



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA
MAY 21, 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

FAMILY NIGHT WITH ST. MARY'S AND RUMPLE PRESBYTERIAN - From 5:00-6:30PM on Sunday, May 21, all are invited to join us at Davant Field for a hotdog cook-out and kickball game. We'll also gather to learn about Pentecost. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. We also need a volunteer to transport the church grill to and from Davant Field that day. Contact Christian Formation Coordinator Lindsey Herring if you can help with a truck.

PENTECOST PICNIC - Let's enjoy time together and welcome back our seasonal members at a picnic Sunday, May 28th, following the 10:10AM service. The Men's Breakfast group will provide the meat, and we are asking parishioners to provide the side dishes and desserts. Sign-up sheets are in the Foyer and the Parish Hall.

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

- **Rector's Forum - 'He ascended into heaven'** - Week by week, we make this profession of Jesus' ascension in the Church's creed, but what do we mean by it? Join us this morning at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room for a discussion about Jesus' ascension to heaven, why it is an essential doctrine of our faith, and how it can be a powerful profession in our own faith journeys.
- **Godly Play** - Children of all ages are invited to join us at 9:00AM in the St. Luke room for Godly Play. This week, we'll be telling the story of Jesus and the Twelve Disciples.
- **Parents Circle** - We invite all caring for young children to join us for discussion. We gather at 9:00AM in the St. Mary Room, while children are either in Godly Play or the Nursery.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will meet on Thursday, May 25th, at 7:30AM for Holy Eucharist with a hearty breakfast and conversation to follow. Join us and bring a friend (or two)!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) REGISTRATION OPEN - This year, we will be partnering with our friends at Rumble Presbyterian for Vacation Bible School June 12-16. Children ages 4-10 (pre-K to entering 5th grade) are invited to register. Sign up and learn more at rumplechurch.org. There is a limited number of spots available so please register your child ASAP.

TIMELESS TREASURES - JoAnn Hallmark, this year's tour chair, joins her voice with Patty Patella's in asking you to please bring your unused treasures to the church to be sold at our Tour of Homes Timeless Treasure sale on July 28th. We need many more treasures! Please contact Patty Patella with questions.

TAKE MITCHELL TO LUNCH - In a few weeks' time, we will welcome Mitchell Eithun, our Seminary Intern from Duke Divinity School. One way to meet and spend time with him is to share a meal with him following worship on Sunday - a sign-up sheet with availability for his summer Sundays is available in the Parish Hall.

PARISH WORKDAY - On Saturday, June 3rd, beginning at 8:30AM, we are having a parish workday. One group will work inside and the other outside. Please bring a rake, shovel and/or a wheelbarrow if you plan to work outside. Coffee and donuts will be provided. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun! If you have questions, please contact Bob Finney, Junior Warden at finneyb1@mac.com.

FLOWER OFFERINGS - Is there an important person or a significant event happening in your life? Sponsoring the flowers placed at the altar each week is a great way to offer thanks for life's many gifts. If you would like to sponsor flowers, please contact Greta Wilson, Parish Administrator, for more information and available dates.

COFFEE MINUTE VOLUNTEERS - Volunteers are needed to host Sunday morning Coffee Minute, following the 10:10AM Eucharist. More information and a sign-up sheet are in the Parish Hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the May 17th marriage of Mary Miles Rogers and David Joseph Brice in Paris, France by Bill and Jorgann Rogers and in loving memory of George Van Nuys.

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:

5/21 George and Bobby Ball
5/22 Dave and Barbara Ballesty
5/23 A.J. and Jane Barghothi
5/24 Bob and Charlene Barham
5/25 Tom and Tina Barrett
5/26 Meg Barth
5/27 Bill Battaglia

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Camp Henry and all the children and youth of the diocese

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, earthquakes, and floods.

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

For healing: Amy Nimens, Nancy, Ann Greene, Beau Wilson, Greg, Gary and Judy Gloster, Bob Barham, Louann Kitchell, Cat Carter, Joe Dyer, Elizabeth Young, Kathy, Cindy K., Hayden Mojica de Santiago, Doug, Maria, Lauren Lillian, Tamara, Logan, Dale, Sue M., Patty, Cliff Minor, Mary M., Kel Williams, Darlene, Chris B., Crystal, Lucy, Betty, Donna, Dale, Pat R., 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: Danielle, Cierra and Gary W., Louis A.

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

For those celebrating a birthday this week:

5/21 Dex Wilson
5/23 Shane Burton, Evan Gray Thacker
5/24 Lucy Austell, Andy Heath
5/25 Kitty Lumpkin
5/27 Claudia Heath

For those celebrating an anniversary this week:

5/21 Ron and Radie Armstrong, Mike and Lucy Austell, Norman and Janet Hillis
5/23 Mark and Michelle Curry
5/24 Dave and Barbara Ballesty