



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
SEPTEMBER 11, 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

**COFFEE MINUTE** - Join us in the Foyer (following the 8:00AM service) or in the Parish Hall (following the 10:10AM service) for coffee, refreshments and conversation.

### SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Rector's Forum** - This Sunday, we continue our Rector's Forum series entitled, "Stewardship (More than Money)". Sarah Ogletree, Director of the Creation Care Alliance of Western North Carolina, joins us to talk more about care of all creation and ways that we can join in this important work of stewardship. We gather at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room. All are welcome!
- **Godly Play** - This Sunday in the St. Luke Room, Godly Play will be offered for our children of all ages using the story "Parable of the Good Shepherd". Join us!

**PRINCIPALITIES & POWERS** - Beginning Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:00 PM, Fr. Sam will facilitate a four-week discussion group on the powers that work against the purposes of God. It is being offered as hybrid, both in-person and via Zoom. Discussion will begin with biblical depiction of these powers and then move to late 20th century theological reinterpretation of their presence. The second half will focus on the manifestation of these powers in the 21st century and the implications of living our faith in such a deeply divided world. Each session will be oriented around active participant discussion as well as presentation material. Reading material will be provided for each session. Contact Fr. Sam ([sam@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:sam@stmaryofthehills.org)) to register, indicating your preference for in-person or Zoom.

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

**HOLY CROSS DAY** is observed on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Join us for Holy Eucharist at 12:00PM observance of this festive day. We will pray particularly for our friends and neighbors at Church of the Holy cross in Valle Crucis.

**BILL STROH, OUR LONG-TIME SEXTON**, is retiring at the end of September. We are having a festive reception in his honor on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> following the 10:10AM service. If you would like to contribute to a parting purse for Bill, please make your check out to St. Mary of the Hills and note "Bill Stroh – Purse" in the memo line. Please let Bill know just how much he has meant to you and to our church community.

### VALLE CRUCIS CONFERENCE CENTER PROGRAMS ([vcconferences.org](http://vcconferences.org))

- **Powers & Principalities: Living Our Faith in a Changing World** – Sept. 29 10:00AM-3:00PM – The Rev. Sam Tallman & author Katerina Whitley – Exploring the implications of St. Paul's reference to powers & principalities for contemporary faithful living in a world changed by war, rising authoritarianism, democracies in peril, and hatred dividing nations & friends.
- **Soul Searching Stories of Faith with Bishop Porter Taylor** – Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 10:00AM-3:00PM – A discussion of how we lose our way & God finds us over & over again – using the book, *Search for Your Soul*, Katherine Kurs. A hybrid offering—in-person & online.

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

**For the Church:** Michael our Presiding Bishop, José our Bishop, Andrew, Sam and Gary our clergy, for our Vestry and staff.

**For our diocesan cycle of prayer:** Parish of the Holy Communion., Glendale Springs

**For our nation and those in positions of public trust:** Joseph, our President, Roy, our Governor, and all those who hold elected office.

**For all who suffer from war throughout the world** and especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for Joshua Dopp serving in the US Army in response.

**For all medical personnel and all ministering to the needs of those affected by COVID-19.**

**For healing:** Jim F., Joe, Gary, Sandie Holder, Dale, Cat Carter, Bob M., Helen, Ben, Michelle, Kate, Rick, Marshall, 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

*\*\*\*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:** Matthew, Frank, Ann B.

**For those traveling this week:** Luba, Barbara and Rick

**For those who have died:** Queen Elizabeth II, Catherine “Kitty” Norris, Alan Fabry, Paul, Taylor Ann, Kate, Marc, Alton, Jonathan, Hoke, Kristen, Donald, Maleyk

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

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:**

09/12 Meredith Carter

09/13 Donna Kerns, Diana White

09/14 Wayne Vason

09/15 Catherine Carter, Amanda Silverman

09/-- Margaret

09/-- Nancy

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

09/12 John and Christine Thacker

**Parish Prayer Cycle:**

09/11 Otis and Jean Sawyer

09/12 Terry and Susan Schilson

09/13 John and Caroline Shepard

09/14 Arthur Sherwood

09/15 Tim and Cathia Silver

09/16 Michael and Amanda Silverman

09/17 Luba Skibo