



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
JULY 9, 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

FORMATION TODAY - Join us at 9:15AM in the Parish Hall for a Summer Coffee Talk. Mitchell Eithun, our Summer Seminary Intern will be leading a discussion about Disability and Hymnody in the life of the Church. Next week, Mitchell will be travelling to two conferences to present this work. Godly Play will also be offered in the St. Luke room, beginning at 9:00AM.

CHORAL SCHOLARS SET FOR NEXT FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT- Faith, romance...and silliness...are all on tap this afternoon at the Friends of Music Summer Concert at 3:00PM! Our very own Choral Scholars will sing selections that range from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, to Mozart, Debussy, Florence Price, Cuban lullabies, and Gershwin, to Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* and the frenetic silliness of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado*. This will be a chance to hear them in a totally new way - soprano Caroline Goforth, alto Kathryn Santiago, tenor Simeon Wallace, and bass-baritone Thomas McNeil.

BURIAL EUCHARIST FOR PAM AYOUB - A Burial Eucharist for Pam Ayoub will be held on Saturday, July 15th, at 11:00AM.

CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP – We continue our series of Centering Prayer workshops at 10:00AM on Wednesday, July 12th, in the Nave. All are welcome, whether a longtime Centering Prayer practitioner or simply curious about this spiritual discipline. This week, we'll be talking more about contemplative practices, including other spiritual disciplines as they relate to Centering Prayer. Dedicated prayer time will occur the latter half of the session. Contact Lindsey Herring for more information.

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 July 25th. *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.

TOUR OF HOMES

- Check out volunteer opportunities for the Tour in the Parish Hall. Sign-up sheets are available for drivers, loaders, bakers, flower gatherers, etc. We need everyone's help!
- 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 26th 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ed Springs by Bo Henderson.

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:

7/09 Bill and Emily Furr

7/10 Doug and Mary Galke

7/11 Bill and Joellyn Gibbons

7/12 Jim and Joyce Gibson

7/13 Nathan and Suzzannah Gittner

7/14 Gary and Judy Gloster

We pray for the 65th Annual Tour of Homes, to be held on July 28th. 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. Paul's, Edneyville; St. Paul's, Morganton; St. Paul's, Wilkesboro; St. Peter by the Lake, Denver

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, Lauren, Leandra, Amy Nimens, Nancy, Ann Greene, Greg, Gary and Judy Gloster, Bob Barham, Cat Carter, Elizabeth Young, Kent, Bruce, Lucy, Angela C., Jane Moss, Kerry R., Richard, Mary Jo Pollock, KC Weber, Ron Cunningham, Jeff Eastman, Todd, Kathy, Doug, Maria, Cindy K., Jeannie H., Megan, Mary, Benjamin, Chris, Jennifer, Carey

****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: Julie, Joel Keys, Betty, Charlie, Natasha, Mike, James, Mable, Jack, Mike, Arthur

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

For those traveling this week: the Galkes

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

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

7/09 Luba Skibo

7/11 Martha Jones, Beth Lawler

7/14 Joe Dulaney, Benjamin White

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

7/10 John Carlson and Katy Thompson