



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA OCTOBER 13, 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

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

- Father Andrew will be leading us in conversation in the Barrett Room about hurricane relief and the work of Episcopal Relief & Development.
- Our children will be learning about the love of God and ways to embody that love in the world across the hall in the St. Luke room.

OCTOBER VESTRY MEETING – The Vestry will be meeting at 5:45 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

FEAST OF ST. LUKE – Holy Eucharist with the Blessing of Hands will be held at 5:45 pm on Oct. 17 as we honor St. Luke the Evangelist. All are welcome!

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 to learn more.

CHILI COOKOFF – The annual St Mary of the Hills fall chili cookoff challenge returns Sunday, Oct. 27, with Chefs from across the globe competing for the coveted Chili Champion Apron currently in the possession of Jim West, who came all the way from across the street to wrestle the apron from our previous champ Duncan McGill. Join us at 5 pm for this event hosted by Men's Breakfast. Proceeds from the cook off will be awarded to the charity of the winner's choice.

HURRICANE RELIEF –

A list of current ways to support our community in the aftermath of last week's hurricane can be found on our website here:

www.stmaryofthehills.org/helenerelief.

The Parish Hall at St. Mary of the Hills continues to be a drop-off point for resources. We will ensure that they are delivered to the appropriate locations in Boone for distribution. If you'd like to make a monetary donation to assist with hurricane relief efforts, you can do so at www.stmaryofthehills.org/give_online. Please designate "Rector Discretionary" if you'd like your donation to help locally. If you'd like to make a general donation to assist those impacted by Hurricane Helene in all locations, designate "Episcopal Relief & Development" or donate directly to Episcopal Relief & Development's Hurricane Relief Fund at <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief/>.

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. Pledge cards are available.

WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK

Morning Prayer - A short service of scripture and prayer is held each weekday at 8:30 am in the Church.

Holy Eucharist - A simple, spoken Holy Eucharist occurs 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

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

10/13: Jasmin McFayden & Tony Dienst, Maggie
10/14: Bob & Sabine Miller
10/15: Matthew Miller & Ashley McCurry, Skyler and Maddox
10/16: Mike & Gay Miller
10/17: Joseph & Susan Miller
10/18: Suzanne Miller
10/19: Cobb & Cindy Milner

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for all Indigenous People and for the care of our creation.

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, Gary, Kay McCloskey, Christine, John, Ann Greene, Bob Barham, Clare, Bill Tessien, Emily R., Chris M., Lucy, Belinda S., Mary M., Kim Whittle, Vinny, Andrew C., Roy, Sheila & Ray, David C., Darlene, Jane, Stan B., Pat B., Donna, Sallie, David Tribby, Tom Dixson, Scotty Turner, Gary, Lynn T., Tyler D., Kristin, Tina, Charlie, Torrence Harmon, Pat F.

****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 thanksgiving: First responders and volunteers

For those who have died: Adam Hill, Asemur Eygi, Jane, Stan R., Linda, Katy, Linda, all victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, Linda, Dave Kline, Brittany, Robert Collier, Betty, Yvette

For those with other concerns: Diane, Jena & Family; Ellen; The Hill Family; Evelyn; The Rogers Family; The Hall Family; Elizabeth; those who are suffering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton; Zoey; Chris & Angela; Rabbi Altı & Elizabeth

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

10/13: Sarafina Anderson
10/14: Sabine Miller, Mary Ellen Raulerson
10/15: Emily Furr
10/16: Isabelle Branstrom
10/17: Natalie Bovino Johnson
10/18: Valerie Purcell
10/19: Allison Postlethwait

For those celebrating an anniversary:

10/14: Tim & Cathia Silver
10/15: Alex & Rachel Blackburn