



# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA Nov. 10, 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](http://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

**ANNUAL GIVING** – Our Annual Giving theme this year is “Walk in Love,” calling us to remember that our greatest gift in community is how we come together in purpose and mission. A letter went out from the parish earlier this week, inviting you to consider a financial commitment to St. Mary of the Hills in 2025. Pledge cards are also available in the pew racks, in the Foyer and Parish Hall, as well as online at [www.stmaryofthehills.org](http://www.stmaryofthehills.org).

**VETERANS DAY OFFICE CLOSURE** – In observance of Veterans Day, the church offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11, and will reopen at 9 am on Tuesday.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION** – Join us at 9 am on the second floor Sunday for Rector's Forum and Godly Play. All are welcome.

- In the Barrett Room, Father Andrew will lead an introduction to and deeper exploration of the Gospel according to Luke. This will be primary Gospel from which we read in Sunday worship during the year ahead. Join us as we begin to explore the ways in which Luke is similar to and distinct from the other Gospel accounts in sacred scripture.
- Across the hall in the St. Luke room, our elementary-aged children will learn about today's gospel lesson during the Gift of the Poor Widow story. They'll explore the concepts of generosity and sacrifice, and what it means to give all one has to God through an act of love.

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS** – The office is in need of volunteers to help sort and organize hard copies of old church files, as well as scan and email files that we need in digital format. For more details, contact Director of Finance and Administration Michael Marshall at [Michael@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:Michael@stmaryofthehills.org).

**'FRUITS OF FALL' STUDY CONTINUES NOV. 18** – Join Formation Director Lindsey Herring and the Rev. Torrence Harman for the second session of “Fruits of Fall: Delving into the Divine,” from 4 pm to 5:30 pm on Nov. 18 in the Barrett Room. This study focused on spiritual practices that help us sense the sacred all around us in the season of fall and track the movement of the Spirit in the everyday. The sessions are independent of each other. If you missed the first class, join us for the second. Contact Lindsey ([Lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:Lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org)) with questions.

**ADVENT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Join us this Advent for a brand-new, lay-led Women's Bible Study focusing on the foreshadowing of Jesus in the Old Testament. This is a three-week study led by parishioner Patricia Murphy that occurs at 10:30 am on Fridays during Advent: Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20, at the Church. Come for fellowship, learning and to celebrate the season. RSVP to Formation Director Lindsey Herring at [Lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:Lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org).

**SAVE THE DATE: GUEST SPEAKER DEC. 8** – Camp Henry Interim Director Sadie McNair will join us for coffee and conversation about Camp Henry and the role attending summer camp plays in the Formation of our youth at 9 am on Dec. 8. Parents and youth are encouraged to attend.

**COFFEE MINUTE VOLUNTEERS** – This is our primary point of contact each Sunday following the 10:10 am Eucharist and it's a great time of fellowship. Partner with a friend to host and help cultivate a space of hospitality and welcome. Contact Director of Hospitality & Facilities Bill Devereux at [bill@stmaryofthehills.org](mailto:bill@stmaryofthehills.org) to learn more.

# PARISH PRAYER LIST

**For the Church:** Sean, our Presiding Bishop; 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:**

11/10: Peter & Valerie Purcell

11/11: Tom Rankin

11/12: Joe & Mary Ellen Raulerson

11/13: Lennon & Megan Redford, McLean

11/14: Greg Rhoads & Lynn Searfoss

11/15: Robert & Carol Rhoads

11/16: Edward & Stephanie Rickenbaker, Olivia and Teddy

**In the Diocesan Cyle of Prayer:** Diocese of WNC Convention and all delegates

**For our nation and those in positions of public trust:** Joseph, our President; Donald our President-Elect; Roy, our Governor; Josh, our Governor-Elect; all those who hold elected office; and for those who offered themselves for election this year

**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,** especially those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton

**For healing:** Dale, Bill & Jorgann Rogers, Jeff Hedden, Christine, John, Ann Greene, Bob Barham, Clare, Bill Tessien, Emily R., Chris. M., Jane Meyers, Tippy, Pat, Susan, Andy, Carole, Scotty, Jane, Sam, Evie, Lisa K., Julia, Thad, Roy, Chris, Mary, Lucy, Chris J., Bryan, Lisa, Ben C., Suzie W., Tanya, Alison, Sheila & Ray, John, Christine, Nioucha, Peter, Judy

*\*\*\*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:** Richard, Goetz, Butch, Adam, Nick Lyons, Margaret Robins

**For those with other concerns:** Chris & Angela, Kirra, Sophia, Belle; The Robins Family

**For safe pregnancy and delivery:** Caitlyn, Mary Ella, Sarah, Bre Lawler, Emma Unkovic, Elizabeth, Chelsea

**For those celebrating a birthday:**

11/10: Cecilia Grasinger, Nell Kline, Lee Harper Vason

11/11: Taylor Ward

11/15: Darlene Van Dyke, Matt Miller, Pete Page