



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

MAY 10, 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 and Contacting Father Andrew-- 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. To make an appointment with Father Andrew, contact Michael Marshall in the parish office.

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.

Rector's Forum--A study and discussion of The Anglican Communion: Past, Present, and Future meets Sundays at 9 am in the Parish Hall. This Sunday, May 10, Lynn Searfoss will facilitate a discussion of the role and background of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, the Right Reverend Sarah Mulally. Next Sunday, May 17, the topic will be current and future ecumenical relationships. All are welcome to attend.

Concert Today! The Friends of Music invite you to our first summer concert today, 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.

Realm-- Please be sure you are signed up for Realm, the primary communication system used by the church. Folks will be available to help you check your status, sign up, or edit your profile during the coffee minutes following both services.

Coffee Minute Sign-Up--It's not too late to host a coffee minute! Grab a friend and a few snacks to put out. 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 soon. To pick up or submit an application, please see Lynn Searfoss or Torrence Harman.

New Ecumenical Book Study-- It's not too late to join! The study group meets on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7 p.m. at Faithbridge UMC, continuing through June 3. The book, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr's book of sermons, *Strength to Love*, is available at Firelight and at Venture in Boone. For more details, contact Kathy Beach at Rumble Presbyterian Church.

Save the Date! Our annual Pentecost picnic will be held following the 10:10 service on Sunday, May 24. 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](#)** 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:

5/10 Dianne Rose
5/11 Dale Marie Sandusky
5/12 Bryan and Maria and Saterbo
5/13 Otis and Jean Sawyer
5/14 Sarah and James Schiener
5/15 Terry and Susan Schilson
5/16 Mary Schoenfeld

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Trinity Church, Spruce Pine and Trinity, 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: Albert, Andrew, Ann, Anthony, Barbara, Bob A, Carolyn, Baby Charlotte, Bishop Gary and Judy, Chris M, Christina, Darlene, Dale, Dean H, Ed R, Eli, F, Evie, , Jamie S, Jane, Jim D, Joshua, Katy R, Lambert, Mahmood, Marwan, Mary, MaryKate, Mary M, Mike, Mills, Myra, Neal H, Presley C, Roy Jr., Roy IV, Susan, Scott, 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: Bre, Camille, Caroline, Charlotte, Kelley, Caitlyn, Katherine, Anna, Jennifer, Corinne, Eryn, Giuliana, Megan, Tamar

For those with other concerns: Anders, Angelina, Corinne, David and Aarti M, Edward, the Glosters, Greene family, Lara Corinne, Lindsey H, Mac H, Yue and Grace M, Zane

For those celebrating a birthday:

5/10 Andy Sicard
5/15 Greg Rhoads
5/16 Leslie Temple

For those celebrating anniversaries

5/6 Lennon and Megan Redford
5/12 Norman and Janet Hillis

For those who are traveling: Blake, Jane, Season, the Troskey family

For those who have died: Belinda, Bill F, Joe D, Artie, Cheryl, John B, Paul, Steve