



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA OCTOBER 27, 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 continue leading us in conversation in the Barrett Room on The Epistle to the Hebrews. This New Testament Letter, less frequently read and even less frequently explored in depth, forms and informs much of the early Church's understanding of who Jesus is and what the Church is called to be. Over the next several weeks in the Rector's Forum, we will take a closer look at this formative letter and how it informs our lives as disciples today.
- Across the hall in the St. Luke room, our elementary-aged children will learn a sacred story about God's promises to us, the renewal of Creation and how we show gratitude for all that God's given us.

CHILI COOK-OFF CHALLENGE TODAY – The annual St. Mary of the Hills fall Chili Cook-off Challenge is tonight! Join us at 5 pm for this event hosted by Men's Breakfast. Proceeds from the cook-off will be awarded to the agency of the winner's choice. All are welcome! Bring a chili or side to share.

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.

FEAST OF ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE – We will celebrate the Feast of St. Simon and St. Jude with Holy Eucharist at noon on Monday, October 28.

ALL SAINTS DAY – All Saints Day will be celebrated with Holy Eucharist at noon on Friday, November 1. We also observe All Saints on Sunday, November 3, at 8 am and 10:10 am (with incense). Holy Baptism will be administered at the 10:10 am Eucharist. Choral Evensong will be offered on Sunday, November 3, at 3 pm.

ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED – Following All Saints Day, we remember "All Faithful Departed," all those who have died and are now held in God's nearer presence. Holy Eucharist will be offered on Saturday, November 2, at 9 am and the names of those who have died in the past year will be read at Choral Evensong on Sunday, November 3, at 3 pm.

'FRUITS OF FALL: DELVING INTO THE DIVINE' NOVEMBER STUDY – Join Formation Director Lindsey Herring and the Rev. Torrence Harman in a study focused on spiritual practices that help us consent to God's presence more fully in nature and community. Sensing the sacred all around us and tracking the movement of the Spirit in the everyday are at the heart of the study. The first of two learning sessions occurs from 4 pm to 5:30 pm on Monday, November 4, at St. Mary's. Second session date to be shared soon. Reach out to Lindsey (Lindsey@stmaryofthehills.org) with questions.

ECW HOSTS PECM IN NOVEMBER – The ECW will host the Presbyterian, Episcopal Campus Ministry on Tuesday, November 5, at 5:30 pm for a special dinner and fellowship. Please come one and all to support our students. Bring your favorite Italian dish, side or dessert. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. RSVP to Sue Wilders (suejackpaintfly@aol.com) or Suzanne Miller (suzieline41@gmail.com).

INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDING BISHOP – Bishop Sean Rowe will be installed as the 28th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church at a service on Friday, November 1, beginning at 11 am. The service will be streamed online via the Episcopal Church's website (www.episcopalchurch.org).

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:

10/27: Richard & Patricia Murphy

10/28: Chip & Garland Myers

10/29: Amy Nimens

10/30: Linda Norman

10/31: Randy Ouzts & Scott Adams

11/01: Mike & Laura Page

11/02: Pete & Sally Page

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Francis, Rutherfordton

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., Gary, Lynn T., Tyler D., Kristin, Tina, Charlie, Pat F., Torrence Harman, Chris. M., Jane Meyers, Tippy, Pat, Susan, Andy, Carole, Scotty, Jane, Ken, Sam

****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 traveling this week: Jim C., Dick & Louann Kitchell

For those who have died: Linda, all victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, Dave Kline, Brittany, Betty, Robert Collier, Yvette, Richard

For those with other concerns: Those who are suffering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton; Chris & Angela; Zoey; Rabbi Alti & Elizabeth

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

For those celebrating a birthday:

10/27: Amanda Hege, Jim West

10/29: Bill Gibbons, Bob Jones

For those celebrating an anniversary:

10/28: Kevin & Christine Hayes