



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

APRIL 12, 2026

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 this community with one another.

Restrooms are in the hallway beyond the Foyer. A nursery is available for children and is located in the hallway beyond the Parish Hall.

Coffee and Refreshments are served following each service, in Foyer following 8:00AM and in the Parish Hall following 10:10AM.

More information about our parish is available online at www.stmaryofthehills.org.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastoral Emergencies-- Please continue to contact Sr. Warden, Peter Purcell, 828.261.6859, with pastoral care needs. He will put you in touch with the pastoral care team.

Worship During the Week –

- Morning Prayer is offered M-F at 8:30 AM. Each service lasts 15-20 minutes and includes readings from scripture, silence, and intercessions.
- Holy Eucharist is offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM in the Church. Prayers for Healing, along with Laying on of Hands and Anointing, is offered on the third Wednesday of each month.

Today! A Reception in Honor of the Glosters-- All are welcome to a reception in honor of the ministry of Judy and Gary Gloster following today's 10:10 service. Please join us in the Parish Hall to celebrate these remarkable and beloved parish leaders and give thanks for their ministry among us!

The J. Gary and Julia Jayne Gloster Caring Trust-- The St. Mary's Charitable Outreach Trust is now The J. Gary and Julia Jayne Gloster Caring Trust. Your contribution of any amount will both help those who are less fortunate and honor Bishop Gary and Judy. Simply write your check to St. Mary of the Hills and designate the J. Gary and Julia Jayne Gloster Caring Trust in the lower left memo line. Bequests are also gratefully accepted.

April Contributions for OASIS-- Throughout the month of April, the Outreach Committee will collect hygiene and luggage items for clients of OASIS. As part of its mission to the community, OASIS provides emergency services and support for victims of domestic abuse and assault. Families being supported by OASIS need full-size shampoo, conditioner, body wash and face wash; totes and suitcases for moving; and 2026 planners and journals. Please leave your contributions in the foyer this April.

Men's Night Out--The next Men's Night Out gathering will meet from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21 at the Bernhardt/Owens home, 646 Valle Meadows Trail, Sugar Grove, NC 28679. Transportation is available for those who need a ride for any reason, and carpooling is recommended. The menu includes chicken tetrazzini with sides, salad, and dessert; suggested contribution is \$10 per person. Please RSVP KeithTMartin@gmail.com no later than Sunday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m. and mention any food allergies or preferences.

Stephen Ministry – Make a difference for folks in our parish who could use a listening ear and a loving heart. Training will begin in early May. To pick up an application, please talk to Lynn Searfoss or Torrence Harman.

New Ecumenical Book Study-- Beginning on Wednesday night May 6 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. and continuing for five weeks, we are invited to join folks from Rumble Presbyterian and Boone United Methodist to discuss Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's book of sermons, *Strength to Love*. Further details to come.

Vacation Bible School--Calling all little adventurers to Vacation Bible School *Creation Care Camp!* Children who are rising 1st graders through rising 5th graders are invited to grow in knowledge and love for God and his wonderful creation through the VBS Wild Wonder curriculum, June 15-18, 2026 (9:00-12:00 each day). Additional details and registration coming soon!

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; José our Bishop; Andrew, Rick, Sam, Torrence, 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:

4/12 Perry and Jan Mixer
4/13 Chip Monroe and family
4/14 Pat and Marty Moore
4/15 Burt Mulford and Dean Hamric
4/16 Richard and Patricia Murphy
4/17 Paige Naylor
4/18 Linda Norman

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for peace in the diocese of Jerusalem.

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

For all who suffer from war and violence throughout the world, especially for the Middle East, for Iran and the U.S., Israel, Lebanon, and Gaza, for Ukraine and Russia. For the peace of the world.

For healing: Andrew, Anthony, Barbara, Bill F, Bob A, Cadance, Baby Charlotte, Chris M, Christina, Clare, Darren V, Dean H, Evie, Gary, the Gizinski family, the Hege family, Jim D, Jonathon, Joshua, Kadence, Katie R, Lambert, MaryKate, Mary M, Mike, Mike T, Mills, Myra, Neal H, Patsy, Peter, Presley C, Rebekah, Susan, Susie B. Wright, Tom

****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 safe pregnancy and delivery: Camille, Caroline, Kelley, Caitlyn, Katherine, Anna, Jennifer, Corinne, Eryn, Giuliana, Tamar

For those with other concerns: Anders, Bill and Emily F, Corinne, David and Aarti M, family, the Glosters, Kaidence, Katie and new baby girl, Kimmi and Beau, Mac H, Yue and Grace M, Zane

For those celebrating a birthday:

4/12 Lindsey Postlethwait
4/13 Jacob Anderson, Paul McGill
4/14 David Hege, Ethan Rundell, Steve White
4/17 Sterling Hutcheson
4/18 Karen Calhoun

For those celebrating anniversaries:

4/18 Chris and Katherine Metzger

For those who are traveling: Booker P, Orian and Cat, Sarah and Mike Matthews, the Troskey family

For those who have died: Cheryl, Denica Joyce, John Brown, Marianne Galke, Paul, Tom, Wilson King