



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 27, 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 - Godly Play for children ages 3 to 10 gathers at 9:00AM in the St. Luke Room

FRIENDS OF MUSIC CONCERT - Tyler Dellaperute, pianist, will be performing in a concert sponsored by St. Mary's Friends of Music this afternoon at 3:00PM in the church.

FAMILY NIGHT - Join us this evening from 5:00PM to 6:30PM here at the church for an evening of food, fellowship, learning and fun. This event is co-hosted by Rumble Presbyterian Church and people of all ages are encouraged to attend. If you didn't RSVP but would like to attend, or if you're available to help with setup or cleanup, please reach out to Lindsey Herring, Formation Coordinator (formation@stmaryofthehills.org).

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING - The St Mary Order of the Daughters of the King meets the first Sunday of each month at 9:00AM. Please join us on September 3rd and learn more about our mission of prayer, service, and evangelism.

UNCTION - Prayers for healing will be offered after both services on September 3rd and are offered on the first Sunday of each month at the foot of the Chancel steps.

UPCOMING IN OUR PARISH LIFE

- Sunday, September 10th - Rector's Forum resumes at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room
- Sunday, September 17th - Mission and Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall following the 10:10AM service
- Sunday, September 24th - Stewardship Ingathering
- Sunday, October 1st - Bishop McLoughlin's Visitation at both services
- Sunday, October 1st - Blessing of the Animals at 2:00PM
- Tuesday, October 3rd - Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will gather at 5:30PM. A social time and dinner will follow.

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.

DIAPER DRIVE FOR THE WATAUGA COUNTY CHILDREN'S COUNCIL - The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a diaper drive for the Watauga County Children's Council. Please support the drive by bringing diapers to the foyer.

A SPIRITUALITY SAMPLER FROM THOMAS MERTON: Selected Readings from 'New Seeds of Contemplation': Beginning Sept. 11 at 3:45 pm and continuing for four weeks, Fr. Sam will offer reflection and conversation around selected portions of "New Seeds of Contemplation" by Thomas Merton. Bishop Porter Taylor, who ordained Fr. Sam, gave all his ordinands a copy of New Seeds and recommended it be read on every annual retreat. It is a spirituality for everyone. Please contact Fr. Sam at sam@stmaryofthehills.org or Christian Formation Coordinator Lindsey Herring at formation@stmaryofthehills.org at the church office to register. You can join the class in person or virtually. A Zoom link will be offered at a later date. Books can be ordered online from a variety of booksellers and copies are available in the parish library with a suggested donation of \$15.

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 altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their mother, Elizabeth Kew Wilson, by Beau Wilson, Mark Wilson, and Susie Lyons.

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:

8/27 Kay McCloskey
8/28 Roy and Nedra McCraw
8/29 Paul and Loy McGill
8/30 Tina McKnight
8/31 Will Merrill and Andy Sicard
9/01 Chris and Katherine Metzger
9/02 Bob and Sabine Miller

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: All Saint's, Linville; Church of the Resurrection, Little Switzerland

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, Emma, Lois, Heidi, Mark, Jorgann, Ronnie, Michael Curry, Ana, Leandra, Nancy, Ann Greene, Greg, Bob Barham, Elizabeth, Kent, Kathy, Belinda, Andrew, Pamela, 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: Cam, Libby, Bill, Jack, Anna, The Rev. B. Lloyd

For those with other concerns: Kathy, George, Louann Kitchell, Greg

For those travelling: Leslie and Mitch, Louann Kitchell

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

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

8/28 Lennon Redford
8/31 Virginia Dulaney
9/01 Lee Rocamora
9/02 Diana Doswell

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

9/02 Doug and Mary Galke; Pete and Sally Page