



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

JULY 21, 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

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING & VESTRY NOMINATIONS – The Parish Annual Meeting is scheduled for 9 am on Sunday, Aug. 25. We will elect four new Vestry members (three year-round members and one seasonal parishioner). Qualifications for Vestry service as well as a link to the online nomination form are found on the Parish website. Printed forms are available in the Foyer and Parish Hall and may be returned to the Parish Office. Nominations will remain open until 5 pm on July 30.

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.

FLOWER COMMITTEE – Flowers are needed to provide décor for the Tour. Please cut and bring your most beautiful offerings to the church. Buckets are available in the driveway by the kitchen entrance to the church. Pick one up, fill it with flowers—don't forget the water—and bring them by the church at 10 am on Wednesday, July 24. Contact Randy Ouzts at 704.616.9798 or Suzanne Miller at 828.719.9071 with questions.

BAKE SALE – Dust off your aprons and start baking! The “Garden Party Bake Sale” will be held on the front lawn of the Church on July 26 and we need cakes, pies, tarts, cookies, brownies, jams, and savory snacks and treats. Please plan to drop off your baked goods to the church nursery on Thursday, July 25, between 9 am - 1 pm. 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. Call or text 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – All are invited to join us at 7:30 am on Thursday, July 25, for Holy Eucharist, fellowship, a delicious rib-stickin' breakfast, and best of all ... The Raisin of the TOH Tents Ceremony! **We will celebrate the Feast of James the Apostle with Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am**, followed by breakfast and fellowship. Then you'll have the opportunity to carry chairs, tables, Timeless Treasures and raise tents to prepare for the Tour on Friday. Eucharist and MB are the official start to the final stages of Tour prep, and the Tour that follows. Please join us for this important contribution to the life of our Parish, and you don't have to have a Y chromosome to attend and help. Please RSVP to bill@stmaryofthehills.org so we know how much food to prepare. July 25 is also the Feast of St James, who dropped everything on the shore to follow Jesus as his first Apostle. Let's all be like James as we walk together toward a great 2024 TOH!

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.

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; for the 66th Annual Tour of Homes Blowing Rock on Friday, July 26, for all our leaders and volunteers, for a spirit of generosity and hospitality, and for all our guests who will travel to Blowing Rock to share in the day.

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

07/21: Orian & Cat Carter

07/22: John & Jane Chanon

07/23: Dayne & Lindsay Cook, Mack

07/24: Chris Cooley & Brendan Housler

07/25: Laura Copeland

07/26: Jim & Sue Corcoran

07/27: Dillon Coleman

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Faith Memorial Chapel, Cedar Mountain; Whiteside Summer Chapel, Cashiers

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Joseph, our President; Roy, our Governor; all those who hold elected office; those killed and injured in the recent assassination attempt on former President Trump, and for healing for our nation.

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., Zadie, Sam Harris, Glenn, Tanya, Clare

****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: John Mulford

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

For those traveling this week: Dale, Mary Lois, Tom & Family, The Carters, The Kayworth Family, The Overton Family

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

07/21: Kay Snow

07/25: Faith Jones, Alice Blackburn

07/26: Kempton Smith

For those celebrating an anniversary:

07/25: Bill & Emily Furr

For thanksgiving:

The anniversary of Luke & Charlotte Smith on July 13

The birth of McLean Cruz Redford to Megan & Lennon Redford on July 16