



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 6, 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 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

Labor Day Holiday--The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7, in observation of this federal holiday.

Bible Study at the South End of Main Street Begins This Week--Please join us on Friday mornings from 9:00-10:30 as we read scripture "between the lines." The first meeting will be held on Sept. 11 in St. Mary's Barrett Room, but will subsequently alternate between St. Mary's and Rumble Presbyterian. For more information, please contact Owene Courtney at owene_courtney@yahoo.com. You may join via Zoom.

Rector's Forum Resumes Next Sunday--Please join the conversation at the Rector's Forum next Sunday, September 13, in the Barrett Room. All are welcome!

Next Sunday! Children's Sunday School at 9:00-- All children grades K-5 are invited to join us from 9-10 in the St. John Room for *Little Lambs*, a time of wonder and play. Children grades 6-12 are invited to *Young Shepherds*, a time of study and fellowship, in the St. John Room from 9-10. Both run from 9/13-11/22. As always, the nursery remains open to children ages up to 5 from 8:30-11:30am, and Children of all ages are invited to Children's worship during the 10:10 service.

Grayson Milholin Concert Postponed--Hear our bass Choral Scholar Grayson Milholin in concert Sunday, September 27, at 3 pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Boone Accompanied by pianist Bair Shagdaron, Grayson will sing *Five Shakespeare Songs* by Gerald Finzi and *Songs of Travel* by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The concert is free and open to the public, but donations toward Grayson's upcoming international audition tour are very welcome. Please make checks payable to St. Mary of the Hills, and put FOM: Grayson in the subject line. Sponsored by St. Mary's Friends of Music.

Men's Night Out-- The September event meets at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22 "up on the roof" of the Howard Hanna/Allen Tate Company, 736 West King Street. Host Jaco Gerbrands will welcome the men with beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres before the group moves across the street at 6:30 p.m. to the South End Brewing Company for a Dutch treat dinner. On street parking is available, as are several nearby public parking lots in Boone. Transportation is available! Please contact Bill Devereux with questions.

Save the Dates!

- The next Friends of Music concert is scheduled for Sunday, September 20, at 3 p.m. Stay tuned for details!
- The Blessing of the Animals will be Sunday, October 4, at 2 p.m. at St. Mary of the Hills, followed by a FOM concert at 3.
- Choral Evensong is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, at 3 p.m. with organist extraordinaire Joby Bell accompanying.
- Our Halloween Chili Supper will be Sunday, October 25, beginning at 5:30.
- A contemplative All Soul's Concert featuring several movements of the Durufle Requiem is planned for Sunday, November 1, at 3 p.m.

Help with Youth of the Hills--St. Mary's Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers! Please complete the [interest form](#) to help lead or assist with one of our many programs. Sign up for Children & Worship [here](#). Training will be provided. For more information, please reach out to malia@stmaryofthehills.org.

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, are offered on the third Wednesday of each month.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, Rick, Sam, and Torrence, our clergy; for our Vestry and staff; and for all the people of this parish.

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week: Our diocese and the bishop search committee.

9/6 Frances Goodman and Charlotte Fox
9/7 John and Cecilia Grasinger
9/8 Betty Green
9/9 Susie Greene
9/10 JoAnn Hallmark
9/11 Torrence Harman
9/12 Mike Tinka and Helene Harper

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Giles Chapel and the residents and staff of Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community, Asheville.

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. We pray for the cessation of war.

For healing: Al, Angus M, Ann, Baby Maddie, Bill Rogers, Chris M, Doug, Earline N, Emily, Evie, Joe D, John, John H, JuliAnne Wolf, Lucy, Mary M, Michael, Myra, Nicholas A, Nick A, Peter P, Rhonda Ann, Roy, Siri Scanlon, Sylvia, Tamara, Tim Bice, Todd, Valerie, Vinny.

For those suffering from storms, flooding, wildfires, and all natural disasters.

**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, Charlotte, Emily, Kelley, Caitlyn, Katherine, Anna, Jennifer, Corinne, Leah, Megan, Nicola, Isabelle, Julia

For those with other concerns: Claudia, Cullie, Darlene Van Dyke, Jacob, Jennifer, Laura, Sean, Sylvia, Zane

In thanksgiving for: The birth of Josephine (Sophie) Lawler, August 10, 2026.

For those celebrating a birthday

9/1 Joanna Reule
9/9 E.B. Springs
9/12 Meredith Carter

For those celebrating an anniversary

9/2 Pete and Sally Page
9/6 Paul and Loy McGill
9/7 Bob and Alva Browning
9/12 John and Christine Thacker

For those who are traveling: Amanda White, Chris Metzger

For those who have died: Beth, Dolly, Dylan and Daniel R, Freddie, Terri, Charles B (Wee Man), Wendell