



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
MAY 14, 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

**PENTECOST PICNIC** - Let's enjoy time together and welcome back our seasonal members at a picnic Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, following the 10:10AM service. The Men's Breakfast group will provide the meat, and we are asking parishioners to provide the side dishes and desserts.

### SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Rector's Forum - Rogation Days and the Care of Creation** - Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week are days in which the Church calls us to pray especially for creation and our stewardship of it. Join us at 9:00AM for a conversation about the Christian commitment to caring for God's good creation and ways we can be a part of joining in prayer and action.
- **Godly Play** - This morning in the St. Luke room, Godly Play will be offered for children of all ages as we do crafts which encompass new and old stories as well as care of creation.
- **Parents Circle** - We invite all caring for young children to join us for discussion. We gather at 9:00AM in the St. Mary Room, while children are either in Godly Play or the Nursery.

**FAMILY NIGHT WITH ST. MARY'S AND RUMPLE PRESBYTERIAN** - From 5:00-6:30PM on Sunday, May 21, all are invited to join us at Davant Field for a hotdog cook-out and kickball game. We'll also gather to learn about Pentecost. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. We also need a volunteer to transport the church grill to and from Davant Field that day. Contact Christian Formation Coordinator Lindsey Herring if you can help with a truck.

**VESTRY MEETING** - The Vestry meets on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 5:45PM in the Parish Hall. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION** will be celebrated with Holy Eucharist on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00PM.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) REGISTRATION OPEN** - This year, we will be partnering with our friends at Rumble Presbyterian for Vacation Bible School June 12-16. Children ages 4-10 (pre-K to entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to register. Sign up and learn more at [rumplechurch.org](http://rumplechurch.org). There is a limited number of spots available so please register your child ASAP.

**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.

**THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:** If you have questions, please contact Bob Finney, Junior Warden at [finneyb1@mac.com](mailto:finneyb1@mac.com).

- **Water Team** - "Water Teams" are being formed to help keep the soon-to-be planted new trees, scrubs, and flowers watered on a regular basis on days we do not receive rain.
- **Parish Work-Day** on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 8:30AM. One group will work inside and the other outside. Please bring a rake, shovel and/or a wheelbarrow if you plan to work outside. Coffee and donuts will be provided. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun!

**TIMELESS TREASURES** - It's time to start cleaning out basements and closets. Please bring your unused treasures to the church to be sold at our Tour of Homes Timeless Treasure sale on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Patty Patella with questions.

**FLOWER OFFERINGS** - Is there an important person or a significant event happening in your life? Sponsoring the flowers placed at the altar each week is a great way to offer thanks for life's many gifts. If you would like to sponsor flowers, please contact Greta Wilson, Parish Administrator, for more information and available dates.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jordan on his birthday 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:**

5/14 Walt and Martha Ameika  
5/15 Bob Amos and Sallie Corrigan  
5/16 Charlie and Amy Anderson, Asher and Sarahfina  
5/17 Ron and Radie Armstrong  
5/18 Marks and Mimi Arnold  
5/19 Mike and Lucy Austell  
5/20 John and Ann Bagg

**In our Diocesan cycle of prayer:** St. George's, Asheville

**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, earthquakes, and floods.

**For all who suffer from war throughout the world** and especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, the Korean peninsula, Yemen, Ethiopia, and the Sudan.

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

**For healing:** Amy Nimens, Nancy, Ann Greene, Beau Wilson, Greg, Gary and Judy Gloster, Bob Barham, Louann Kitchell, Cat Carter, Elizabeth Young, Kathy, Doug, Maria, Lauren Lillian, Tamara, Logan, Dale, Sue M., Patty, Cliff Minor, Mary M., Kel Williams, Darlene, Chris B., Crystal, Lucy, Betty, Donna, Dale, Pat R., 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:** Danielle, Cierra and Gary W., Louis A. Ann B., Jane F. family, Tina

**For those travelling this week:** Molly and Jamie, Angela, Mary Miles and David, Elizabeth, Louann and Dick Kitchell

**For those who have died:** Tammy W., Bob, R.K. Clark, Wyatt Cottrell, Jane F.

**For safe pregnancy and delivery:** Molly, Debbie Giovara, Emma Unkovic, Bre Lawler, Amy Shelton, Darrow, Caitlyn, Lauren, Paige

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

5/15 Greg Rhoads  
5/16 Leslie Temple  
5/18 Frank Thomas  
5/19 Ron Tharp  
5/20 Susie Greene

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

5/18 Mike Tinka and Helene Harper  
5/19 Orian and Catherine Carter  
5/13 Bill and Donna Devereux