



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
DECEMBER 31, 2023

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION – Christian Formation classes will not be held today. The regular schedule of Christian Formation offerings resumes on January 7th at 9:00AM.

COFFEE MINUTE – Join us in the Foyer (following the 8:00AM service) or in the Parish Hall (following the 10:10AM service) for coffee, refreshments and time for conversation. Hosts are still needed for the 10:10AM service Coffee Minute. A sign-up sheet is available in the Parish Hall.

YEAR-END GIVING – Please remember that gifts must be received or post-marked by December 31st to be credited on 2023 Giving Statements. Thank you for your abundant generosity toward the parish in 2023!

ROOTED IN ABUNDANCE – ANNUAL GIVING 2024 – Have you submitted your pledge card for 2024? Currently we have received 113 pledges for \$482,934. We want to hear from you! Our Vestry leaders are making plans for 2024 and every commitment of wealth, works, and wisdom is essential to our common life of mission and ministry.

OFFICE CLOSED – The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024 in observance of the New Year holiday. If you or a loved one are experiencing a pastoral emergency (hospitalization, death, arrest, mental health crisis), please contact Fr. Andrew directly (336.848.4052).

SAVE THE DATE –

- January 1 – The Feast of the Holy Name – Holy Eucharist at 9:00AM
- January 6 – The Feast of The Epiphany – Holy Eucharist at 9:00AM

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:

12/31 Bunky and Teena Davant
01/01 Ryan and Wivianny DeHaas
01/02 Bill and Donna Devereux
01/03 Michael and Susan Donahue
01/04 Joe and Diana Doswell
01/05 Joe and Virginia Dulaney
01/06 Joe and Patty Dyer

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: St. John's Cartoogechaye, Franklin; St. John's, Asheville; St. John's, Marion; and St. John's, Sylva

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Joseph, our President, Roy, 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 Palestine

For healing: Jeff Hedden, Jorgann, Jordan M., Gary, Gary Bolka, Su, Cullie, Stephanie, Dick R., Larry, Kent Wells, Timothy, Dale, Mary M., Mary, Belinda, Betty, Randolph, Alyce, Vincent, Daphne, Matt, Carol, Chris, Rick, Hayes R., Lindsey, Jeannie H., Peggy, Martina, Haydee Majica de Santiago, John, Mary Jane, Catherine, Pat, Baxter, Meg Henry, Jan, Evie, Christine, Kay McCloskey, Roseann, Lynne, Carolyn, Lora, Jo-Anne Findt, Sheila, Mike, Adam, Luella, Clare, Michael Curry, Ann Greene, Greg, Bob Barham, Jim, JD, Mark

****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: Fred, Henry, Ken, Michael, Ken B., Lois, Alon Shamriz, Elsie Wright, Tom D., Tom W., Kathy

For those with other concerns: Blair, Earl, Martina, Diane, Jena and family, George, Conner

For those traveling this week: Charles Davant's family

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Megan Redford, Becky, Crawford, Selby, Hanna, Caitlyn, Emily

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

12/31 Sandie Holder
01/01 Ann Bagg, Shawn Poole
01/03 Molly Rogers

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

01/06 Joe and Mary Ellen Raulerson