



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 13, 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

THE ST MARY ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING is sponsoring Coffee Minute following today's 10:10AM service. Please join us and learn more about our mission of prayer, service, and evangelism.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION - Our weekly Sunday morning Formation offerings will begin soon! On August 20th, Godly Play returns at 9:00AM in the St. Luke Room and on September 10th, Rector's Forum resumes in the Barrett Room.

THE FEAST OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN - We will celebrate the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin on Sunday, August 20th. During the 10:10AM service, we will have baptisms and also bless backpacks for the beginning of a new school year.

CHORAL EVENSONG - Next Sunday, August 20th, Solemn Choral Evensong will be offered at 3:00PM for the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin.

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.

UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH LIFE

- Sunday, August 27th-Annual Parish Meeting, Family Night at St. Mary's with co-host Rumble Presbyterian
- Sunday, October 1st -Bishop McLoughlin's Visitation at both services and Blessing of the Animals at 2:00PM

CONFIRMATION/RECEPTION - Anyone interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church during Bishop McLoughlin's visitation on October 1, plan to join us for a series of six conversations beginning September 10. Contact Fr. Andrew (rector@stmaryofthehills.org) or Lindsey Herring (formation@stmaryofthehills.org) for more information or to register your interest.

THE ALTAR GUILD needs new members and invites everyone in our parish to consider joining us in this vital ministry. During the year, we work in teams and take one Sunday or one Wednesday per month for our ministry. In addition, we particularly welcome our seasonal parishioners to assist with the extra duties of weddings and funerals. Most weddings occur from May to October, so this is a perfect time for part-timers to serve in parish life. All members of the Altar Guild are ready and willing to train you for any task. Please contact Sue Sweeting (828-406-9376) to begin a new ministry.

OUR FLOWER GUILD - If you enjoy arranging flowers and have a heart for serving our church community, then please contact Patty Patella at (828) 719-8409.

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.

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:

8/13 Martha Jones

8/14 Maureen Justice

8/15 Lisa Kaufmann

8/16 Butch and Donna Kerns

8/17 Dick and Louann Kitchell

8/18 Olivia Knight

8/19 Chris and Antoinette Kollmer

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: All students, faculty and staff returning to school; College and Campus Ministries at Appalachian State University; Western Carolina University; and University of North Carolina, Asheville

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: Clare, Heidi, Mark, Jorgann, Cam, Ronnie, Michael Curry, Joe R., 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, Belinda, 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: The Rev. B. Lloyd, Greg Puhl, Mikey

For those with other concerns: Kathy, George, Jo Anna Bright and family, Donna, Wayne G.

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

For the birth of: Calvin James Shelton, son of James and Amy Shelton and grandson of Dale Sandusky born on Wednesday, August 9th and for the birth of a baby girl also born on Wednesday to Darlene Van Dyke's niece, Emma Unkovic

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

8/16 Dale Sandusky, Cynthia Tessien

8/19 JoAnn Hallmark, Jane Milner, Ham Wilson

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

8/18 Roy and Nedra McCraw