



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA JULY 28, 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

TOUR OF HOMES THANK YOU COFFEE MINUTE – Tour co-chairs Billie Rogers and Suzanne Miller invite you to a light “Thank You Brunch” today following the 10:10 am service. Heartfelt gratitude is extended to you for making this year’s Tour of Homes a success!

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 this Tuesday, July 30.

WORKSHOP FOR ACOLYTES, CHALICE MINISTERS & USHERS – All interested and current acolytes, chalice ministers and ushers are invited to join together for a workshop and celebration on Sunday, Aug. 11 at 11:45 am. Lunch will be served and we should be finished by 1 pm. Please let Michelle Curry at or Lindsey Herring know if you will be able to attend. This workshop is a great opportunity to learn more about these important ministries in our church. All parishioners are welcome.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED – St. Mary of the Hills is seeking nursery workers to care for our youngest parishioners on Sundays from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. If you know someone who might be interested in this position, please contact Lindsey Herring at lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org. The job description can be viewed on the St. Mary’s website.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – The Blessing of the Backpacks occurs at both the 8 am and 10:10 am services on Aug. 18. Save the date!

AUGUST BACKPACK DRIVE – Please join the Outreach Committee as we support our local schools with a Backpack Drive for the month of August. In coordination with our Blessing of the Backpacks on Aug. 18, we would like to encourage you to bring in a backpack with school supplies for donation to our local schools. Suggested items to pack your backpack with include pencils, notebooks, 16 count boxes of crayons or colored pencils, yellow highlighters, earbuds for computers, erasers, glue sticks and scissors. Drop off your donations on Aug. 18 or leave your bookbag donation at the church office. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Curry at michellecurry523@gmail.com or Lindsey Herring at lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org.

WORSHIP AT ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers adorning the altar this week have been placed to the glory of God
and in honor of Emily and Bill Furr's 60th wedding anniversary.*

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:

07/28: Lynn Coulthard
07/29: Bill & Owene Courtney
07/30: Bryan & Carolyn Crutcher
07/31: Marshall & Kaye Culp
08/01: Mark & Michelle Curry
08/02: Kathy Dacchille
08/03: Bunky & Teena Davant

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James, Black Mountain; St. James, Hendersonville; St. James, Lenoir

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, 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, Silas, Jim W., Jeffrey Eastman

****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: Peggy, Stan R., Christina Sandera

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

For those traveling this week: Dale, Mary Lois, Tom & Family; David & Judy Sweeterman

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

07/29: Bob Browning, Denise Story
08/01: Billy Tessien, Tommy Tessien

For those celebrating an anniversary:

07/25: Bill & Emily Furr
08/01: John & Cecilia Grasinger, John & Luella Rundell
08/02: Jerry & Genie Starnes

For thanksgiving:

The birth of McLean Cruz Redford to Megan and Lennon Redford on July 16
The birth of Lena Francesca Franklin to Neta and Sam Franklin on July 19