



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 13, 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

Celebrate Holy Cross Day--Eucharist will be offered at 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 14.

Rector's Forum Resumes--Join a study of select works by Wendell Barry at the Rector's Forum today, Sunday, September 13, in the Barrett Room. All are welcome!

Today! Children's Sunday School at 9:00-- All children grades K-5 are invited to join us for *Little Lambs*, a time of wonder and play. Children grades 6-12 are invited to *Young Shepherds*, a time of study and fellowship. Both groups will meet from 9-10 in the St. John Room from 9/13 through 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.

Stephen's Ministry Training Begins! Stephen Ministers will meet on Monday, September 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Barrett Room. Please contact Lynn Searfoss or Torrence Harman if you cannot make it or if you have any questions.

Grayson Milholin Concert Postponed--The concert by bass Choral Scholar Grayson Milholin has been postponed due to injury. The new concert date is now Sunday, September 27, at 3 pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Boone. The concert is free and open to the public, but donations toward Grayson's upcoming international audition tour are very welcome.

ASU Guitar Studio in Concert--Guitarists Ashton Meetze and Hailey Minter will perform music from Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven to Joaquin Rodrigo on Sunday, September 20, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's. Sponsored by the Friends of Music, this concert is free and open to the public. Join us for a wonderful afternoon on 6 strings!

Don't Forget--The September MNO event meets at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, at the Howard Hanna/Allen Tate Company, 736 West King Street, moving to the South End Brewing Company at 6:30 for a Dutch treat dinner. Please contact Bill Devereux with questions.

Bible Study at the South End of Main Street --The study meets Friday mornings from 9:00-10:30 alternating between St. Mary's and Rumble Presbyterian. For more information, please contact owene_courtney@yahoo.com. You may join via Zoom.

Save the Dates!

- The Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 4, at 2 p.m. at St. Mary of the Hills.
- 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.

Volunteer 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.

Regular 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, 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.

9/13 Lee Harper and Wayne Vason
9/14 Andy and Claudia Heath
9/15 Andrew and Amanda Hege, Eleanor and David
9/16 Juliana Henderson
9/17 Lindsey Herring
9/18 Kate Hill
9/19 Marjory Holder and Larry Turnbow

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Holy Cross, Tryon. Holy Cross, Valle Crucis.

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 C, Chris M, Doug, Emily, Evie, Jim C, Joe D, Joe W, John, John H, JuliAnne W, Karen S, Lucy, Mary M, Melissa, Michael, Myra, Nicholas A, Paul S, Peter P, Roy, Siri S, Sylvia, Tamara, Tim B, Tracy, Valerie, Vinny.

For those suffering from storms, flooding, wildfires, glacial collapse, 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, Corinne, Cullie, Darlene Van Dyke, Jacob, Jennifer, Laura, Sean, Sylvia, Zane.

For those celebrating a birthday

9/13 Conna Kerns, Diana White
9/14 Wayne Vason
9/15 Catherine Carter, Amanda Silverman
9/16 Sophia Weaver
9/18 Patti Turner

For those celebrating an anniversary

9/18 Alex and Bre Lawler

For those who are traveling

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