



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 25, 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.

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

LET'S CELEBRATE BILL STROH, OUR LONG-TIME SEXTON, who is retiring this month. We are having a festive reception in his honor today following the 10:10AM service. Please let Bill know just how much he has meant to you and to our church community.

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 morning, we continue our Rector's Forum series entitled, "Stewardship (More than Money)". We gather at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room. All are welcome!
- **Godly Play** - This morning in the St. Luke Room, Godly Play will be offered for our children of all ages. The topic is "Jesus is the Light".

'ANCHORED IN THE CURRENT' - Ruple Memorial Presbyterian is having its 5th Annual Visiting Scholar Series today and tomorrow. Please see the brochure on the glass window outside the parish office or visit Ruple's website at www.ruplechurch.org for more information.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE - Next Sunday, October 2nd at 2:00PM, is the annual Blessing of the Animals on the front lawn of Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church (across Main Street). For safety, all animals must be leashed or crated at all times.

PRINCIPALITIES & POWERS - Fr. Sam is facilitating a four-week discussion group, which began on September 19th, on the powers that work against the purposes of God. It is a hybrid class which meets on Mondays from 4:00-5:00PM in the Barrett Room. You can attend either in-person or via Zoom. It is not too late to join! Reading material will be provided for each session. Contact Fr. Sam (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.

VALLE CRUCIS CONFERENCE CENTER PROGRAMS (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** – on three Fridays, Sept. 23, Oct. 21, and Nov. 18th from 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.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) - TRICK OR TREAT!!! Come join the ECW, October 11th at 5:30PM to celebrate fall and the Great Pumpkin! Bring your favorite fall dish to share. Get out those costumes, masks and brooms and be prepared to have fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Sue Wilders, 561-371-5989, or the church office.

WATAUGA COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST - The first meeting is September 29th from 6:00-8:00PM at the High Country Home Builders Association with an online option available. Be a part of our path to provide permanent affordable housing.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the nearly thirty years of dedicated service of Bill Stroh by Frank and Meg Fary. The flowers were lovingly arranged by Susie Greene.

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: St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton

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: Elizabeth Young, Daryl Mathias, Larry W., Joe, Gary, Sandie Holder, Dale, Cat Carter, Marcio Couthern, Bob M., Helen, Ben, Michelle, Kate, Rick, Marshall, Jim B., Andy, Kare, Rick, Ed B., Reba Kling, Steve, Pat R., Ollie W., Everett, Catherine, Tina M., Patty Patella, Ann, Pat Phelan, Mills Poole, Bill Epps, Annabelle, Jay, Bruce, Ann, Ed Johnson, Greg Puhl, 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

For those traveling this week: Luba, Jim and Kay

For those who have died: Adam, James Fort, Queen Elizabeth II, Catherine "Kitty" Norris, Linda, Doug Crisp, Dave G.

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

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

09/25 Renee Lyons, Bob Miller

09/26 Sallie Corrigan

09/27 Norman Hillis

09/30 Eleanor Hege

For those celebrating anniversaries this week:

09/25 Tom and Tina Barrett

09/28 Bob and Anne Jones

Parish Prayer Cycle:

09/25 Katherine Strand

09/26 Bill Stroh

09/27 Elizabeth Sudderth

09/28 Megan Sweeting, Dex Wilson

09/29 Sue Sweeting

09/30 Miles and Clare Tager

10/01 Sam Tallman and Mike Zuravel