



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
MAY 15, 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

Rector's Forum - Challenging Conversations in Community - How do we have conversation around issues of difference while also maintaining our community as followers of the risen Christ? This morning we'll explore wisdom about the nature of our common life from the Gospels and hear reflections from the brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist. Join us in the Parish Hall at 9:00AM.

Rector's Forum Special Edition NEXT SUNDAY - A Play Space for St. Mary's - A team charged by the Vestry has been considering the feasibility of and developing plans for a play space on the grounds of our parish. Next Sunday, May 22, we'll host a conversation during the Rector's Forum for all parishioners to learn more about the plans and offer feedback. Join us!

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.

Daughters of the King – Will meet this Sunday morning, May 15th, at 9:00AM.

Vestry Meeting – Tuesday evening, May 17, 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.

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.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will meet on Tuesday evening, May 24th, at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall for a pot-luck dinner. All women of the church are invited.

Men's Breakfast will meet on Thursday, May 26th. Holy Eucharist is offered at 7:30AM, followed by breakfast at 8:00AM.

Ascension Day – Join us for Holy Eucharist at 12:00PM on Thursday, May 26th in observance of Ascension Day, which is forty days after Easter Day.

The Visitation – We will be recalling the Blessed Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth on Tuesday, May 31st with Holy Eucharist at 5:30PM.

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. George's, Asheville

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: Benjamin, Bruce, Kate, Collete, Logan, Sarah, Henry, Pat B., Jennifer, Jay Allen, 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: Frank, Ann B.

For those traveling this week: Elizabeth, Beth Lawler, Susie

For those who have died: Floyd Domer, Kathy Richardson, Carolyn Mallard, Vincent Billingsley, Tim, Jeff, Myra, Graeme, Tom P., Cynthia, Carol, Beverly McCauley, Marie Freeman, Bill Pfischner

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

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

05/15 Greg Rhoads
05/16 Leslie Temple
05/17 Ray Williams
05/18 Frank Thomas
05/19 Ron Tharp
05/20 Susie Greene
05/21 Lucy Austell

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

05/18 Mike Tinka and Helen Harper
05/19 Orian and Cat Carter
05/21 Ron and Radie Armstrong

Parish Prayer Cycle:

05/15 Laura Coston, Michael
05/16 Mike Coston
05/17 Lynn Coulthard
05/18 Bill and Owene Courtney
05/19 Dick Craver
05/20 Bryan and Carolyn Crutcher
05/21 Mark and Michelle Curry