



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 16, 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

THANK YOU! - A heartfelt thanks to all those who make Holy Week possible in the life of our parish! Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Choir, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Vestry and Staff - without each of you and all of your hard work, our journey together would not be possible. Thank you! -Fr. Andrew

UNCTION OFFERED TODAY – Unction (prayers for healing with anointing), normally offered on the first Sunday of each month, will be offered on today, following each service.

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Rector's Forum - Walking the Way of Holy Week** - During the season of Lent, we spent time studying the liturgies and practices that form our Holy Week pilgrimage. This morning, we will spend time reflecting on the journey of the week and explore areas of continued interest and curiosity. All are welcome and invited to join in the conversation. We gather at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room.
- **Godly Play** - This morning in the St. Luke room, Godly Play will be offered for children of all ages as we learn the story about Jesus appearing before Doubting Thomas.

VESTRY MEETING – The Vestry meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th beginning at 5:45Pm in the Parish Hall. The meetings are open to all parishioners.

FIFTH SUNDAY PARENTS CIRCLE - We invite all caring for young children to join us on Sunday, April 30 at 9 AM for discussion about positive parenting. Our first meeting will be upstairs in the St. Mary Room on April 30th during the 9:00AM Christian Formation time, while children are either in Godly Play or the Nursery. Coffee and Stick Boy scones will be provided. Contact Amanda Hege (hegea@appstate.edu) with any questions.

A BOOK COMPANION FOR EASTERTIDE – During the Great Fifty Days of Easter, join Fr. Andrew in reading another book from noted New Testament scholar and Church of England Bishop, N.T. Wright. The book is entitled, *The Crown and the Fire: Meditations on the Cross and Life of the Spirit*, a series of reflections that move from the cross, into resurrection, and toward the gift of the Holy Spirit. Copies of the book are available from the parish for a suggested donation of \$15, or online from a variety of booksellers. Opportunities for conversation will be made available later in Eastertide.

LEFTOVER KITCHEN ITEMS – The parish is presently in the process of purging our kitchen of excess utensils, bowls, pots and pans. If you have something in the kitchen, please pick it up as soon as possible, as leftover items may be a part of the April 22 Yard Sale.

PARISH YARD SALE – SATURDAY APRIL 22ND (EARTH DAY) 9:00AM – 12:00PM – The Grounds Committee is holding a yard sale to make available garden and hardware tools and equipment, hardware, cleaning supplies, kitchen utensils and other items that are no longer needed by the Parish. Parishioners are also invited to donate gently used types of items listed above that they no longer need for sale. Donated items will be accepted after April 9th at the church. Mark your calendars for this event as we find new homes for these items. For more details contact Bob Finney @ 904.540.0652 or by email: finneyb1@mac.com.

WATER TEAM MEMBERS WELCOME – The parish is making plans to plant flowers, plants and trees in the coming weeks. To help the plants get established and be watered on a regular basis 6 days a week, the Grounds Committee is forming a “water team” – folks who can go to church and water on days we do not receive rain. If interested, please contact Bob Finney, Junior Warden at finneyb1@mac.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This Sunday's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alex Hallmark by JoAnn Hallmark.

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:

4/16 Elizabeth Sudderth, Blair, William
4/17 Megan Sweeting, Dex
4/18 Sue Sweeting
4/19 Miles and Clare Tager
4/20 Sam Tallman and Mike Zuravel
4/21 Bill and Cynthia Tessien, Genya, Tommy and Billy
4/22 John and Christine Thacker, Evan

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 storms, tornadoes, and floods across this country, and those impacted by earthquakes 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: Beau Wilson, Greg, Gary and Judy Gloster, Patty, Maeson, Haydee Mojica de Santiago, Susan L., Debin, Jennifer S., Warren family, Al, Tamara, Bob Barham, Richard, Carole, Buddy H., Lucy, Eartha, Eddie, Kitty Taylor, Ashlyn, Cliff Minor, John, Linda, Debbi, Helen F., Mel, Louann Kitchell, Cat Carter, Elizabeth Young, Chris M., JoAnna, Mary M., Donna, Dale, Pat R., Logan, Caitlyn, Blanche, Lanny Pritchard, Barbara, Bruce B., Tom, Julie

****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., Jane F. family, Tina, Cynthia H., Van Nayne family, Matthew

For those who have died: Betty, Jane Fogelsonger French, Lee Warren, Sara Scott, Byron

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Molly, Debbie Giojara, Emma Unkovic, Bre Lawler, Amy Shelton, Darrow, Caitlyn

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

4/17 Sterling Hutcheson
4/18 Megan Sweeting
4/19 Lindsey Herring
4/20 Butch Kerns, Michael Silverman
4/21 Cindy Milner

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

4/16 Andy and Claudia Heath
4/18 Chris and Katherine Metzger