



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 25, 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

UNCTION - Prayers for healing will be offered after both services on the first Sunday of each month at the foot of the Chancel steps.

FORMATION - This morning, join us for Coffee Talk with Fr. Andrew at 9:15AM in the Close (weather permitting) for a brief conversation about Scripture, theology and the practice of our faith. At 9AM, we'll be offering Godly Play upstairs for children in the St. Luke room led by our visiting seminarian Mitchell Eithan and Lindsey Herring. All are welcome.

This week we'll begin our 4-week series of Centering Prayer workshops at 10AM on Wednesday, June 28. Each week's workshop will cover a different aspect of the prayer practice and includes dedicated Centering Prayer time. This week's workshop will be focusing on the core tenets of this contemplative practice. Reach out to Lindsey Herring with questions.

EVENSONG JUNE 25TH WITH GUEST ORGANIST DR. JOE CAUSBY - Noted organist Dr. Joe Causby will be the guest organist for today's Choral Evensong at 2:45PM. Joe is the Director of Music and Organist of the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, and has been a frequent guest at St. Mary's. Joe will play a lengthy prelude beginning at 2:45PM, and Evensong will begin at 3:00PM. There will be a small reception afterwards.

THE FEAST OF THE APOSTLES ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL - Join us at 12:00PM on Thursday, June 29th, for Holy Eucharist on this festival day.

NEXT SUNDAY'S FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT - *Seconds on Sunday* at 3:00PM on July 2nd, with Alicia Chapman, oboe; Tatiana Wright, piano; and guest Stephanie Goehring, oboe.

SAVE THE DATE - We will bless our new Play Space on July 2nd at 9:30AM. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us!

WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

- **Morning Prayer** - Join us for Morning Prayer, a short (15-20 minute) service, offered Monday-Friday at 8:30AM in the Church.
- **Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12:00PM** - Holy Eucharist is offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM in the Church.

FOYER GROUPS - Looking for ways to connect with fellow parishioners? Foyer Groups will soon be forming for the summer months, and you are invited to take part! A sign-up sheet is available in the Foyer – groups will be put together by random draw and typically meet once per month, often for dinner (either in someone's home, with everyone offering something for the meal, or at a restaurant) and create space for community building in an informal setting. Contact Mary Ellen Raulerson for more information.

HELP WITH TOUR OF HOMES POSTERS - Please take as many posters as you're willing to distribute around our community and beyond in order to get the word out about this year's tour. All you need is a roll of tape, a handful of posters and a willing heart! We'd love to have them on display all over Watauga, Avery and Ashe Counties, but if you live near a willing and highly trafficked business in Charlotte or Winston or Greensboro, we'd love to have posters on display there as well. Thank you!

COFFEE MINUTE HOSTS - Volunteers are needed to host Sunday morning Coffee Minute, following the 10:10AM Eucharist. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of their grandson, River Lee MetzMill, on April 18, 2023 by Chris and Katherine Metzger.

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:

6/25 Bill and Donna Devereux
6/26 Kay Donahue
6/27 Joe and Diana Doswell
6/28 Joe and Virginia Dulaney
6/29 Dave and Julie Dutra
6/30 Joe and Patty Dyer
7/01 Nick and Linda Elksnin

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: St. John in the Wilderness, Flat Rock

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 healing: Joe R., Luba, Lauren, Amy Nimens, Nancy, Ann Greene, Greg, Gary and Judy Gloster, Bob Barham, Cat Carter, Joe Dyer, Elizabeth Young, Kent, Betty, Deacon, John, Jane Moss, Kerry R., Todd, Kathy, Doug, Maria, Dale, Cindy K., Haydee Mojica de Santiago, Megan, Mary, Benjamin, Julie and her family, Helen, Jeanie H., Chris, Jennifer, Angele C.

****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 who have died: Betty, Charlie, Mike, James, Mable, Jack, Mike, Arthur, John, Betsy Klein, Peggy, Wayne, Joan, Earl

For those traveling this week: William, Blair, Chris, Antoinette, John, Greta and family

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Molly, Emma Unkovic, Amy Shelton, Caitlyn, Lauren, Paige

For the birth of: Elane Alexandra Lawler on June 17th. She is the daughter of Alex and Bre Lawler and the granddaughter of Rick and Beth Lawler.

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

6/24 Katherine Wilson
6/25 Meg Fary, Nick Placentra
6/26 Mitchell Eithun, Katherine Metzger
6/28 Chip Monroe
7/01 Chris Albertson