



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
JULY 23, 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](http://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

**FEAST OF ST. JAMES** – The Feast of St. James will be celebrated with Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** will meet on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM for Holy Eucharist. A hearty breakfast will follow, and then the men will set up tents for the Tour of Homes. We need everyone's help!

**SUMMER BOOK STUDY – *BECOMING HUMAN*** – Our Summer Seminary Intern, Mitchell Eithun, will be leading a four-week study on the book, *Becoming Human: The Holy Spirit and the Rhetoric of Race*, by Luke A. Powery, Dean of Duke University Chapel. A discussion group will gather at 4:00PM on Tuesdays, beginning this week, on Tuesday. *Becoming Human* is available online from a variety of booksellers. Copies of the book are available from the parish office for a suggested donation of \$20.

**VESTRY NOMINATIONS** – Vestry nominations are now open for the 2024-2026 term. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else (whose permission you have obtained), you may find nomination forms in the Foyer or the Parish Hall or you may go to our website: [www.stmaryofthehills.org](http://www.stmaryofthehills.org). Nominations close at 5:00PM on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**5TH SUNDAY PARENTS GATHERING** – All parents are invited to gather for conversation on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM in the St. Mary Room upstairs. Godly Play will be offered across the hall in the St. Luke room.

### TOUR OF HOMES

- Check out volunteer opportunities for the Tour in the Parish Hall. Sign-up sheets remain available for drivers, loaders, bakers, flower gatherers, etc. We need everyone's help to make this year's tour a success!
- Please bring your back yard beauties to help the flower teams decorate the lovely homes chosen for the Tour of Homes. In order to cut down on waste, there will be a list of greens and flowers we would like to have posted on sign-up sheets in the Foyer and Parish Hall. Please bring what you can to the Parish Hall on July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM.

### 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.

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

### UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH LIFE –

- Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>-The Feast of The Transfiguration
- Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>-The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin and the Blessing of the Backpacks
- Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>-Annual Parish Meeting, Family Night with Rumble Presbyterian

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God.

## 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:**

7/23 JoAnn Hallmark

7/24 Helene Harper and Mike Tinka

7/25 Kevin and Christina Hayes

7/26 Andy and Claudia Heath

7/27 Andrew and Amanda Hege, Eleanor and David

7/28 Bo Henderson

7/29 Juliana Henderson

**We pray for the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour of Homes, to be held on July 28<sup>th</sup>.** We offer our prayers for all whom we will receive as guests, for all volunteers, and for all the ministries and agencies who will be supported by this year's Tour.

**In our Diocesan cycle of prayer:** St. James, Black Mountain; St. James, Hendersonville; St. James, Lenoir

**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 tornadoes, earthquakes, fires, 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, Chris, Ana, Lauren, Leandra, Sandra, Dale, Nancy, Ann Greene, Greg, Gary and Judy Gloster, Bob Barham, Elizabeth, Kent, Bruce, Lucy, Vinny, Crystal, Logan, Cheryl, Kerry R., Richard, Mary Jo Pollock, KC Weber, Ron Cunningham, Jeff Eastman, Todd, Mary, Amy

*\*\*\*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:** Greg Puhl, Mikey, Julie, Joel Keys, Betty, Charlie, Natasha, Mike, James, Mable, Jack, Arthur

**For those with other concerns:** Donna, Wayne G., Keys family

**For those traveling this week:** Dick and Louann Kitchell, Marjory

**For safe pregnancy and delivery:** Caroline, Barbre Hoar, Molly, Emma Unkovic, Amy Shelton, Caitlyn, Lauren, Paige

**For those celebrating a birthday this week:**

7/25 Faith Jones

7/26 Kempton Smith

7/29 Robert Browning, Denise Story

**For those celebrating an anniversary this week:**

7/25 Bill and Emily Furr