



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

JULY 12, 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 and is 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

Worship During the Week –

- Morning Prayer is offered M-F at 8:30 AM. Each service lasts 15-20 minutes and includes readings from 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, is offered on the third Wednesday of each month.

Urgent Parking Announcement--Remember to park only in marked spaces, including the parking deck at BRAHM, downtown marked spaces, the St. Mary's lot, and at Blowing Rock School. Out of a concern for safety, the Blowing Rock police are ticketing cars that are parked in non-authorized spaces, including along Chestnut Drive. Whenever possible, please be mindful of the needs of people with limited mobility and folks with small children by parking at BRAHM or downtown so as to leave space in our lot. If you park at Blowing Rock School, allow 8-10 minutes to walk to the church. Thank you!

Rector's Forum Resumes--Join Fr. Andrew for a discussion of Pope Leo XIV's encyclical *Magnificent Humanity* beginning next week, July 19, at 9 a.m. in the Barrett Room.

Tour of Homes Updates and Information

Flowers for Tour Houses-- Please bring your flowers to the parish hall on Wednesday, July 22, where Vandi Montero will be waiting to receive them. If you cannot bring the flowers on Wednesday, be sure to bring them to the parish hall early in the morning on Thursday, July 23, so they can be taken to the homes. Thank you!

Flowers Needed for Bake Sale--Every year the bake sale volunteers create small arrangements to decorate the sale table and to sell. So, if you have small-scale flowers that will survive in the heat throughout the day, bring your offerings to the church nursery on Thursday, July 23, between 9 and noon to help the bake sale team. Thank you so much!

Attention Bakers--You can still volunteer to make your special jam, candy, or baked goods! Everyone should plan to drop off baked goods to the church nursery on Thursday, July 23, between 9 and noon. Thank you!

Clean Up Crew Volunteers--If you can help take down tents and clean up from the Tour of Homes from 4-6 p.m. on July 24 please contact Sarah Matthews at 469-400-5091.

Tour of Homes Volunteer Information--First, a huge *Thank You* to everyone who has already volunteered or is about to volunteer. It's your work that will make this charity event a success. If you need to contact the committee chairs, here they are: Mike Austell, Transportation (austellmike37@gmail.com); Linda Pacifici, Bake Sale (lindapacifici20@gmail.com); Vandi Montero, Floral Team (770-851-4337); Sarah Matthews, Clean Up Crew and general volunteer questions (469-400-5091). **Thank You Committee Chairs** for your dedication!

Tickets for the 68th Annual Tour of Homes--Help local charities and neighbors in need by purchasing your tour and lunch tickets on St. Mary's website Tour of Homes tab.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kevin Kapral and Will Merrill by their families.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; José our Bishop; Andrew, Rick, Sam, and Torrence, our clergy; for our Vestry and staff; and for all the people of this parish.

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

7/12 Tom and Tina Barrett
7/13 Bill Battaglia
7/14 Lynne Bell
7/15 Mark and Debra Bennett
7/16 Zachary and Julia Bennett, Grace Bennett
7/17 Leslie Billingsley and Mitch Mitchell
7/18 Gay Boswell

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Hickory.

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 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: Anthony, Beth S, Bonnie H, Chris, Chris M, Clare, Debbie, Doug, Evie, Joe D, Kathy, Kristina, Lucy, Mary, MaryKate, Mary M, Myra, Neal H, Pat F, Peggy, Rick M, Suzie, Sylvia, Toby, Valerie, Vincent, Vinny, Wayne. We pray for Venezuela and all places stricken by recent earthquakes and storms.

****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 safe pregnancy and delivery: Bre, Camille, Charlotte, Katie, Kelley, Caitlyn, Katherine, Anna, Jennifer, Corinne, Giuliana, Leah, Megan, Nicola, Tamar, Isabelle

For those with other concerns: Angus, Boe A, Corinne, Cullie, Gage, Gail A, Isabelle B, Jennifer, Joe D, Josh, Zane

For those celebrating a birthday

7/14 Joe Dulaney, Benjamin White
7/16 Whitney Kitchell Smith, McLean Redford
7/19 Suzanne Shaut

For those celebrating an anniversary

7/14 Jim and Suzanne Shaut
7/18 Bill and Jorgann Rogers

For those who are traveling: the Overtons, Josh VanDyke

For those who have died: Brittany Jordan, Deja, Gail Albertson, Perse Ahmadi, Kevin Kapral, Will Merrill, Jane Milner, Marilyn W, Weatherby