



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 23, 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

THANK YOU! - A heartfelt thanks to all those who make Holy Week possible in the life of our parish! Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Choir, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Vestry and Staff - without each of you and all of your hard work, our journey together would not be possible. Thank you! -Fr. Andrew

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Rector's Forum - Images of Easter in Scripture and Song** - The Gospel writers each tell the Easter story in different ways, highlighting distinct details. In the Rector's Forum, Fr. Andrew will explore several of the resurrection appearance narratives from the Gospels alongside reflections from sacred music. Join us at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room.
- **Godly Play** - This morning in the St. Luke room, Godly Play will be offered for children of all ages as we learn the story titled "The road to Emmaus".

FEAST OF SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST - Join us at 9:00AM on Tuesday, April 25th for Holy Eucharist on this festival day.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will meet on Thursday, April 27th, at 7:30AM for Holy Eucharist with a hearty breakfast and conversation to follow. Join us and bring a friend (or two)!

FIFTH SUNDAY PARENTS CIRCLE - We invite all caring for young children to join us on Sunday, April 30 at 9 AM for discussion about positive parenting. Our first meeting will be upstairs in the St. Mary Room on April 30th during the 9:00AM Christian Formation time, while children are either in Godly Play or the Nursery. Coffee and Stick Boy scones will be provided. Contact Amanda Hege (hegea@appstate.edu) with any questions.

A BOOK COMPANION FOR EASTERTIDE - During the Great Fifty Days of Easter, join Fr. Andrew in reading another book from noted New Testament scholar and Church of England Bishop, N.T. Wright. The book is entitled, *The Crown and the Fire: Meditations on the Cross and Life of the Spirit*, a series of reflections that move from the cross, into resurrection, and toward the gift of the Holy Spirit. Copies of the book are available from the parish for a suggested donation of \$15, or online from a variety of booksellers. Opportunities for conversation will be made available later in Eastertide.

WATER TEAM MEMBERS WELCOME - The parish is making plans to plant flowers, plants and trees in the coming weeks. To help the plants get established and be watered on a regular basis 6 days a week, the Grounds Committee is forming a "water team" – folks who can go to church and water on days we do not receive rain. If interested, please contact Bob Finney, Junior Warden at finneyb1@mac.com.

CALLING ALL CARD WRITERS - Our Pastoral Care Team is looking to grow our team of card writers who send written notes via mail to those in our parish experiencing illness, grief, or other pastoral concerns. If you are interested in joining this ministry, contact Lynn Searfoss (searfosslynn@gmail.com).

ALTAR FLOWERS

This Sunday's altar flowers 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:

4/23 Ron Tharp
4/24 Emily and Jamie Thomas
4/25 Frank and Annie Hellen Thomas
4/26 John Thompson and Lee Rocamora
4/27 John and Patti Turner
4/28 Darlene Van Dyke
4/29 Wayne and Lee Harper Vason

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Mark's, Gastonia

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 storms, tornadoes, and floods across this country, and those impacted by 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: Ann Greene, Beau Wilson, Greg, Gary and Judy Gloster, Kathy, Doug, Sue M., Patty, Maeson, Haydee Mojica de Santiago, Susan L., Debin, Jennifer S., Warren family, Al, Tamara, Bob Barham, Richard, Carole, Buddy H., Lucy, Eartha, Eddie, Kitty Taylor, Ashlyn, Cliff Minor, John, Linda, Debbi, Helen F., Mel, Louann Kitchell, Cat Carter, Elizabeth Young, Chris M., JoAnna, Mary M., Donna, Dale, Pat R., Logan, Caitlyn, Blanche, Lanny Pritchard, Barbara, Bruce B., Tom, Julie

****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: Ann B., Jane F. family, Tina

For those who have died: Wyatt Cottrell, Betty, Jane Fogelsonger French, Lee Warren, Sara Scott, Byron

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Molly, Debbie Giojara, Emma Unkovic, Bre Lawler, Amy Shelton, Darrow, Caitlyn

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

4/25 Kitty Lumpkin
4/28 Joe Coyne, Gay Miller
4/29 Asher Anderson, Christina Hayes

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

4/27 Bob and Sabine Miller
4/29 Steve and Amanda White