



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

BLOWING ROCK,
NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 17, 2021

ALTAR FLOWER OFFERING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Feast of St. Luke and the Blessing of Hands - Today at 5:00PM, a celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be offered on the eve of the Feast of St. Luke, including the Blessing of Hands for all those who work in the medical profession. St. Luke is best known as an Evangelist as tradition tells us that he penned the Gospel bearing his name and the Acts of the Apostles; we also know that he was a physician and he is the patron saint of many whose vocation is in the ministry of healing. Join us on Sunday evening, October 17th, at 5:00PM. All are welcome, and most especially those who work in the medical field.

A Season of Faithful Giving - Over the next couple of weeks, on Sunday morning and in written reflections, we'll hear from members of our Vestry as they reflect on the role of stewardship in their life and journey in faith. We invite you to join in that reflection too, and to join in making a financial pledge to St. Mary of the Hills for 2022. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks and will be mailed this week; a pledge card is also available online at www.stmaryofthehills.org/stewardship.

Daughters of the King Meeting – The St. Mary of the Hills Daughters of the King chapter will meet this Sunday in the Close at 9:00AM. They will be studying the Gospel for the Feast of St. Luke. Daughters of the King is an order of women dedicated to prayer, service and evangelism. For more information about DOK, please contact Michelle Curry at currymichelle@yahoo.com.

Bread of Life – 25 years ago St. Mary's started the Bread of Life Program with one team serving one dinner a month to Hospitality House. Hospitality House is a shelter serving a seven-county area of the High Country which includes Watauga County. Approximately 20 to 30 meals were served. In 2021 over 6,000 meals will be prepared by 5 teams. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bread of Life teams have continued to serve the community by dropping off meals or purchasing meals from F.A.R.M. Café'. The need continues to grow and more volunteers are needed and welcomed to join a team. It is one day per month, a small time commitment that serves so many. It is truly an act of love. Please contact Sue Wilders (828-355-9751) or the parish office (office@stmaryofthehills.org) and we will connect you with a team leader.

Rector's Forum & Lemonade on the Lawn – As we respond to the increase in COVID-19 cases throughout our community by seeking to limit large gatherings outside of public worship, the Rector's Forum and Lemonade on the Lawn are suspended until further notice.

Morning Prayer – Two Options (In-Person and Online) – Morning Prayer is offered each weekday, Monday-Friday, at 8:30AM in the Church. Morning Prayer is offered at 7:30AM via Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Owene Courtney (owene_courtney@yahoo.com) for more information and for Zoom log-in information.

Giving – Your faithful generosity funds our mission and ministry in this community. If you'd like to give online, visit www.stmaryofthehills.org/donate

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Michael our Presiding Bishop, José our Bishop, Andrew, Sam and Gary our clergy, for our Vestry and staff.

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Joseph, our President, Roy, our Governor, and all those who hold elected office.

For all medical personnel and all ministering to the needs of those affected by COVID-19.

For healing: Andrew, Chris, M. Mary, Bo, Jeff Hedden, Jane Hedden, Sandie Holder, John Horne, David Murphy, a daughter, Debbie, Frank Thomas, Barbara, Gary, Kit Raulerson, David Murphy, Michael Rhoads, Maha, Jim S., Kay S., Chris, Morgan M., Mary, Ashlyn, Susan, Len B., Kay S., Pam, Ham, Len B., Joelle, Charles, Lucy, Ashlyn, Carolyn, Pat R., Richard G., Carole G., Jan, Mary, Jim Shine, Sterling, John Rundell, Virginia, John and Terry Smallwood, Susie, Greg Puhl, Skip Rose

****(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: Walt and Becky, Lauren, Laura

For those traveling: Barbara and Rick

For those who have died: Zemma, Joseph Stiefel, Bailey Reis, Owen B., Beverly, Becky, Kevin, John, Bob, Martha

For safe pregnancy and delivery for: Marlee, Jen

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

10/17 Natalie Bovino

10/18 Valerie Purcell

10/20 Allison Postlethwait

10/21 Peter Purcell

For those celebrating anniversaries this week:

10/23 Sam and Rhonda Ann McDonald

Parish Prayer Cycle:

10/17 Pam Ayoub

10/18 John and Ann Bagg

10/19 George and Bobby Ball

10/20 David and Barbara Ballesty

10/21 Bob Barbour

10/22 Bob and Charlene Barham

10/23 Tom and Tina Barrett