



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
JULY 17, 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 and coffee minute are given to the glory of God by Luba Skibo in loving memory of her mother, Maria Skibo.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Intergenerational Godly Play - Children, parents, and grandparents are all invited to our first post-pandemic Godly Play program Sunday, July 17 at 9:00AM in the St. Luke Room (second floor, above the Parish Hall). We will be exploring the seasons of the church year. Join Fr. Andrew and Lindsey Herring, our Christian Formation Coordinator, for this exciting new beginning!

Faithful and True – A Study of the Book of Revelation – Wednesdays, 9:00-10:00AM in the Barrett Room – It's not too late to join! 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. 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.

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 \$27,000 has been received or pledged. Any questions, call or text Sue Sweeting @828-406-9376 or Bill Rogers @ 336-339-9459.

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.

Daughters of the King – Meets Sunday, July 17, at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry, please contact Michelle Curry or Mary Ellen Raulerson.

Men's Breakfast – This month, Men's Breakfast will meet on Thursday, July 21 at 7:30AM for Holy Eucharist with a hearty breakfast to follow. Following breakfast, we will help with raising the tents and setting up tables and chairs for our Tour of Homes which follows the next day. Join us and bring a friend (or two)!

The Tour of Homes is upon us! If you have not volunteered, please do so. We need lots of fresh cut flowers, baked goods, transportation helpers, etc. If you can help, please contact Susie Greene, Mary Ellen Raulerson or call the church office.

Coffee Minute Volunteers – We need 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!

Queer Spirituality is a sacred space for honoring our Selves, our Spiritualities, and our LGBTQI+ community. We invite you to our inaugural meeting, a cookout at the St. Luke's Episcopal Church Picnic Shelter on July 24, starting at 4:00PM. We want to create a space for like-minded people to share their stories, discuss their sexualities, and socialize. Grilled chicken, tea, and water will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. If you want to bring a meat alternative, we will be happy to grill that for you. You are invited to bring beer or wine if you are over 21. Contact Sam Tallman for more information.

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: Faith Memorial Chapel, Cedar Mountain; Whiteside Summer Chapel, Cashiers.

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, Kitty Lumpkin, Frank C., Danny, Gail, Gary, Sandy, Mike Tinka, Julia, Greg, Gay, Matt, Cathy J., Chris, Mary M., Benjamin, Joe Dyer, Barbara Rhoads, Belinda Rhoads, Jim B.

****(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: Matthew, Frank, Ann B., Mary Ann, Peter, Robyn

For those who have died: Dave Armstrong, Pam Ayoub, Michael Rhoads, Liz, Dwight, Butch, Debbie, Jane, Robyn

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

For the birth of: George Henry Nimens, son of Graham and Caitlin Nimens and grandson of Amy Nimens

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

07/17 Charles Davant, IV

07/19 Suzanne Shaut

07/21 Kay Snow

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

07/18 Bill and Jorgann Rogers

Parish Prayer Cycle:

07/17 Marla MacKenzie

07/18 Mark and P.J. Martin

07/19 Margaret Mayfield

07/20 Bob and Karen McCammon

07/21 Bob and Kay McCloskey

07/22 Roy and Nedra McCraw

07/23 Paul and Loy McGill