



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 17, 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

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

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

Parish Office Closed – Monday, April 18, in observance of Easter. The Parish Office reopens on Tuesday, April 20, at 9:00AM.

Vestry Meeting – Tuesday evening, April 19, at 5:30PM – Our monthly Vestry meeting is Tuesday evening at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall. Parishioners are always welcome to attend meetings of the Vestry and to remember the work of our elected lay leadership in prayer.

Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist – Holy Eucharist will be offered on Monday, April 25th, at 9:00AM in observance of the feast of St. Mark.

Men's Breakfast – will meet on Thursday, April 28th. Holy Eucharist is offered at 7:30AM in the Church with a hearty breakfast and good conversation following at 8:00AM in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker at breakfast is Blowing Rock Town Manager, Shane Fox. Join us!

Diocesan Centennial Dinner – As the Diocese of Western North Carolina celebrates its centennial this year, all are invited to a festive dinner with Bishop McLoughlin on Tuesday, May 24th at The Mill at Rock Creek in Boone. More information and registration is available online at www.diocesewnc.org/centennial.

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.

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: Ralph, William, Lois, Joe Dyer, Doug, Barbara, Jim B., Len B., Pat Bumgarner, Sarah Absher, Susan, Devin, Gail, Jim W., Bruce, Charlie, Mane, Andy, Leslie, Jamie, Keith, James, Taylor Anne, Kitty Norris, 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: Vincent Billingsley, Tim, Jeff, Myra, Graeme, Tom P., Cynthia, Peggy, Tanya, Ellie, Jane, Chuck Veneman, Ralph

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

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

04/17 Sterling Hutcheson

04/18 Megan Sweeting

04/20 Butch Kerns, Michael Silverman

04/21 Cindy Milner

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

04/18 Chris and Katherine Metzger

Parish Prayer Cycle:

04/17 Charlie and Amy Anderson, Asher and Sarahfina

04/18 Ron and Radie Armstrong

04/19 Marks and Mimi Arnold

04/20 Mike and Lucy Austell

04/21 Pam Ayoub

04/22 John and Ann Bagg

04/23 George and Bobby Ball