale; Bill & Jorgann; Jeff Hedden; Christine; Ann Greene; Bob; Clare; Evie; Susan; Leigh; John H. Pat B.; Lucy A.; Myra; Chris M.; Mary M.; Larry, Joan Anderson, Tony; Margaret; Patsy; Susie; Jim; Denny; Lambert; Daniel R; Marie; Pam; Bill; Pat; Jonathan; Robert; Anthony D.; Hudson Van Dyke, Melanie, Leigh; Sarah Johnson; Bob

****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 who have died: Scott; Bishop Robert Johnson, Martha Jones, Andrey Skibo

For those with other concerns: The Matthews Family; Josh; Corinne; Joe Dulaney; The Reece Family; Ruby & Family

For those who travel: Tom & Tina; Barbara & Rick; Booker Purcell; Luba; Season

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Sydney, Caitlyn, Katherine, Anna, Hanna, Lauren, Jennifer, Corinne, Amy, Dani, Jessica

For those celebrating a birthday:

11/10 Cecilia Grasinger, Nell Kline, Lee Harper Vason
11/11 Taylor Ward
11/15 Matt Miller, Pete Page, Darlene Van Dyke