



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
AUGUST 7, 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.

## 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.

**Acolyte and Eucharistic Minister Training** - Join us at 9:15AM this morning for a refresher course for our Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes. All are welcome, even if you've never served as an Acolyte or Eucharistic Minister. We will review current guidelines and have the opportunity to be recertified as Eucharistic Ministers within the Diocese of WNC.

**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.

**Episcopal Church Women (ECW)** will meet Tuesday, August 9th at 5:30PM for a Pot-Luck Supper. **All are welcome.** Bring a dish to share and be ready to hear about Born Again Dirt and how we can do our bit for the planet! Please RSVP to Sue Wilders 828-355-9751 or the Office 828-295-7323.

**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 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 four consecutive Tuesdays in August: 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th. The class will be taught by Thomas McNeil, our bass Choral Scholar and a music education student at App State.

**Faithful and True – A Study of the Book of Revelation** – The book study led by Fr. Andrew resumes Wednesday, August 10th, 9:00-10:00AM in the Barrett Room – There's still time to join! Contact Fr. Andrew with any questions or for more information.

**The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin** – Next Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin, our Title Feast as a Parish, will be observed at 8:00 and 10:10 (*note that incense will be used at the 10:10 service*).

**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.

**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.

**Contributions Welcomed for New Play Space** - the St. Mary's parish family is invited 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:** 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, 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., Marshall P., Ed B., Reba Kling, Ollie W., Everett, Catherine, Tina M., Darlene Van Dyke, Patty Patella, Annabelle, Taylor Ann, 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, Jim B.

*\*\*\*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.

**For those traveling this week:** Shell, Leslie Billingsley

**For those who have died:** Kate, Maverick, Marc, Jane, Alton, Jonathan, Hoke, Kristen, Marc, Dave Armstrong, Robyn, Mary Ann, Peter

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

**For the birth of:** Alice Blackburn, daughter of Rachel and Alex Blackburn and granddaughter of Michelle and Mark Curry.

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:**

08/08 Linda Stone

08/11 Jack White

08/12 Gale Buchanan, Alex Lawler, Katy Thompson, Bill Pearson

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

08/07 Bob and Charlene Barham

08/08 Carmen and Patty Patella

08/11 Bill and Joellyn Gibbons

08/12 George and Barbara Ball

Chris and Charlene

**Parish Prayer Cycle:**

08/07 Amy Niemens

08/08 Ralph and Linda Norman

08/09 Kitty Norris

08/10 Laurie Orgass

08/11 Randy Ouzts

08/12 Mike and Laura Page

08/13 Pete and Sally Page