



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 14, 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ned and Mary Phifer by Susan Phifer Johnson.

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.

Blessing of the Backpacks – Calling all students and teachers! On Sunday, August 21, bring your backpacks, briefcases, etc. for a blessing to begin the new academic year. You may attend either service for the blessing.

Daughters of the King (DOK) will meet next Sunday, August 21, at 9:00AM in the St. Mary Room (second floor above the Parish Hall).

Parish Annual Meeting –The Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on Sunday, August 28th at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome as we elect new Vestry members and hear updates from leaders about the mission and ministry of our parish.

ASU Listening Post - Are you interested in listening? The Listening Post is looking for volunteers to participate in this important ministry on the ASU Campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays for one of three two-person 90-minute sessions in the Student Union. You never know what the discussions may be, but you always walk away blessed for having been there. If you are interested, speak to Mike Austell during the Coffee Minute or call him on 828-406-3579.

Coffee Minute Volunteers – Volunteers are needed to host Sunday morning Coffee Minute, following the 10:10AM Eucharist. More information and a sign-up sheet are in the Parish Hall.

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 to 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 consecutive Tuesdays in August: 16th, 23rd, and 30th. The class will be taught by Thomas McNeil, our bass Choral Scholar and a music education student at App State.

Vestry Meeting – The vestry will meet on Tuesday, August 16, at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Contributions Welcomed for New Play Space - the St. Mary's parish family is invited to to help raise funds to assist the completion of the new play space. Our goal is \$50,000 and to date more than \$40,000 has been received. Any questions, call or text Sue Sweeting @ 828-406-9376 or Bill Rogers @ 336-339-9459.

Morning Prayer – Join us for Morning Prayer, offered Monday-Friday at 8:30AM in the Church.

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: All students, faculty & staff returning to school; College and Campus Ministries at App. State, Western Carolina, and University of NC at Asheville.

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: Gary G., Judy G., Marshall P., Jim B., Kare, Rick, Ed B., Reba Kling, Steve, Pat R., Ollie W., Everett, Catherine, Tina M., Patty Patella, Annabelle, Jay, Bruce, Ed Johnson, Greg, Kitty Lumpkin, Frank C., Daphne, Todd, Max, Joedy, Danny, Gail, Gary, Sandy H., Julia, Greg, Gay, Matt, Cathy J., Chris M., Lucy, Mary M., Benjamin, Joe Dyer, Barbara Rhoads, Belinda Rhoads

****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: Bob, Matthew, Frank, Ann B., Chelsea

For those traveling this week: Shell, Leslie Billingsley

For those who have died: Paul, Alan Fabry, Taylor Ann, Kate, Maverick, Marc, Jane, Alton, Jonathan, Hoke, Kristen, Marc, Dave Armstrong, Robyn, Mary Ann, Peter, Donald, Maleyk

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

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

08/16 Dale Sandusky, Cynthia Tessien

08/19 Dick Craver, JoAnn Hallmark, Jane Milner, Ham Wilson

08/20 Christine Galke Thacker

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

08/18 Roy and Nedra McCraw

Parish Prayer Cycle:

08/14 Page Parsons

08/15 Carmen and Patty Patella

08/16 Bill and Catherine Pearson

08/17 Nick and Sara Placentra

08/18 Shawn and Gigi Poole

08/19 Ryan and Lindsey Postlethwait

08/20 David Priestley and Donna Breedlove