



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
FEBRUARY 19, 2023

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS!

We are so glad that you are here. If you are a guest among us, we invite you to complete a 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 information about our congregation's life and ministry.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY.

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERING - Adults and children alike are invited to join us this morning for a conversation about our appointed Scripture passage on the Transfiguration of Jesus. We will approach this powerful story in a style relevant to all ages and gather at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room.

WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

- **Morning Prayer** – Join us for Morning Prayer, a short (15-20 minute) service of scripture readings and prayers, offered Monday-Friday at 8:30AM in the Church.
- **Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12:00PM** – Holy Eucharist is offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM in the Church.

ASH WEDNESDAY – The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be offered at 7:00AM, 12:00PM, and 5:30PM. The 5:30PM service will include music, and the nursery will be open.

SUNDAY NIGHT – FAMILY NIGHT WITH RUMPLE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – February 19, 5:00PM-6:30PM in the Rumble Fellowship Hall – All are invited to a joint family Pancake Dinner with friends from Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church. We will learn about the season of Lent, make fun crafts, play a few games, and share a meal together. RSVP to Formation Coordinator Lindsey Herring (formation@stmaryofthehills.org).

CAJUN STYLE MARDI GRAS - On Shrove Tuesday, February 21st, the Men's Breakfast and the ECW are joining together to host a "Ragin' Cajun" dinner beginning at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

BUY BOONE LUNCH WITH F.A.R.M. CAFÉ – Join us as St. Mary of the Hill's sponsors a "Buy Boone Lunch" event at F.A.R.M. Café on Wednesday, March 1st. We will partner with F.A.R.M. Café in serving lunch to the community. Volunteers are welcomed in one-hour shifts throughout the day. Contact Amanda (hegea@appstate.edu or 513-520-8642) to learn more and sign up.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY 2023 – During the season of Lent, Fr. Andrew invites all in our parish to join in reading the book, *The Lord and His Prayer*, by N.T. Wright. Copies are available in the Library for a suggested donation of \$10; the book is also available online from a variety of booksellers. Opportunities for discussion and deeper study will be made available – look for more details in the days ahead.

CENTERING PRAYER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS- Each Friday during the season of Lent, Lindsey Herring will offer Centering Prayer which is a contemplative spiritual practice that allows us to quiet the heart and rest in God's presence at 11:00AM. Following this, Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12:00PM. Materials are also available to pray the Stations individually or in a small group at other times.

FLOWER OFFERING

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Michael our Presiding Bishop, José our Bishop, Andrew, Sam and Gary our clergy, for our Vestry and staff, and for all the people of this parish.

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

2/19 Bob and Sabine Miller
2/20 Joseph and Susan Miller
2/21 Matthew Miller and Ashley McCurry, Skyler
2/22 Mike and Gay Miller
2/23 Suzanne Miller
2/24 Cobb and Cindy Milner
2/25 Jane Milner

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Lake Logan Conference Center and Valle Crucis Conference Center

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Joseph, our President, Roy, our Governor, all those who hold elected office.

For those affected by natural disaster, most especially those impacted by the earthquake in regions of Syria and Turkey.

For all who suffer from war throughout the world and especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, the people of the Korean peninsula, the people of Yemen, and the people of Ethiopia.

For all medical personnel and all ministering to the needs of those affected by COVID-19.

For healing: Richard, Carole, Kitty Taylor, Lori, Ashlyn, Jennifer, Joe A., William Wells, Jennifer Wells, Cliff Minor, Bruce, John, Linda, Jim, Fred, Lois, Jill Gloster, Lauren, Denise A., Joel Keys, Jayden, Paula, Mel, Greg, Louann Kitchell, Elizabeth, Cat Carter, Joe Dyer, Christi and Charlie, Carl and his family, Elizabeth Young, Chris, Mary M., Donna Dale

****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 with other concerns: Matthew, Julia

For those who have died: Tom Roberts, Bijan Ahmadi, Carroll V., Josh, Bill Taylor, Douglas, Beth, Earl, Mike, Billie, Rick

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Bre Lawler, Amy Shelton, Darrow, Rebecca Purcell, Caitlyn

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

2/19 Ryan Postlethwait, Alma Ward
2/24 Charlene Barham
2/25 Greta Wilson

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

2/24 Michael and Amanda Silverman