



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
JULY 30, 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.

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

**THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL WHO WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S
TOUR OF HOMES BLOWING ROCK A GREAT SUCCESS!**

SUMMER BOOK STUDY – *BECOMING HUMAN* – Our Summer Seminary Intern, Mitchell Eithun, is 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 continues to gather at 4:00PM on Tuesdays. Please join for one or all of the discussions. *Becoming Human* is available online from a variety of booksellers. Copies of the book are available in the library for a suggested donation of \$20.

5TH SUNDAY PARENTS GATHERING – All parents are invited to gather for coffee and conversation today, July 30th at 9:00AM in the St. Mary Room (second floor above the Parish Hall). Godly Play will be offered for all children across the hall in the St. Luke room.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY - THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION - August 6th is the Feast of the Transfiguration, a great festival day in the life of the Church. Our 10:10 Holy Eucharist will include festive music and incense as we observe this holy day.

UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH LIFE -

- Sunday, August 20th-The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin with Baptisms, Blessing of the Backpacks, and Choral Evensong at 3:00PM
- Sunday, August 27th-Annual Parish Meeting, Family Night with Rumples Presbyterian
- Sunday, October 1st -Bishop McLoughlin's Visitation at both services and Blessing of the Animals at 2:00PM

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of our Tour of Homes chairperson, Jo Anne Hallmark.

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:

7/30 Lindsey Herring and Dallas Swoveland
7/31 Adam Hill and Leslie Temple
8/01 Norman and Janet Hillis
8/02 Torre Hinnant and David Brendle
8/03 Matthew and Sara Hitechew, Elliot and Eliana
8/04 Marjory Holder and Larry Turnbow
8/05 Alice Holt

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Christ Church, Sparta; Church of the Savior, Newland

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, floods and heat.

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: Cam, Ronnie, Michael Curry, Joe R., Luba, Chris, Ana, Lauren, Leandra, Sandra, Dale, Nancy, Ann Greene, Greg, Gary and Judy Gloster, Bob Barham, Elizabeth, Kent, Bruce, Lucy, Vinny, Barbara Rhoads, John Smallwood, Crystal, Logan, Cheryl, Kerry R., Richard, Kathy, 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, Charlie, Mike

For those with other concerns: George, Clement/Ewing family, Louis, Ava, Mike, Reina, Jo Anna Bright and family, Donna, Wayne G.

For those traveling this week: The Lawlers

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

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

8/01 Billy Tessien, Tommy Tessien
8/02 Leslie Billingsley
8/04 Bill Devereux, Sally Page

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

8/01 John and Cecilia Grasinger; John and Luella Rundell
8/02 Jerry and Genie Starnes
8/04 Frank and Meg Fary