



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

JULY 5, 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

Altar Flowers--The altar flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Milner by her family.

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.

Upcoming Burial Services—

- Burial Eucharist for Kevin Kapral – Friday, July 10, at 2:00 p.m.
- Burial Eucharist for Will Merrill – Saturday, July 11, at 11:00 a.m.

Mountain Laurels Concert Today! Join us for this fun, toe-tapping concert of unique 'Celti-Lachian' style music today at 3 p.m. The concert is sponsored by the Friends of Music and, as always, is free and open to the public.

Kids' Night In This Week--Children of all ages are invited to St Mary of the Hills on Thursday, July 9th from 5:30 pm until 9:30 pm to play, read, craft, and enjoy dinner and a movie! Please reach out to malia@stmaryofthehills.org to register by July 7th.

Tour of Homes Patron's Party: An Evening at Ravenscroft Manor--Next Saturday, July 11, 6 p.m. -10 p.m. Be sure to reserve your spot for this unforgettable evening of music, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres in support of local charities. Please visit [2026 Patron's Party](#) on Realm for details.

Tickets for the 68th Annual Tour of Homes--It's almost here! Visit the St. Mary's website Tour of Homes tab to purchase your tickets today! Every ticket supports local charities and neighbors in need.

Timeless Treasures Collection Dates--Collection will take place this week--Monday, July 6, through Thursday, July 9 from noon until 5 pm in the second-floor hallway. If you need to make other arrangements, please contact Jo Ann at 828.265.6955.

2026 Tour of Homes Volunteer Opportunities--If you haven't yet signed up to volunteer for the Tour of Homes, it's not too late! Baked goods are still needed for the bake sale, so sign-up on the sheets in the foyer. If you can donate flowers from your garden or want to arrange flowers, please text Vandi Montero at 770-851-4337. To serve on the Transportation Team, contact Mike Austell at austellmike37@gmail.com. If you can help with the Timeless Treasure sale, please contact Jo Ann Hallmark at 828-265-6955. For general volunteer information, contact Sarah Matthews at 469-400-5091. Thank you, everyone.

Connecting w/ Father Andrew-- To make an appointment with Father Andrew, please contact Michael Marshall in the parish office (828.295.7323 / office@stmaryofthehills.org).

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; José our 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:

7/5 Marks and Mimi Arnold
7/6 Mike and Lucy Austell
7/7 John and Ann Bagg
7/8 Judith Bailey
7/9 David and Barb Ballesty
7/10 A.J. and Jane Barghothi
7/11 Bob and Charlene Barham

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Episcopal Chaplains serving the Armed Forces, VA Hospitals, and other organizations providing care for veterans

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Donald, our President; Josh, our Governor; and all who hold elected office. For the United States on its 250th birthday.

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: Amy, Angus, Ann, Anthony, Beth S, Bonnie H, Boxley B, Chris M, Clare, D.D., Debbie, Dennis, Doug, Evie, Joe D, Joyce B, Joyce G, Kathy, Lucy, Margaret G, Mary, MaryKate, Mary M, Myra, Parrie, Peggy, Rick M, Sheila, Suzie, Tamara, Toby, Valerie, Vincent, Wayne, Will. We pray for Venezuela and all places stricken by recent earthquakes.

****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: Bre, Camille, Charlotte, Katie, Kelley, Caitlyn, Katherine, Anna, Jennifer, Corinne, Eryn, Giuliana, Leah, Megan, Nicola, Tamar, Isabelle

For those with other concerns: Angus, Boe A, Corinne, Gage, Gail A, Isabelle B, Jennifer, Joe D, Josh, Zane

For those celebrating a birthday:

7/5 Roy McCraw, Sue Sweeting, Sid Lemnoui
7/6 Andrew Hill
7/7 Michael Coston, Molly Wilson
7/9 Luba Skibo
7/11 Martha Jones, Beth Lawler

For those celebrating an anniversary

7/10 John Carlson and Katy Thompson

For those who are traveling: Orian and Cat

For those who have died: Boonie, Brittany Jordan, Dale, Deja, Harvey, Perse Ahmadi, Kevin Kapral, Will Merrill, Jane Milner, Marilyn W, Bill Furr