



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

APRIL 26, 2026

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

We are so glad that you are here to share in worship of the Living God and 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

Pastoral Emergencies-- Please continue to contact Sr. Warden, Peter Purcell, 828.261.6859, with pastoral care needs. He will put you in touch with the pastoral care team.

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.

Special Coffee Minute Toast Today--Raise a glass to say goodbye to Jane Milner! A member of St. Mary's since 1985, Jane's generosity to the church and community has been unceasing. We will miss you, Jane, and hope you will visit!

Last call for OASIS--Throughout the month of April, the Outreach Committee has been collecting hygiene and luggage items for clients of OASIS, which provides emergency services and support for victims of domestic abuse and assault. Please bring your donations of full-size shampoo, conditioner, body wash and face wash; totes and suitcases for moving; and 2026 planners and journals to the church no later than Thursday, 4/30. Thank you to all who have already donated.

Sadness in the Parish--Beloved St. Mary's parishioner Bill Furr passed away on April 15. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, June 27, here at St. Mary's, at 2:00 p.m.

Save the Date!--The Friends of Music invite you to our first summer concert on May 10 at 3:00 in the Sanctuary. Mezzo Soprano Lily Bailey will present a varied program of arias, art songs, and spirituals accompanied by pianist Dr. Islei Hammer. Come enjoy the music and support our Friends of Music program.

Coffee Minute Sign-Up--We all love catching up during coffee minute, but no one is signed up to host during the next 3 months. Please do your share by volunteering for one Sunday, either alone or with friends. And it doesn't have to be fancy! Just a nibble or a nosh. The sign-up sheet is in the parish hall. Thank you!

Stephen Ministry – Make a difference for folks in our parish who could use a listening ear and a loving heart. Training will begin in early May. To pick up an application, please talk to Lynn Searfoss or Torrence Harman.

New Ecumenical Book Study-- Beginning on Wednesday night May 6 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. and continuing for five weeks, we are invited to join folks from Rumble Presbyterian and Boone United Methodist to discuss Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's book of sermons, *Strength to Love*. Further details to come.

Vacation Bible School--St. Mary of the Hills and Rumble Memorial Churches are joining together again for Vacation Bible School Creation Care Camp! VBS runs June 15-18, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We need at least 8 volunteers to help with craft adventures, science exploration, snacks and outdoor fun. **If you would like to be a volunteer, please sign-up [here](http://www.stmaryofthehills.org)** or email Michelle at verger@stmaryofthehills.org

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

4/26 Gigi and Shawn Poole
4/27 The Postlethwait family
4/28 James Proett
4/29 Peter and Valerie Purcell
4/30 Dave and Julia Ralston
5/1 Joe and Mary Ellen Raulerson
5/2 The Redford family

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Brevard

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: Andrew, Ann, Anthony, Barbara, Bob A, Cadance, Carolyn, Baby Charlotte, Chris M, Christina, Clare, Dale, Darren V, Dean H, Eli, Emily F, Evie, Gary, the Gizinski family, the Hege family, Jamie S, Jane, Jim D, Jonathon, Joshua, Kadence, Katy R, Lambert, Mahmood, Marwan, MaryKate, Mary M, Mike, Mike T, Mills, Myra, Neal H, Patsy, Peter, Presley C, Rebekah, Scott, Susan, Susie B. Wright, Tom, Vicki L, Vincent

****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: Camille, Caroline, Kelley, Caitlyn, Katherine, Anna, Jennifer, Corinne, Eryn, Giuliana, Tamar

For those with other concerns: Anders, Angelina, Corinne, David and Aarti M, family, the Glosters, Greene family, Kaidence, Katie and new baby girl, Kimmi and Beau, Lara Corinnne, Lindsey H, Mac H, Susan, Yue and Grace M, Zane

For those celebrating a birthday:

4/28 Joe Coyne
4/29 Asher Anderson, Christina Hayes

For those celebrating anniversaries

For those who are traveling: Blake, Luba, the Patella family, the Troskey family

For those who have died: Bill F, Artie, Cheryl, Denica Joyce, John Brown, Marianne Galke, Paul, Steve, Tom, Wilson King