

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

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

We are glad that you are here to share in worship of the Living God and be in this community with one another.
Restrooms are in the hallway beyond the Foyer. A nursery is available for children, 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

Rector's Forum--Join us at 9 a.m. in the Barrett Room on Sunday, Nov. 8, for our Rector's Forum. All are welcome!

Youth Sunday School--Calling all students grades K-12! Join your friends in the St. John Room on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. for ***Little Lambs Sunday School***, a fun time of play, fellowship, wonder, and reflection.

Stephen Ministry Training Today--Sunday, 11/8, beginning at 2:30 p.m., covering Modules 7 & 8.

Church Office Closed for Veteran's Day--The office will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 11, for the holiday. Noon eucharist will be offered.

Mother Mary Quiet Day--Join Owene Courtney and Mother Torrence on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9-3 for "Birthing Love in a Waiting Time: Soul Tending with Mother Mary." Please RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. !0, to owene_courtney@yahoo.com or by phone at 904.553.7338.

ECW--Women of the church, come celebrate fall and Thanksgiving at our next ECW meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 5:30. Please bring your favorite fall dish, and RSVP to Sue Wilders suejackpaintfly@aol.com. Don't forget the annual Christmas meeting on December 8th.

Bishop Search Committee Listening Sessions--Search Committee members will meet in person with local church members on November 15 at St. Luke's in Boone at 3:00 p.m. on Nov. 15. Come be part of the conversation!

Joy in the Parish! Rick and Beth Lawler welcome their new granddaughter, Tilden Kit Redford, born Oct. 31, 2026, to their daughter Megan and her husband Lennon Redford. Nioucha Branstrom welcomes her new grandchild, Mila, born Oct. 31, 2026, to her daughter Isabelle.

November Men's Night Out-- Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 5:30-7:30, 3664 Winkler's Creek Road, BR. On the menu: chili, cornbread, and apple cobbler. Please RSVP to KeithTMartin@gmail.com no later than 5 p.m on Sunday, Nov. 15. Suggested donation: $10.

From the Outreach Committee-- Representatives of Amorem Hospice and Palliative Care met with Outreach to provide information about their new seven-bed care center in Boone. Compassionate care is available to anyone, irrespective of ability to pay. To learn more or to volunteer, go to Locations | Amorem or contact volunteer coordinator Lorie Fidler at (828)-754-0101 or lfidler@amoremsupport.org.

ECW Committees Group Meeting--The newly forming committees of the ECW will meet at noon on Sunday, Nov. 15, in the Barrett Room.

Altar Flower Donations--Thank you to our recent flower donors for helping to make our altar beautiful. If you'd like to donate flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, see the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Suggested donation or $80-$100.

Mother Torrence Office Hours--9:30 to 4:00 on Wednesdays, and by appointment. (804) 436-7591 or mailto:torrence.harman@aol.com.

Bible Study at the South End of Main Street --The study meets Friday mornings from 9:00-10:30 on zoom. For more information, please contact owene_courtney @yahoo.com.

Regular Worship During the Week –

- Morning Prayer is offered M-F at 8:30 AM. Lasting 15-20 minutes, the service includes 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, are offered on the third Wednesday of each month.

This Week's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ryan Pearce by Paul and Jackie Delmonico.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for our diocese and the bishop search committee; for Andrew, Sam, and Torrence, our clergy; Michelle, our Postulant; for our Vestry and staff; and for all the people of this parish.

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

11/8 Carmen and Patty Patella
11/9 Shelley Pendleton
11/10 Nick and Sara Placentra
11/11 Shawn and Gigi Poole
11/12 Ryan and Lindsay Postlethwaite, Will Postlethwaite
11/13 James and Carly Proett, Dayton and Graham
11/14 Peter and Valerie Purcell

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of WNC Convention and all Delegates.

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 have offered themselves for public election and service.

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. We pray for the cessation of war.

For healing: Angela, Angus M, Ann, Bob A, Carmen, Chris B, Chris C, Chris M, Christina, Donna, Evie, Jeremiah, Jerry, Jim C, John W, Joshua, Kenny O, Kerry, KW, Leo, Lucy, Mandy L, Margaret, Marie, Martha T, Mary Ellen, Mary M, Michael, Mike M, Myra, Neal H, Nick, Pat F, Pete, Sarah M, Sharon, Siri, Susan P, Todd, Valerie, Vincent, Vinny, Violet.

For those suffering from any natural disaster.

**Please note that the names on this list will remain for four weeks, unless the office is notified that the person needs to remain on the list longer.*

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Camille, Emily, Kelley, Caitlyn, Katherine, Jennifer, Corinne, Nicola, Sara.

For those with other concerns: Bobbie, Cindia T, Corinne, Jeff B, Joshua, Lamar, Lynn.

In Joyful Thanksgiving For: the birth of Mila Branstrom (10/31/2026), grandchild of Nioucha Branstrom, and Tilden Kit Redford (10/31/2026) daughter of Megan and Lennon Redford, and granddaughter of Rick and Beth Lawler.

For those celebrating a birthday

11/10 Cecilia Grasinger, Nell Kline, Lee Harper Vason
11/11 Taylor Ward

For those celebrating an anniversary

For those who are traveling: Lisa, Dick and Louann Kitchell, Rick Williams and Barbara Yale-Read

For those who have died: Anna C, Beau B, David K, Dayton C, Fred P, Gail P, Gary M, Joe Dulaney, John, Jonathan J, LaBibi G, Ralph, Randy P, Ryan Pearce, Sadie and Lil' Bit T, Terry L, Thomas Buxton