



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
MAY 1, 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

New Christian Formation Coordinator - Lindsey Herring - Lindsey Herring has accepted the call and will soon be among us as our new Christian Formation Coordinator. A trained spiritual director who is passionate about cultivating life-long faith journeys, Lindsey will be working particularly with our plans to revitalize offerings for children, youth, and their families, including the return of Godly Play. She will begin with us in June.

Rector's Forum - Stories of Easter: Beyond Resurrection Morning - In this morning's Rector's Forum, we'll take a look at some of the less familiar stories of Easter in scripture, looking beyond the empty tomb discovered on the first day of the week. Join us in the Parish Hall at 9:00AM.

Coffee Minute Volunteers - As we return to some of our normal patterns of gathering, we are looking for volunteers to host Sunday morning Coffee Minute, following the 10:10AM Eucharist. More information and a sign-up sheet are in the Parish Hall.

Feast of St. Philip and St. James – Holy Eucharist will be offered on Monday, May 2ndth at 12:00PM in observance of the feast of St. Philip and St. James.

Parish Work Day – Saturday, May 14th - It is Spring Cleaning time at St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Church. We are going to conduct a parish workday on Saturday, May 14th (backup/rain day is May 21st). Everyone who would like to help please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Foyer. We plan to run two shifts. The 9:00AM to 12:00PM shift will be working outside, and we are hoping 10-15 parishioners will join us for this work. The second shift, 10:00AM to 1:00PM, will be working inside, and we could use about 8 to 10 parishioners.

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 diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Philip's, Brevard

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: Ashley Stevenson, Sherry H., Lucy, Mike, Jeffery, Leslie, Ralph, William, Lois, Joe Dyer, Doug, Barbara, Jim B., Brade, Charlie, Andy, 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: Carolyn Mallard, Vincent Billingsley, Tim, Jeff, Myra, Graeme, Tom P., Cynthia, Carol, Beverly McCauley

For those traveling this week: Barbara and Rick

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

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

05/03 George Ball

05/04 Andrew Hege, Jackie Delmonico

05/05 Bill Battaglia, Jim Buchanan, Joe Doswell, Emma Silverman

05/06 Hunter Hallmark, Richard Howe

05/07 Blair Sudderth

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

05/04 Shawn and Gigi Poole

05/06 Lennon and Megan Redford

Parish Prayer Cycle:

05/01 Zachary and Julia Bennett

05/02 Leslie Billingsley and Mitch Mitchell

05/03 Natalie Bovino and Ken Johnson, Lula

05/04 Nioucha Branstrom, Isabelle, Sebastian

05/05 Jim Brooks

05/06 Pal and Nakita Brooks

05/07 Bob and Alva Browning