



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
AUGUST 6, 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](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.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**UNCTION (PRAYERS FOR HEALING)** will be offered following both services today. Gather at the bottom of the steps at the front of the church at the end of the service.

**SUMMER BOOK STUDY – *BECOMING HUMAN*** – Our Summer Seminary Intern, Mitchell Eithun, is wrapping up a study on the book, *Becoming Human: The Holy Spirit and the Rhetoric of Race*, by Luke A. Powery, Dean of Duke University Chapel. A discussion group will gather at 4:00PM on Tuesday. *Becoming Human* is available online from a variety of booksellers.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION** - Our weekly Sunday morning Formation offerings will begin soon! On August 20th, Godly Play returns and on September 10th, Rector's Forum resumes.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup>-The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin with Baptisms, Blessing of the Backpacks, and Choral Evensong at 3:00PM
- Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>-Annual Parish Meeting, Family Night with Rumples Presbyterian
- Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> -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](mailto:rector@stmaryofthehills.org)) or Lindsey Herring ([formation@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto: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:**

8/06 Brendan Housler and Chris Cooley

8/07 Richard and Betty Howe

8/08 Sterling Hutcheson

8/09 Beth Ingram

8/10 Frank and Aline Irizarry

8/11 Bob and Anne Jones

8/12 Larry and Faith Jones

**In our Diocesan cycle of prayer:** Church of the Transfiguration, Bat Cave; Church of the Transfiguration, Saluda

**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:** 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:** George, Jo Anna Bright and family, Donna, Wayne G.

**For those traveling this week:** The Lawlers

**For safe pregnancy and delivery:** Ashley Sawyer, Caroline, Barbre Hoar, Molly, Emma Unkovic, Amy Shelton, Caitlyn, Lauren, Paige

**For those celebrating a birthday this week:**

8/06 Marla MacKenzie, Will Merrill

8/12 Gale Buchanan, Alex Lawler, Katy Thompson

**For those celebrating an anniversary this week:**

8/06 Frank and Annie Hellen Thomas

8/07 Bob and Charlene Barham

8/08 Carmen and Patty Patella

8/11 Bill and Joellyn Gibbons

8/12 George and Barbara Ball