



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
SEPTEMBER 4, 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.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Maria Skibo by her daughter Luba Skibo.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Parish Office** will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

**Uction (prayers for healing)** will be offered by a priest following both services on the first Sunday morning of each month. Please feel free to come up to the steps at the front of the church, and a priest will offer a prayer of healing for you.

**Christian Formation - Rector's Forum and Godly Play** - This morning, we resume our regular schedule of Christian Formation offerings. The Rector's Forum will begin in the Barrett Room at 9:00AM, beginning a four-week series on Stewardship (More than Money). In the coming weeks, we will explore a deeper understanding of what it means to be stewards of the many gifts and resources entrusted to us by God. In the St. Luke Room, Godly Play will be offered for our children, using the story "Parable of Parables". 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**, has announced his intention to retire 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.

## 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. Giles Chapel and residents and staff of Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community, Asheville.

**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:** Dale, Cat Carter, Helen, Ben, Michelle, Kate, Rick, Judy G., Marshall P., 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, Barbara Rhoads, Belinda Rhoads

*\*\*\*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 who have died:** 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:**

09/04 Tina Barrett

09/05 Toby Cone

09/07 Ron Armstrong, Butch Kerns

09/09 E.B. Springs

**For the blessing of a marriage:** Scott Adams and Randy Ouzts

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

09/06 Paul and Loy McGill, Joe and Diana Doswell

09/07 Bob and Alva Browning

09/10 Joe and Patty Dyer

**Parish Prayer Cycle:**

09/04 Donald and Katherine Riopel

09/05 Ralph and Francine Roberson

09/06 Bill and Jorgann Rogers

09/07 Liz Rose

09/08 John and Luella Rundell

09/09 Dale Sandusky and Michael DeCorte

09/10 Adeline Sauer