



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
JULY 3, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Grace Elizabeth Howe Clapp, Elizabeth Ogden Clapp, and Lillian Emerson Clapp by Richard and Betty Howe.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The parish office will be closed Monday, July 4th, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

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 – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00AM in the Barrett Room - 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 this coming Wednesday, July 6**. Copies of the book are available from the parish office for a suggested donation of \$10. Contact Fr. Andrew with any questions or for more information.

Vestry Nominations – Now Open – Nomination forms for Vestry are now available in the Foyer and Parish Hall, as well as online. The nomination period remains open through Wednesday, July 20th. If you have questions about Vestry service, please contact any member of our current Vestry (nametags with yellow lanyards) or Fr. Andrew.

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.

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

Timeless Treasures – Thank you to everyone who has donated items! We have so many wonderful things to sale. Please do not bring any more items as we cannot handle any more this year. Save those treasures for next year though.

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. Our goal is \$50,000 and to date more than \$25,000 has been received or pledged. Any questions, call or text Sue Sweeting @828-406-9376 or Bill Rogers @ 336-339-9459.

"Sustaining Grace" – Last month we kicked-off a new program in support of planned giving at St. Mary of the Hills. Brochures with information about how include the parish in your will and other legal documents are available in the Foyer. 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, kindly complete the response card return it to the parish office so that we can in contact with you. 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: Episcopal Chaplains serving the Armed Forces, VA Hospitals, and other organizations providing care for veterans.

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: Greg, 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 traveling this week: Barbara and Rick

For those who have died: Pam Ayoub, Michael Rhoads, Liz, Floyd Domer, Dwight, Butch, Debbie, Jane

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

For the birth of: Elena Mae Bolka, daughter of Mary Lois and Tom Bolka and granddaughter of Dale Sandusky.

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

07/03 Taryn Barnes

07/05 Roy McCraw, Sue Sweeting, Sid Lemnoui

07/06 Andrew Hill, Angela Skibo

07/07 Molly Wilson

07/09 Bob McCloskey, Luba Skibo

Parish Prayer Cycle:

07/03 Sterling Hutcheson

07/04 Larry and Faith Jones

07/05 Martha J. Jones

07/06 Bob and Anne Jones

07/07 Maureen Justice

07/08 Lisa Kaufmann

07/09 Butch and Donna Kerns