



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
JULY 31, 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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Intergenerational Godly Play - Children, parents, and grandparents are all invited to our 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! This will be in lieu of The Rector's Forum for the next several weeks.

Faithful and True – A Study of the Book of Revelation – The book study group will NOT meet this Wednesday, August 3rd but will return on Wednesday, August 10, 9:00-10:00AM in the Barrett Room – Fr. Andrew is leading a study of the Book of Revelation, using the new book *Faithful and True* by New Testament scholar Greg Carey. There's still time to join! Contact Fr. Andrew with any questions or for more information.

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.

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.

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 \$39,000 has been received. Any questions, call or text Sue Sweeting @828-406-9376 or Bill Rogers @ 336-339-9459.

Morning Prayer – This week, Morning Prayer will gather on Monday (August 1st), Wednesday (August 3rd), and Friday (August 5th) at 8:30AM in the Church. Join us! The regular Monday-Friday schedule will resume the following week.

O Sing Joyfully - Making a joyful noise through music is an integral part of our common life at St. Mary of the Hills, and we can all be eager participants in making that joyful noise. Beginner or experienced, whether you want to feel more confident singing hymns and service music or hone your musical skills, this is for you. Mark your calendars for Tuesday mornings from 10.00am-11.00am on four consecutive Tuesdays in August: 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. The class will be taught by Thomas McNeil, our bass Choral Scholar and a music education student at App State. Thomas will cover basic skills such as note-reading, rhythm, identifying key/time signatures, etc. If you have any questions please direct them to Thomas (mcneilm@appstate.edu) and Jim Bumgardner (jmzdr1@gmail.com). Thank you for your support of music in the life of this parish.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will meet August 9th at 5:30PM for a Pot-Luck Supper. **All are welcome.** Bring a dish to share and be ready to hear about Born Again Dirt and how we can do our bit for the planet! Please RSVP to Sue Wilders 828-355-9751 or the Office 828-295-7323.

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: Christ Church, Sparta; Church of the Savior, Newland

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: Patty Patella, Annabelle, Taylor Ann, Jay, BruceEd 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 travelling this week: The Hege family, Leslie Billingsley

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

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

For the birth of: Alice Blackburn, daughter of Rachel and Alex Blackburn and granddaughter of Michelle and Mark Curry.

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

08/01 Billy Tessien, Tommy Tessien

08/02 Leslie Billingsley

08/04 Bill Devereux, Sally Page

08/06 Marla MacKenzie, Will Merrill, Larry Watson

Dorothy

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

08/01 John and Cecilia Grasinger; John and Luella Rundell

08/02 Jerry and Genie Starnes

08/04 Frank and Meg Fary; Ralph and Linda Norman

08/06 Frank and Annie Hellen Thomas

Parish Prayer Cycle:

07/31 Jane Milner

08/01 Chip Monroe, Emma Kate, Lee and Arden

08/02 Pat and Marty Moore

08/03 Richard and Mary Lou Moore

08/04 Michael and Lori Mueller

08/05 Burt Mulford and Dean Hamric

08/06 Chip and Garland Myers