



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
JULY 24, 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](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.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all the volunteers of the 2022 Tour of Homes.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A BIG THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WHO OFFERED YOUR TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURES TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S TOUR OF HOMES A GREAT SUCCESS!

**Intergenerational Godly Play** - Children, parents, and grandparents are all invited to our post-pandemic Godly Play program Sunday at 9:00AM in the St. Luke Room (second floor, above the Parish Hall). Join Lindsey Herring, our Christian Formation Coordinator, for this exciting new beginning!

**The Feast of St. James the Apostle** – We will celebrate the Feast of St. James the Apostle with Holy Eucharist on Monday, July 25 at 12:00PM.

**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 is leading 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 \$37,000 has been received. Any questions, call or text Sue Sweeting @828-406-9376 or Bill Rogers @ 336-339-9459.

**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!

**Acolyte and Eucharistic Minister Training** - Join us at 9:15AM on Sunday, August 7th, for a refresher course for our Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes. All are welcome, even if you've never served as an Acolyte or Eucharistic Minister. We will go over current guidelines and participants will have the opportunity to be recertified as Eucharistic Ministers within the Diocese of WNC. Michelle Curry will be available to answer questions about vestments, candles, and processions. If you are unable to attend, please contact Father Andrew for more information about training.

**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 Fr. 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 and especially for all the bishops of the Anglican Communion gathered at the Lambeth Conference.

**For 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, 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:** Ed Johnson, Greg, Kitty Lumpkin, Frank C., Daphne, Todd, Max, Joedy, Danny, Gail, Gary, Sandy, 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.

**For those who have died:** Jane, Alton, Jonathan, Hoke, Kristen, Marc, Dave Armstrong, Robyn, Mary Ann, Peter

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

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:**

07/25 Faith Jones

07/26 Kempton Smith

07/29 Bob Browning, Denise Story

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

07/25 Bill and Emily Furr

07/27 Buzzy and Suzanne Miller

**Parish Prayer Cycle:**

07/24 Tina McKnight

07/25 Will Merrill and Andy Sicard

07/26 Chris and Katherine Metzger

07/27 Bob and Sabine Miller

07/28 Buzzy and Suzanne Miller

07/29 Mike and Gay Miller

07/30 Cobb and Cindy Miller