



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA Nov. 3, 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

UNCTION OFFERED TODAY – Unction, prayers for healing and anointing with oil, is offered today following both the 8 am and 10:10 am services.

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 a conversation about All Saints Day and the Communion of Saints, using examples both well-known and oft-forgotten from our calendar of commemorations. All are welcome!
- Across the hall in the St. Luke room, our elementary-aged children will learn about the sacred act of Baptism.

HOLY BAPTISM – This morning, we celebrate Holy Baptism, the Christian rite of initiation into the community of Christ's Church. If you'd like to talk more about baptism, for yourself or for your children, please contact Fr. Andrew (rector@stmaryofthehills.org).

ALL SOULS EVENSONG TODAY – The choir will sing a very special Evensong commemorating All Souls today at 3 pm. The service includes reading aloud the names of those who have died in the past year. Music for this Evensong includes a plainsong Magnificat and Nunc dimittis, Proulx's gorgeous Prayer of the Venerable Bede with alto soloist Kathryn Santiago, the haunting Song for Athene by Tavener, and Anerio's *Requiem aeternam*.

'FRUITS OF FALL' STUDY BEGINS MONDAY – Join Formation Director Lindsey Herring and the Rev. Torrence Harman in a study focusing on spiritual practices that help us sense the sacred all around us in the seasons and track the movement of the Spirit in the everyday. The first of two learning sessions occurs from 4 pm to 5:30 pm tomorrow at St. Mary's. Second session date to be shared soon. Reach out to Lindsey (Lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org) with questions.

HOLY EUCHARIST ON ELECTION DAY – Join us noon on Tuesday for a service of Holy Eucharist offered for the Nation.

ECW HOSTS PECM TUESDAY – The ECW will hold its monthly meeting this Tuesday, Nov. 5, starting at 6 pm in the parish hall. We will also be hosting students from the Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry with a dinner and fellowship. You're invited to join us but don't forget to RSVP! You can do so in Realm or by contacting Sue Wilders (suejackpaintfly@aol.com).

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.

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.

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:

11/03: Page Parsons

11/04: Patty & Carmen Patella

11/05: Bill & Catherine Pearson

11/06: Nick & Sara Placentra

11/07: Shawn & Gigi Poole

11/08: Allison Postlethwait

11/09: Ryan & Lindsey Postlethwait, Will

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Saints, Franklin; All Saints, Gastonia; The Cathedral of All Souls, Asheville

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Joseph, our President; Roy, our Governor; all those who hold elected office; and for those offering 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., Kristin, Tina, Charlie, Pat F., Torrence Harman, Chris. M., Jane Meyers, Tippy, Pat, Susan, Andy, Carole, Scotty, Jane, Ken, Sam, Evie, Lisa K., Julia, Thad, Roy, Chris, Mary, Lucy, Chris J., Bryan

****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 traveling this week: Dick & Louann Kitchell, Karen and Debbie, Mary Miles & David

For those who have died: All victims of Hurricane Milton, Brittany, Betty, Robert Collier, Yvette, Richard, Goetz, Butch, Adam

For those with other concerns: Rabbi Alty & Elizabeth, Lisa

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

11/02: Mike Page

11/03: Amy Nimens

11/04: Jorgann Rogers

For those celebrating an anniversary:

11/01: Jim & Gale Buchanan

11/03: Steve & Jillian Kay