



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 20, 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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION - Our weekly Sunday morning Formation offerings begins today! Godly Play returns at 9:00AM this morning in the St. Luke Room and September 10th, Rector's Forum resumes in the Barrett Room.

CHORAL EVENSONG – This afternoon, Solemn Choral Evensong will be offered at 3:00PM for the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - We are having our Annual Parish Meeting next Sunday, August 27th, beginning at 9:00AM in the Parish Hall. We will be electing new vestry members for the 2024-2026 term and also will be discussing what has transpired at St. Mary during the past year and what we can expect for the next year. Please make a point to join us at the important meeting.

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - On Thursday, August 24th, the Men's Breakfast will gather, beginning at 7:30AM with Holy Eucharist and followed by a hearty breakfast and heartier conversation. All men in the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

FAMILY NIGHT – Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, food and games here at the church on Sunday, August 27th from 5:00-6:30PM. This fun evening is for all ages and is hosted by Rumples Presbyterian and St. Mary of the Hills. To help with food planning, please RSVP to Lindsey Herring at formation@stmaryofthehills.org.

UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH LIFE

- Sunday, October 1st - Bishop McLoughlin's Visitation at both services and
- Sunday, October 1st - 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.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptisms of John Jack Burkhalter, Hudson Peter Ekas, and Vivian Catherine Hefner by their parents and grandparents.

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:

8/20 Rick and Beth Lawler
8/21 Sid and Donna Lemnoui
8/22 Kitty Lumpkin
8/23 Renee Lyons
8/24 Marla MacKenzie
8/25 Mark and P.J. Martin
8/26 Daryl Mathias

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: La Capilla de Santa Maria, Hendersonville; St. Mary of the Hills, Blowing Rock; and St. Mary's, 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 the people of Maui, and all 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: Adam, Sue, 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: Libby, Bill, Jack, Anna, The Rev. B. Lloyd

For those with other concerns: Kathy, George, Greg

For those travelling: Leslie and Mitch, Bunky and Teena Davant

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 Laine Larkin also born on August 9th to Darlene Van Dyke's niece Emma and Nick Unkovic

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

8/20 Christine Galke Thacker
8/21 Claudia Heath
8/23 Susan Schilson
8/24 Kay Donahue, Tom Veale
8/25 Patty Dyer
8/26 John Anders Rundell