



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
FEBRUARY 26, 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

CENTERING PRAYER - Beginning this Friday, February 24th and continuing 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday during Lent at 12:00PM. Materials are also available to pray the Stations individually or in a small group at other times.

RECONCILIATION - The Reconciliation of Penitent, commonly called Confession, is available on Fridays, 12:30-1:00PM, and at any time by appointment. Contact Fr. Andrew if you'd like to make an appointment or to learn more about Reconciliation in the Episcopal Church.

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Rector's Forum** - We begin a five-week study of the rituals and practices surrounding Holy Week. The liturgies of the week between Palm Sunday and Easter developed early in the life of the Church to help Christians engage more deeply in the rich narrative of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, final days with his disciples, betrayal, passion, death, and resurrection. Join us this morning at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room as we begin by looking at the overall arc of the week and how we can participate in it fully.
- **Godly Play** - This morning in the St. Luke Room, Godly Play will be offered for our children of all ages. This week we'll begin preparing for the Mystery of Easter by focusing on Jesus' birth and growth in the 'Faces of Easter' story.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY! St. Mary of the Hill's is sponsoring a 'Buy Boone Lunch' event at [FARM Cafe in downtown Boone](#) this **Wednesday, March 1**. Thank you to those that offered to serve! We invite you to join us for lunch. Feel free to stop by anytime between 11 AM and 2 PM, enjoy a good meal, AND support an excellent cause! Contact Amanda Hege (hegea@appstate.edu) with any questions.

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. Join us from noon to 1:00PM on Thursdays, either in-person (in the Barrett Room) or online (link available on our website) for discussion. Copies are available in the Library for a suggested donation of \$10; the book is also available online from a variety of booksellers.

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.

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:

2/26 Chip Monroe, Emma Kate, Lee and Arden

2/27 Pat and Marty Moore

2/28 Burt Mulford and Dean Hamric

3/01 Chip and Garland Myers

3/02 Robert Felix and Jennifer Nelson, Robert Henry

3/03 Amy Nimens

3/04 Linda Norman

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Matthias, Asheville

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 earthquakes 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: Tamara and her family, Bob Barham, 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 and family, Roberts family, JoAnna, Ashley, Neil, Byron, Junior Howell, 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: Josh, Bill Taylor, Tom Roberts, Bijan Ahmadi, Carroll V.

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

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

2/27 Chip Myers

2/28 Sue Corcoran, Helene Harper

3/03 Nedra McCraw, Larry Turnbow

3/04 Olivia Knight