



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 7, 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

An Evening with Westminster Abbey – Tomorrow Evening, 6:00PM – Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey, the Rev. Canon Dr. James Hawkey, and Mr. Martin Castledine, Dean's Verger at Westminster Abbey, are our guests this weekend. At the Blowing Rock Conference Center on Monday evening September 8 at 6:00PM our distinguished guests will share about their unique experiences as clergy and staff in a royal peculiar and in one of the world's most highly recognized houses of Christian worship. In conjunction with the Abbey's Press Office, our speakers have prepared a special multimedia presentation to share.

Christian Formation – Regular Sunday morning Christian Formation offerings resume this morning. Join the Rev'd Canon Dr. James Hawkey, Canon Theologian at Westminster Abbey for a conversation about the Worldwide Anglican Communion in the Parish Hall at 9:00AM. Next Sunday, Fr. Andrew begins a series on the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea in the Rector's Forum. Upstairs, in the newly redesigned St. John Room, a new study for youth in grades 5-12 begins, led by Malia McCallister and Ashley Blanks.

Episcopal Church Women - The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will meet 5:30PM on Tuesday, September 9th for a potluck dinner. We are going to celebrate Fall, relax, enjoy each other's company, and share suggestions for future activities we can do together. RSVP Sue Wilders suejackpaintfly@aol.com.

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.

Outreach Committee – The Outreach Committee meets on Wednesday afternoon, September 10th, at 4:00PM in the Parish Hall. This month's meeting includes the consideration of grant requests from the Tour of Homes Blowing Rock 2025.

Holy Cross Day – Next Sunday – September 14th is Holy Cross Day in the calendar of the Church's commemorations and festivals. This feast day will be observed in our services of worship next Sunday; the 10:10AM Eucharist will include the use of incense.

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.

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:

9/7 Bryan & Carolyn Crutcher
9/8 Kaye Culp
9/9 Mark & Michelle Curry
9/10 Bill & Donna Devereux
9/11 Charles & Laura Dunn
9/12 Joe & Patty Dyer
9/13 Loy & Melissa Ehlers

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 all affected by natural disaster throughout the world.

For healing: 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, Marcus Courtney III, Joan Anderson

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

For those with other concerns: Richard, Liv; David & Aarti; Josh; Corinne; Raquel, Savannah and Delilah; Lamar

For those traveling this week: Alex & Bre Lawler and family

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

9/9 E.B. Springs
9/10 Hudson Van Dyke
9/12 Meredith Carter
9/13 Donna Kerns, Diana White
9/14 Wayne Vason

For those celebrating an anniversary:

9/10 Joe & Patty Dyer
9/12 John & Christine Thacker