



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
FEBRUARY 12, 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](http://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

### SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Rector's Forum** - Join us this morning for a conversation about our appointed scripture passages and their intersection with our lives. We gather at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room (second floor, above the Parish Hall). All are welcome!
- **Godly Play** - This morning in the St. Luke Room, Godly Play will be offered for our children of all ages. This week's story is 'The Ten Best Way to Live' by the Ten Commandments.

### WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

- **Morning Prayer** – Join us for Morning Prayer, a short (15-20 minute) service of scripture readings and prayers, offered Monday-Friday at 8:30AM in the Church.
- **Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12:00PM** – Holy Eucharist is offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM in the Church.

**BUY BOONE LUNCH WITH F.A.R.M. CAFÉ** – Join us as St. Mary of the Hill's sponsors a "Buy Boone Lunch" Event at F.A.R.M. Café on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will partner with F.A.R.M. Café in serving lunch to the community. Volunteers are welcomed in one-hour shifts throughout the day. Contact Amanda ([hegea@appstate.edu](mailto:hegea@appstate.edu) or 513-520-8642) to learn more and sign up.

**SAVE THE DATE – FAMILY NIGHT WITH RUMPLE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – Sunday, February 19, 5:00PM-6:30PM in the Rumble Fellowship Hall** – All are invited to a joint family Pancake Dinner with friends from Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church – We will learn about the season of Lent, make fun crafts, play a few games, and share a meal together. RSVP to Formation Coordinator Lindsey Herring ([formation@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:formation@stmaryofthehills.org)).

**CAJUN STYLE MARDI GRAS** - On Shrove Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, the Men's Breakfast and the ECW are joining together to host a "Ragin' Cajun" dinner beginning at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

**ASH WEDNESDAY** – The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be offered at 7:00AM, 12:00PM, and 5:30PM. The 5:30PM service will include music and the nursery will be available.

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY 2023** – During the season of Lent, Fr. Andrew invites all in our parish to join in reading the book, *The Lord and His Prayer*, by N.T. Wright. Copies are available in the Library for a suggested donation of \$10; the book is also available online from a variety of booksellers. Opportunities for discussion and deeper study will be made available – look for more details in the days ahead.

**COFFEE MINUTE HOSTS** – At the start of the new year, we are looking for volunteers to host Coffee Minute following the 10:10AM Holy Eucharist. Hosts provide light refreshments, assist with set-up and clean-up, and foster a hospitable environment for all. Coffee and tea, linens, etc. are provided by the parish. Partner with a friend and sign-up in the Parish Hall.

## FLOWER OFFERING

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God.

## 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:**

2/12 Daryl Mathias  
2/13 Kay McCloskey  
2/14 Roy and Nedra McCraw  
2/15 Paul and Loy McGill, Duncan  
2/16 Tina McKnight  
2/17 Will Merrill and Andy Sicard  
2/18 Chris and Katherine Metzger

**In our Diocesan cycle of prayer:** Church of the Redeemer, Asheville; Church of the Redeemer, Shelby

**For our nation and those in positions of public trust:** Joseph, our President, Roy, our Governor, all those who hold elected office.

**For those affected by natural disaster,** most especially those impacted by the earthquake in regions of Syria and Turkey.

**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:** Richard, Carole, Kitty Taylor, Lori, Ashlyn, Jennifer, Joe A., William Wells, Jennifer Wells, Sarah Metzger, Cliff Minor, Bruce, John, Linda, Jim, Fred, Lois, Jill Gloster, Lauren, Denise A., Joel Keys, Jayden, Paula, Mel, Greg, Louann Kitchell, Elizabeth, Cat Carter, Joe Dyer, Christi and Charlie, Carl and his family, Elizabeth Young, Chris, Mary M.

*\*\*\*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:** Matthew, Julia

**For those who have died:** Bijan Ahmadi, Carroll V., Josh, Douglas, Beth, Earl, Mike, Billie, Rick, Marshall Pitts, Faye Church

**For those traveling this week:** Mary Ellen and Joe

**For safe pregnancy and delivery for:** Bre Lawler, Amy Shelton, Darrow, Rebecca Purcell, Caitlyn

**For those celebrating a birthday this week:**

2/12 Adam Hill  
2/13 Judy Gloster  
2/15 Carolyn Crutcher, Lee Monroe, Mike Zuravel  
2/17 Janet Hillis  
2/18 Genie Starnes

**For those celebrating an anniversary this week:**

2/14 Sam Tallman and Mike Zuravel