



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
AUGUST 21, 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](http://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 Fr. Andrew and 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.

**Daughters of the King** will meet Sunday, August 21, at 9:00AM in the St. Mary Room (2nd floor above the Parish Hall).

**Blessing of the Backpacks** - Calling all students and teachers! Bring your backpacks, briefcases, etc. forward at the Peace for a blessing to begin the new academic year.

**Parish Annual Meeting** - The Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Tour of Homes** - We are happy to report that \$84,500 from the Tour of Homes is now available to be distributed to non-profit organizations in the High Country. This huge success is directly attributed to all of your hard work. We could not have done this without you! Thank you from the chairs, Susie Greene and Mary Ellen Raulerson.

**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.

**O Sing Joyfully** - 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 August: 23rd and 30th. The class will be taught by Thomas McNeil, our bass Choral Scholar and a music education student at App State.

**Music News** - Our own Taylor Ward is just finishing the last days of the Lakes Area Music Festival, the amazing musical experience conceived and started by Taylor and his friend Scott Lykins in Brainerd, Minnesota 14 years ago when they were just 21. This year, over 200 of the nation's best musicians have come together to collaborate in chamber music, symphony orchestra and opera. All of the performances of the festival are available to stream on YouTube. Visit this link and enjoy performances from this year's festival as well as many from the past few years. <https://www.youtube.com/c/LakesAreaMusicFestival/videos>

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

**The Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle** will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at the regularly scheduled 12:00 Holy Eucharist.

## 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:** Dale, Helen, Michelle, Kate, Rick, 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:** Alan Fabry, Paul, Taylor Ann, Kate, Maverick, Marc, Alton, Jonathan, Hoke, Kristen, Marc, 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

08/ Lennon Redford

08/ Jennifer Riebel

**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