



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 10, 2022

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

Thank You! - We had a great parish grounds workday on Saturday, April 2nd. It was a beautiful day with the sun shining and mild temperatures and a day of tremendous fellowship. We would like to say **THANK YOU** to Carmen Patella, Patty Patella, Pete Paige, Marshall Culp, Bill Stroh, Mike Page, Tim Silver, Cathia Silver, Jim West, Olivia Knight, Butch Kerns, Mark Curry, Michelle Curry, and Sue Sweeting.

Rector's Forum – The Rector's Forum takes a brief break and will return on Sunday, April 24 at 9:00AM.

Holy Week – Worship will be offered each day this week as we make our annual pilgrimage through Holy Week, from cross to tomb, to resurrection. Learn more at www.stmaryofthehills.org/holyweek and plan to join us each day.

A Special Invitation – Maundy Thursday-Good Friday Vigil– In response to Jesus' invitation to “stay, keep watch, and pray”, a silent vigil will be maintained before an altar of repose in the Foyer on Maundy Thursday night and Good Friday service at 12:00PM. All are invited to accept the invitation to participate in the vigil. A sign-up sheet is in the Foyer. Participants are asked to sign-up for a one-hour time slot.

Easter Egg Hunt – Calling all children! An Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday morning, April 17th at 9:15AM. Meet in the Parish Hall.

Easter Flowers and Music Offerings – Today is the last day to make a flower or music offering in honor of or in memory of a loved one, to be acknowledged in the Easter bulletins. If you would like to do so, please complete a form which will be located in the Foyer or by the parish administrator's office. You may place your form with your offering in the offering plate, put it in the wooden box outside the office. Your form and donation must be received by today to be included in the Easter bulletins.

The Tour of Homes has found its 2022 co-chairs: Susie Greene and Mary Ellen Raulerson. Thank you to both of them for stepping up! This year's Tour will be Friday, July 22, 2022. A pre-party is planned at Bob and Charlene Barham's beautiful home overlooking John River's Gorge for Thursday evening, July 14th. The tickets for this event will be \$75 per person and the tour tickets will be \$30 before the 22nd and \$35 on the day of the tour. Much more information to follow....We have much to do and need EVERYONE'S help!

Altar Guild Help Needed - The St. Mary's Altar Guild is in need of new members. During the year, we work in teams and take one Sunday or one Wednesday a month for our ministry. We need more members to serve the growing needs of the Church. In addition, we welcome seasonal parishioners to help with the extra duties of weddings and funerals. Most weddings occur from May to October, so a perfect time for part timers to be an asset to the Church. All members of the Altar Guild are ready and willing to train you to any task. Please contact Sue Sweeting @ 828-406-9376 to begin a new ministry.

Morning Prayer – We gather each weekday, Monday-Friday, at 8:30AM in the Church. Join us!

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Michael our Presiding Bishop, José our Bishop, Andrew, Sam and Gary our clergy, for our Vestry and staff.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Holy Cross, Tryon and Holy Cross, Valle Crucis

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

For the people of Ukraine and Russia and for all who suffer from war; for Joshua Dopp who is serving in the US Army as a part of the response.

For all medical personnel and all ministering to the needs of those affected by COVID-19.

For healing: William, Lois, Joe Dyer, Doug, Barbara, Jim B., Len B., Pat Bumgarner, Sarah Absher, Susan, Devin, Gail, Jim W., Bruce, Mane, Alice, Andey, Leslie, Cynthia, Jamie, Tim, Leslie, Keith, James, Wayne, Taylor Anne, Monetta, Daod and Dhaher Nassar, Arturo, Greg, Garland Myers, Kel Williams, Lucy, Vinny, Park, Zane, Alice, Vincent Billingsley, Ashley, Lauren, Louis, Dave, Cathy, Billy, Kitty Norris, Kit R., Susie, Chris, Mary M., Michael Rhoads, Jim Shine, John Rundell

****(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 B.

For those who have died: Tim, Jeff, Myra, Graeme, Tom P., Peggy, Tanya, Ellie, Jane, Chuck Veneman, Ralph

For safe pregnancy and delivery for: Jenna, Jennifer Wells, Mary Lois, Barbre, Charlene, Ashley, Rachel

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

04/11 Jim Bumgardner

04/12 Lindsay Postlethwait

04/13 Paul McGill

04/14 David Hege, Steve White

04/15 Eliana Hitechow

Parish Prayer Cycle:

04/10 Greta Wilson, Rucker

04/11 Ham Wilson

04/12 Molly Wilson

04/13 Albert Yount

04/14 Cameron Adams

04/15 Chris Albertson and Joe Coyne

04/16 Bob Amos and Sallie Corrigan