



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 27, 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

Feast of St. Michael and All Angels--Holy Eucharist will be offered at 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 29. Join us!

Rector's Forum--Join Father Andrew for the Rector's Forum each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for study and conversation about Paul's Letter to the Philippians. All are welcome!

Little Lambs Sunday School-- All children grades K-12 are invited to *Little Lambs Sunday School*, a fun time of wonder and play, reflection, and fellowship. Little Lambs meets from 9-10 in the St. John Room 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.

Today! Grayson Milholin in Concert--Our bass Choral Scholar Grayson Milholin will perform *Five Shakespeare Songs* by Gerald Finzi and *Songs of Travel* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, accompanied by pianist Bair Shagdaron today, 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. A reception will follow the concert.

Blessing of the Animals Next Sunday--Join us and our friends from Rumble Presbyterian Church next Sunday, October 4, at 2:00 p.m. on the lawn of St. Mary of the Hills for the annual Blessing of the Animals.

Book Study with Fr. Sam Tallman-- Join Fr. Sam Tallman for a study of *Have Mercy: Following Jesus in Politically Perilous Times*, Tuesday, October 13 through Tuesday, November 3. Have Mercy is a collection of essays written by theological scholars considering our Christian commitments in the light of our current political moment. The group will meet both online and viz zoom from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., beginning Tuesday, October 13, 2026. The sessions will be recorded for those who may miss a meeting but wish to participate. **Registration is required!** All registrants will receive the zoom link. Books will be available for purchase at the church or through Amazon. Join us as we explore the power of the Gospel for our times. To register, complete the sign up form at <https://forms.gle/dTBXRtKLYxfyaWw49>.

Friends of Music Concert Next Sunday--*Impulse*, a classical music ensemble, will perform at St. Mary of the Hills next Sunday, October 4, at 3:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public, but donations will be gladly accepted.

Solemn Choral Evensong Sunday, October 11--Join us at 3:00 p.m. for Choral Evensong accompanied by organist Joby Bell.

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!

- Sunday, October 18, at 10:10: Feast of St. Luke with Blessing of Hands for medical professionals.
- Our Halloween Chili Supper will be Sunday, October 25, beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- A contemplative All Soul's Concert featuring several movements of the Durufle Requiem is planned for Sunday, November 1, at 3 p.m.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Hannah Crosbie Metzger by Chris and Katherine Metzger.

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; for our Vestry and staff; and for all the people of this parish.

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

9/27 John Jordan and Coleman Burgess
9/28 Lisa Kaufmann
9/29 Butch and Donna Kerns
9/30 Robert Kling and Tom Veale
10/1 Olivia Knight
10/2 Chris and Antoinette Kollmer
10/3 Greg Lambeth and Denise Story

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton.

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 offer 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, Anna C, Baby Jensen, Bill Rogers, Candy, Chris C, Chris M, Darlene, Earle, Earline, Emily, Evie, Jake, Jim C, Joe D, Joe W, John, John W, Jon, Joshua, JuliAnne W, Karen S, Leslie, Lucy, Mary M, Melissa, Mike, Mike C, Myra, Neal H, Nicholas A, Patsy, Paul S, Robert, Siri S, Tamara, Tim B, Toby, 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: Anders, Claudia, Corinne, Darlene Van Dyke, Jennifer, Lamar.

For those celebrating a birthday

9/27 Norman Hillis
9/28 Kay Rankin
9/30 Eleanor Hege
10/3 Nioucha Branstrom, Josephine Hill, Loy McGill, John Turner

For those celebrating an anniversary

9/28 Bob and Anne Jones
9/29 Chip and Garland Myers

For those who are traveling: Torrence

For those who have died: Al H, Annie D, Beth, Clark, Dolly, Hobie D, Janet, Joyti, Mark, Tracy C, Wendell