

What's Happening at St. Mary of the Hills

October 2022



'More than Enough'

An Invitation to Annual Giving 2023

And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

- Luke 9:16-17, NRSV

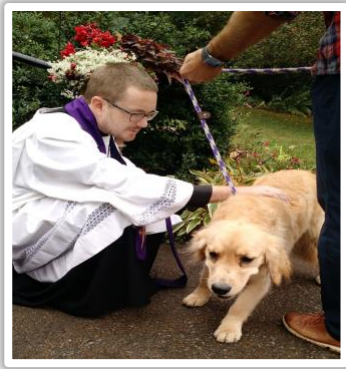


MORE THAN ENOUGH

This year's annual giving campaign theme is *More Than Enough*, and it comes from the end of Luke's version of the feeding of the five-thousand. Responding to Jesus' call, the gathered crowd turns their pockets inside out, shakes out their blankets, rummages through their parcels to find enough to take care of the needs of the community. And what do they realize? That by the miracle of faith and the action of Love, there was more than enough, an abundance of leftovers!

Our annual giving campaign is like that ancient story: each of us contributing what we can provides enough – enough to fund our operations and an abundance more to take care of our neighbors and plan for the future. Every gift is a miracle, a chance to change the world. And every gift is Love, the kind of love that protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres, as St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians.

Thank you. Thank you for all that you do for the Church and for the world. During the month of October, all are invited to consider what you will pledge to our community in the coming year to sustain our ministry and to serve our neighbors. Every gift of wealth, works, and wisdom goes toward our ministry and mission, and yours is essential to us. How might your pledge of financial wealth for 2023 reflect God's goodness and the promise that there is always more than enough?



Blessing of the Animals

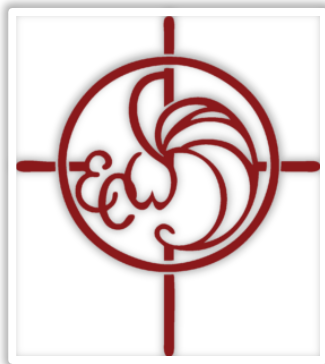
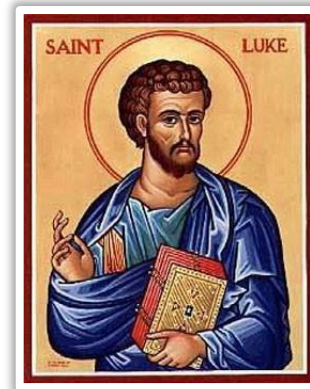
The annual Blessing of the Animals will be held Sunday, October 9th at 2:00PM (NOTE THE NEW DATE).

We will be gathering with our beloved animals of all kinds on the front lawn of Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church (across Main Street). For safety, all animals must be leashed or crated at all times.

The Feast of St. Luke

St. Luke, known both as a Evangelist and a Physician, has long been a patron saint of those working in the medical professions.

On Monday evening, October 17th, the eve of his feast day, we will offer a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 5:30PM. A blessing of hands for all who work in the medical field will be a part of this service. Join us!



Episcopal Church Women

Come join the Episcopal Church Women, October 11th, 5:30PM to celebrate fall and the Great Pumpkin!

Bring and your favorite fall dish to share. Get out those costumes, masks and brooms and be prepared to have fun and fellowship.

Please RSVP to Sue Wilders (561.371.5989) or contact the parish office (828.295.7323)

Men's Breakfast

Our last Men's Breakfast for 2022 will be held on Thursday morning, October 27th.

Holy Eucharist begins at 7:30AM in the Church. Breakfast and conversation follow at 8:00AM in the Parish Hall.

