

# ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
## BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

## NOVEMBER 15, 2026

## WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

We are glad that you are here to share in worship of the Living God and be in this community with one another.
Restrooms are in the hallway beyond the Foyer. A nursery is available for children, located in the hallway beyond the Parish Hall. Coffee and Refreshments are served following each service, in Foyer following 8:00AM and in the Parish Hall following 10:10AM.
More information about our parish is available online at www.stmaryofthehills.org.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rector's Forum--**Join us at 9 a.m. in the Barrett Room for our Rector's Forum. This week, Fr. Andrew will offer an introduction and overview of the Gospel of Mark, from which we will begin reading on November 29, the First Sunday of Advent. All are welcome!

**Youth Sunday School--**Calling all students grades K-12! Join your friends in the St. John Room on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. for ***Little Lambs Sunday School***, a fun time of play, fellowship, wonder, and reflection.

**ECW Committees Meeting Today--**The newly forming committees of the ECW will meet at noon today, Sunday, Nov. 15, in the Barrett Room. Grab a cuppa and come on upstairs.

**Today! Bishop Search Committee Listening Session—**Bishop Search Committee members will meet in person with local church members this afternoon, November 15, at St. Luke's in Boone at 3:00 p.m. Please help to guide our diocese in selecting our next bishop.

**Dinner for the Presbyterian-Episcopal Campus Ministry—**Food is still needed for this coming Tuesday, Nov. 17. We need salad and dressing, bread, and drinks for the dinner. Items should be dropped off to the St. Mary's kitchen before 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 17. For more information or to volunteer, contact Sue Wilders at mailto:suejackpaintfly@aol.com.

**Vestry Meeting This Tuesday—**The vestry will meet at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17, in the Barrett Room.

**This Week: November Men's Night Out--** Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 5:30-7:30, 3664 Winkler's Creek Road, BR. On the menu: chili, cornbread, and apple cobbler. RSVP to KeithTMartin@gmail.com no later than 5 p.m on Sunday, Nov. 15. Suggested donation: $10.

**From the Outreach Committee--** The Outreach Committee recently hosted representatives from Amorem Hospice and Palliative Care to learn about their new seven-bed care center in Boone. To learn more about how compassionate care is available to anyone, irrespective of ability to pay, or to learn about volunteering, go to Locations | Amorem or contact volunteer coordinator Lorie Fidler at (828)-754-0101 or lfidler@amoremsupport.org.

**Thanksgiving Day Eucharist** – Holy Eucharist will be offered on Thursday, November 26 at 9:00AM, in observance of Thanksgiving Day, a Prayer Book Feast Day in additional to a National Holiday. All are welcome.

**Mother Torrence Office Hours--**9:30 to 4:00 on Wednesdays, and by appointment. (804) 436-7591 or mailto:torrence.harman@aol.com.

**Bible Study at the South End of Main Street --**The study meets Friday mornings from 9:00-10:30 on zoom. For more information, please contact owene_courtney @yahoo.com.

**Regular Worship During the Week** –

- Morning Prayer is offered M-F at 8:30 AM. Lasting 15-20 minutes, the service includes scripture, silence, and intercessions.
- Holy Eucharist is offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM in the Church. Prayers for Healing, along with Laying on of Hands and Anointing, are offered on the third Wednesday of each month

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Randolph and Clementi Holder and Walter Turnbow by Marjory Holder and Larry Turnbow.

# PARISH PRAYER LIST

**For the Church**: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for our diocese and the bishop search committee; for Andrew, Sam, and Torrence, our clergy; for Michelle, our postulant; for our Vestry and staff; and for all the people of this parish.

**In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week**:

11/15 Dave and Julia Ralston
11/16 Joe and Mary Ellen Raulerson
11/17 Lennon and Megan Redford, McLean & Tilden
11/18 Dave and Joanna Reule, Reese, David, Hannah, and John
11/19 Bob and Carol Rhoads
11/20 Greg Rhoads and Lynn Searfoss
11/21 Doug & Erin Riordan; Finn & Sawyer

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** The Spanish Speaking Congregations at Trinity, Spruce Pine; St. Mary's, Morganton; Grace, Waynesville; and Church of our Savior, Newland; and for Diocesan Spanish Speaking Missioners.

**For our nation and those in positions of public trust**: Donald, our President; Josh, our Governor; and all who hold elected office. For all who offer themselves for election and public service.

**For all who suffer from war and violence throughout the world,** especially for the Middle East, for Iran and the U.S., Israel, Lebanon, and Gaza, for Ukraine and Russia. For the peace of the world. We pray for the cessation of war.

**For healing**: Amy, Angela, Angus M, Ann, Bill R, Bob A, Bunky Davant, Carmen, Chris B, Chris C, Chris M, Christina, Donna, Emily, Evie, Jeremiah, Jerry, Jim C, John W, Joshua, Kenny O, Kerry, KW, Leo, Lloyd, Lucy, Mandy L, Margaret, Marie, Martha T, Mary Ellen, Mary M, Michael, Mike M, Myra, Neal H, Nick, Pat F, Pete, Sarah M, Sharon, Siri, Susan P, Todd, the Turner family, Valerie, Vincent, Vinny, Violet.

For those suffering from any natural disaster.

**Please note that the names on this list will remain for four weeks, unless the office is notified that the person needs to remain on the list longer.*

**For safe pregnancy and delivery**: Camille, Emily, Kelley, Caitlyn, Katherine, Jennifer, Corinne, Nicola, Sara.

**For those with other concerns**: Bobbie, Cindia T, Corinne, Jeff B, Joshua, Lamar, Lynn. Strength for the Nault family, the Turner family.

**In Joyful Thanksgiving For:** the birth of Mila Branstrom (10/31/2026), grandchild of Nioucha Branstrom, and Tilden Kit Redford (10/31/2026), granddaughter of Rick and Beth Lawler.

**For those celebrating a birthday**

11/15 Darlene Van Duke, Matt Miller, Pete Page
11/17 John Bagg, Jerry Starnes
11/18 Bob Barham, Caroline Howe Clapp

**For those celebrating an anniversary**

**For those who are traveling:** Luba

**For those who have died**: Anna C, Beau B, David K, Dayton C, Fred P, Gail P, Gary M, Joe Dulaney, John, Jonathan J, LaBibi G, Patrick T, Ralph, Randy P, Sadie and Lil' Bit T, Terry L, Thomas Buxton.