



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 21, 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 continues a series on the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in the Rector's Forum, beginning at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room. This morning, we will look more deeply at Nicaea as a Theological Moment.

Tell Out My Soul – Annual Giving 2026 – With gratitude for the ways that St. Mary's parishioners have supported the mission and ministry of our parish this year, we are looking to the year ahead and making plans for our common life. Our parish relies on your generous financial support. 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** – Holy Eucharist on 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 follows; 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, begins at 12:00PM.

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

Men's Breakfast – Thursday, September 25 – Our monthly Men's Breakfast gathering takes place this Thursday morning. Holy Eucharist is offered at 7:30AM in the Church, followed by a hearty breakfast and conversation in the Parish Hall at 8:00AM. All are welcome!

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).

Mountain Laurels at St. Mary of the Hills – Next Sunday – Local favorites, The Mountain Laurels, bring their unique "Celti-Lachian" style of music to the next Friends of Music concert at St. Mary's next Sunday, September 28th at 3:00PM. Known for their blend of traditional Appalachian music with its Celtic roots, the group will perform both traditional songs original music inspired by our Blue Ridge mountains.

Save the Dates – Upcoming Parish Events in October -

- **Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 5, 2:00PM** – Front Lawn of Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church
- **Annual Chili Cookoff – Sunday, October 26 – 5:00PM** – Activities for children & families, friendly competition, good food & fellowship

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.

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.

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:

9/21 Bill & Joellyn Gibbons
9/22 Jim & Joyce Gibson
9/23 Gary & Judy Gloster
9/24 Frances Goodman & Noel Fox
9/25 Betty Green
9/26 Susie Greene
9/27 JoAnn Hallmark

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Messiah, Murphy

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; Evie; Susan; Lynn Turnbow; Leigh; Pat B.; Myra; Susie Brown Wright; Darlene; Lucy; Chris M.; Mary M.; Renada; Will; Sandi; Renee; Wanda; 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: Jim Tabor, Jack, David Cromartie, Polly, Al, James

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

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

Thanksgiving for the birth of: James Henry MacMartin on September 3rd, to Jamie and Molly Rogers MacMartin.
James Henry is the grandson of Bill & Jorgann Rogers.

For those celebrating a birthday:

9/22 Betty Green
9/23 Barbre McGill Hoar
9/25 Bob Miller, Renee Lyons
9/26 Sallie Corrigan Amos
9/20 Tom Rankin, Johnny Ray, Antoinette Kollmer
9/21 Miriam Lemnoui

For those celebrating an anniversary:

9/25 Tom & Tina Barrett
9/28 Bob & Ann Jones