



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA JULY 14, 2024

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

Connection Card in the pew rack so that we might connect with you further. More information about our parish is available online at www.stmaryofthehills.org. Members of our Vestry (*elected lay leadership*) are identified by name tags with yellow lanyards. Seek them out for details about our congregation's life and ministry.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING – Daughters of the King meets at 9 am today in the Barrett Room.

CHORAL EVENSONG – Sung Evening Prayer, led by our Choir, occurs today at 3 pm in the church. All are welcome.

'FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE' CLASS – Join us on Tuesday, July 16, from 10 am to 11:30 am in the St. Mary's Parish Hall as we continue our discussion on the topic, "From Despair to Hope: How Do Christians Talk about Gun Violence?" This learning session is held in partnership with Rumble Presbyterian. RSVP to shankins@rumplechurch.org.

VESTRY – The Vestry meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, has been canceled. The next meeting occurs in August.

TOUR OF HOMES

Visit stmaryofthehills.org to purchase tickets and learn more about the 66th Annual Tour of Homes, which occurs from 9 am to 4 pm on Friday, July 26. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 on the day of the Tour.

PATRON PARTY – The 2024 Blowing Rock Tour of Homes Speakeasy Patron Party occurs from 5 pm to 8 pm this Tuesday, July 16. Visit us online or call the parish office for tickets.

FLOWER COMMITTEE – Bring buckets of greenery and flowers to the church on Wednesday, July 24, at 10 am. Ferns will not last. Contact Randy Ouzts at 704.616.9798 or Suzanne Miller at 828.719.9071 with questions.

BAKE SALE – The "Garden Party Bake Sale" needs volunteers for packing and wrapping baked goods on Thursday, July 25, from 9 am to 2 pm. Wrap and ribbons will be provided. Any amount of time you can donate is greatly appreciated. Please contact Robert Kling with any questions at robertkling@ymail.com.

RAFFLE – New to the Tour of Homes events this year is a raffle with a cash prize of 25 percent of the raffle ticket sales, up to \$5,000. The remaining 75 percent goes to local charities. Tickets are \$100 each with a limit of 200 tickets. Contact Suzanne Miller at 828.719.9071 if you'd like to purchase tickets.

FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE – At noon on Monday, July 22, we will celebrate the Feast of Mary Magdalene with Holy Eucharist. All are welcome.

FEAST OF JAMES THE APOSTLE – On Thursday, July 25, join us at 7:30 am for Holy Eucharist with Men's Breakfast as we commemorate this apostle.

WORSHIP AT ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

MORNING PRAYER – A short service of scripture and prayer is offered Monday—Friday at 8:30 am in the Church.

HOLY EUCHARIST – A simple, spoken Holy Eucharist service is offered each Wednesday at noon in the Church.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers placed on the altar and coffee minute today are dedicated in loving memory of Maria Skibo.

This week's altar flowers are also dedicated in loving memory of John Mulford, beloved father of Burt Mulford, by Burt Mulford & Dean Hamric.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Michael our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; José our Bishop; Andrew, Sam and Gary, our clergy; for our Vestry and staff; for all the people of this parish

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

07/14: Jim Brooks

07/15: Pal & Nakita Brooks

07/16: Robert & Alva Browning

07/17: Jim & Gale Buchanan

07/18: Jim Bumgardner & Shane Burton

07/19: Coleman Burgess & John Jordan

07/20: John Carlson & Katy Thompson

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Alban's, Hickory

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Joseph, our President, Roy, our Governor, all those who hold elected office

For all who suffer from war throughout the world and especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, the Korean peninsula, Yemen, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Israel and Palestine

For all affected by natural disaster throughout the world.

For healing: Adam, Dale, Jorgann Rogers, Jeff Hedden, Gary, Kay McCloskey, Christine, John, Ann Greene, Bob Barham, Art Hooper, Logan, Evie, Warren, Chris, Yolanda, Ray, Vinny, Lynn T., Chris L., Ray & Sheila, Stan, Thomas, John M., Chris M., Mary, Logan, John A., Lucy, Claire, Daryl M., Spencer

****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 those who have died: Bruce B., Jim Heron, Nick Abernathy, Jean Sinclair, John Mulford

For those with other concerns: Diane, Jena and Family; Chris & Kate

For those traveling this week: The Patella Family, The Hege Family, Jorgann & Bill, Katherine Metzger

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Megan Redford, Caitlyn, Neta Franklin, Brittany, Chelsea, Mary Ella, Blair Sudderth

For those celebrating a birthday:

07/14: Joe Dulaney, Benjamin White

07/16: Whitney Kitchell Smith

07/19: Suzanne Shaut

For those celebrating an anniversary:

07/14: Jim & Suzanne Shaut

07/18: Bill & Jorgann Rogers

07/20: Chris & Angela King