



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

We are so glad that you are here to share in worship of the Living God and in community with one another.

Restrooms are in the hallway beyond the Foyer. A nursery is available for children up to age five and is in the hallway beyond the Parish Hall. 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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Formation – Fr. Andrew begins a series on the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in the Rector's Forum, beginning at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room. Also taking place upstairs, in the newly redesigned St. John Room, a new study for youth in grades 5-12 continues, led by Malia McCallister and Ashley Blanks.

SoLa Bazaar at St. Mary of the Hills – Today at 3:00PM - Appalachian-Turkish fusion trio SoLa Bazaar brings their unique blend of haunting vocal harmonies and spontaneous instrumental improvisation to a free concert this afternoon at 3:00PM. This summer concert series is sponsored by the Friends of Music at St. Mary of the Hills.

Tell Out My Soul – Annual Giving 2026 – With gratitude for all the ways that St. Mary's parishioners have supported the mission and ministry of our parish this year, we are already looking to the year ahead and making plans for our common life. Our parish relies on your generous financial support for all that we do. Pledge cards for 2026 are available in the Foyer and Parish Hall, as well as on our website.

Marking the Anniversary of Hurricane Helene –

- **Diocesan Eucharist and Luncheon at Lake Logan – September 27** – A Service of Holy Eucharist recalling the first anniversary of Hurricane Helene will be offered at Lake Logan Conference Center on Saturday, September 27, at 10:00AM. Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe will be present and offer a sermon at the service. Lunch will follow; RSVP requested via diocesewnc.org.
- **A Day of Prayer at Holy Cross, Valle Crucis – October 4** - The St. Helena Chapter of the Daughters of the King is sponsoring 'One Year After: A Day of Prayer' at the Church of the Holy Cross in Valle Crucis on Saturday, October 4, beginning at 9:00AM. A service of Holy Eucharist, including A Public Service of Healing, will be offered in the Church at 12:00PM.

Vestry Meeting – The Parish Vestry meets on Tuesday evening, September 16th, at 5:45PM in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend any meeting of the Vestry.

Upcoming Feast Days –

- St. Matthew (Transferred) – Monday, September 22 - 9:00AM Holy Eucharist
- St. Michael and All Angels – Monday, September 29 - 9:00AM Holy Eucharist

Children in Worship Training Session – Children in Worship leader Joanna Reule invites any who are interested in learning more about this weekly offering for children to an information and training session on Sunday, September 28, at 11:30AM in the St. Luke room (second floor, above the Parish Hall).

Coffee Minute Hosts – Coffee Minute is a primary point of contact for many, each Sunday following the 10:10 Eucharist and it's a great time of fellowship and connection. Partner with a friend to host and help cultivate a space of hospitality and welcome for all. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. Contact Director of Hospitality & Facilities Bill Devereux at bill@stmaryofthehills.org with any questions or to learn more.

Worship During the Week – Morning Prayer is offered each weekday morning at 8:30AM; this service lasts 15-20 minutes and includes readings from scripture and prayers. Holy Eucharist is also offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar are given and lovingly arranged to the greater glory of Almighty God
by Greta Wilson in thanksgiving for her children and grandchildren.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Sean 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:

9/14 Nick & Linda Elksnin
9/15 Terri & Doug Fabel
9/16 Frank & Meg Fary
9/17 Bob Finney & Bonnie Holder
9/18 Buddy Fore
9/19 Bill & Emily Furr
9/20 Doug & Mary Galke

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Donald, our President, Josh, our Governor, all those who hold elected office

For all who suffer from war throughout the world and especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, the Korean peninsula, Yemen, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Israel and Gaza.

For healing: Patty; Olivia; Luba; Lynn S.; Mike & Sarah; Dale; Bill & Jorgann Rogers; Jeff Hedden; Christine; Ann Greene; Bob Barham; Clare; Kaye; Kay McCloskey; Evie; Susan; Lynn Turnbow; Leigh; Pat B.; Myra; Susie Brown Wright; Darlene; Lucy; Chris M.; Mary M.; Renada; Will; Sandi; Renee; Wanda; Margaret; Van; Carolyn; Betty; Larry; Garriss Haynes; John V.; Barbara; Krystal H., Robert, Jan, Kerry, Todd; Belle, Bill, Larry, Joan Anderson, Tony

****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: Jack, David Cromartie, Polly, Al, James, Tim, Archie

For those with other concerns: The Matthews Family; Josh; Corinne; Joe Dulaney

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Caitlyn, Katherine, Kelley, Anna, Hanna, Lauren, Jennifer, Corinne, Amy, Dani

For those celebrating a birthday:

9/15 Catherine Carter, Amanda Silverman
9/16 Sophia Weaver
9/17 Jamie Scanlon
9/18 Patti Turner
9/20 Tom Rankin, Johnny Ray, Antoinette Kollmer
9/21 Miriam Lemnoui

For those celebrating an anniversary:

9/18 Alex & Breanne Lawler