



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 26, 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

Welcome Lindsey Herring – Lindsey joins our staff at St. Mary of the Hills as Christian Formation Coordinator. She recently completed a two-year program in spiritual direction at the Metagem Institute in the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama and comes to us with a wealth of experience working in a congregational setting, primarily in communications.

Lindsey's desire to make a positive impact on the world eventually led her to work in the religious and nonprofit sectors of her hometown, Birmingham. She has worked in such organizations for more than seven years and continues to be an advocate for the underserved.

A special coffee minute is planned following the 10:10AM service – come and greet her!

Rector's Forum – Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Parish Hall this morning at 9:00AM for a conversation about this morning's appointed scripture passages and their intersection with our lives.

Faithful and True – A Study of the Book of Revelation – In July and August, Fr. Andrew will lead a study of the Book of Revelation, using the new book *Faithful and True* by New Testament scholar Greg Carey. The 8-week series will be offered on Wednesday mornings, 9:00-10:00AM, beginning July 6. Copies of the book will be available from the parish office for a suggested donation of \$10. Contact Fr. Andrew with any questions or for more information.

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.

Morning Prayer - We gather each weekday, Monday-Friday, at 8:30AM in the Church. Join us!

The Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul – Saints Peter and Paul will be commemorated on Wednesday, June 29, during our regularly scheduled 12:00 Eucharist.

Contributions Welcomed for New Play Space - Sue Sweeting and Bill Rogers need help from the St. Mary's Church family to help raise funds to assist the completion of the new play space. Please help us make this happen! Make checks payable to St. Mary's Episcopal Church and put in the memo line, 'PLAY SPACE'. You can place the check in the alms basin, drop it by the parish office or place it in the locked box next to the parish office door. Our goal is \$50,000 and to date we have raised \$6,500 from 3 donors. Any questions, call or text Sue Sweeting @828-406-9376 or Bill Rogers @ 336-339-9459.

"Sustaining Grace" – Earlier this month we kicked-off a new program in support of planned giving at St. Mary of the Hills. There are brochures with information about how include the parish in your will and other legal documents. If you've already included St. Mary's in your will, we'd love to celebrate you! If you've not yet done so, but would like more information, complete a card located in the foyer with the brochures and return it to the parish office so that we can help answer any questions you might have related to the inclusion of the parish in your will. Above all, thank you for your faithful generosity in support of St. Mary of the Hills as we look toward and plan for God's good and abundant future for 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. John in the Wilderness, Flat Rock

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: Dave Armstrong, Gay, Matt, Cathy J., Chris, Mary M., Gary, Benjamin, Joe and Patty Dyer, Bruce, Kate, Collete, Logan, Sarah, Henry, Pat B., Jennifer, Jay Allen, Ashley Stevenson, Sherry H., Lucy, Mike, Jeffery, Leslie, Ralph, Karen, Lee, Julian, Maeson, Terry, Barbara Rhoads, Belinda Rhoads, Bruce, Rick, William, Lois, Doug, Barbara, Mike, Jim B., Charlie, Andy, 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 who have died: Pam Ayoub, Michael Rhoads, Liz, Floyd Domer

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

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

06/26 Katherine Metzger

06/28 Eugenia Tessien, Chip Monroe

07/01 Chris Albertson

Parish Prayer Cycle:

06/26 Adam Hill and Leslie Temple

06/27 Norman and Janet Hillis

06/28 David Brendle and Torre Hinnant

06/29 Matthew and Sara Hitechew

06/30 Larry Turnbow and Marjory Holder

07/01 Alice Holt

07/02 Richard and Betty Howe