



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
MAY 7, 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

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Rector's Forum - The Coronation: History, Theology, & Liturgy** - On Saturday, May 6, the first coronation of a British Monarch in more than seventy years occurred. Join us Sunday morning at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room as we take a deeper look at the Coronation and its connection to us.
- **Godly Play** - This morning in the St. Luke room, Godly Play will be offered for children of all ages as we learn about God's Big House and his all-inclusive love.
- **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.

UNCTION (PRAYERS FOR HEALING) will be offered following both services today. Feel free to come up to the steps at the front of the church at the end of the service.

ORGANIST JOBY BELL TO OPEN CONCERT SEASON AT ST. MARY OF THE HILLS - Acclaimed organist (and area favorite) Joby Bell opens this year's Friends of Music concert season at St. Mary's this afternoon at 3:00PM. Dr. Bell's personal warmth shines through his performances. This afternoon's concert includes music by Brewer, Bach, Sweelinck, and Franck.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) REGISTRATION OPEN - This year, we will be supporting and joining our friends at Rumble Presbyterian for Vacation Bible School June 12-16. Children ages 4-10 (pre-K to entering 5th grade) are invited to register. Sign up and learn more at rumblechurch.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.

- **Yard Sale** on May 13th from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Cash only purchases.
- **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 3rd, 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 28th. 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.

COFFEE MINUTE VOLUNTEERS - Volunteers are needed to host Sunday morning Coffee Minute, following the 10:10AM Eucharist. More information and a sign-up sheet are in the Parish Hall.

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:

5/07 Rick Williams and Barbara Yale-Read (April 30th was their wedding anniversary)
5/08 Beau Wilson
5/09 Greta Wilson, Rucker
5/10 Ham Wilson
5/11 Molly Wilson
5/12 Albert Yount
5/13 Chris Albertson and Joe Coyne

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Church of the Good Shepherd, Cashiers; Church of the Good Shepherd, Hayesville; Church of the Good Shepherd, Tryon

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, Kathy, Doug, Maria, Lauren Lillian, Darlene, Crystal, Chris B., Sue M., 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., Betty, 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: Danielle, Cierra and Gary W., Louis A. Ann B., Jane F. family, Tina

For those travelling this week: Molly and Jamis, Angela, Mary Miles and David, Chris and Antoinette

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

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

For the birth of: River Lee Metzmill, grandson of Chris and Katherine Metzger

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

5/07 Blair Sudderth
5/09 Mary Galke, P.J. Martin
5/10 Andy Sicard

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

5/08 Adam Hill and Leslie Temple
5/09 Cobb and Cindy Milner; Greg Rhoads and Lynn Searfoss
5/13 Bill and Donna Devereux