



ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**BLOWING ROCK,
NORTH CAROLINA**

OCTOBER 3, 2021

ALTAR FLOWER OFFERING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthdays of Patrick Raulerson (10/06), Kit Raulerson (10/07), Joe Raulerson (10/08), and Mary Ellen Raulerson (10/14) by Joe and Mary Ellen Raulerson.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Animals - TODAY - The Annual Blessing of the Animals will be held this afternoon, Sunday, October 3rd, at 2:00PM on the Front Lawn. This year, the service is a partnership between St. Mary's and our neighbors at Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church. All creatures, great and small, are welcome.

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.

Apple Gleaning – The Society of St. Andrew is hosting an apple gleaning and welcoming volunteers in Boone to support our local food pantries on Monday, October 4th at 5:15PM. To learn more, or to RSVP (required to participate), contact Julie Sutton (gleanwnc@endhunger.org).

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.

Responding to Natural Disaster – Our nation is experiencing multiple natural disasters, from fires on the West Coast to hurricanes in the Southeast to the pandemic that is ravaging communities from shore to shore wondering how you can help? Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is the compassionate response of The Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. Learn more about efforts to respond to these crises and find out how you can support and participate in important work being done by Episcopalians at www.episcopalrelief.org.

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: Barbara, McRee family, Owen B., 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, Burt Mulford, Hendree, Sterling, John Rundell, Virginia, Joseph Stiefel, 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: Laura

For those traveling: Barbara and Rick, Anne and Bob Jones

For those who have died: Beverly, Becky, Kevin, John, Bob, Martha

For safe pregnancy and delivery for: Marlee, Jen

For those celebrating birthdays this week:

10/03 Nioucha Branstrom, Josephine Hill, Loy McGill, John Turner

10/04 Sara Placentra, Valerie Purcell

10/05 Gillian Cone

10/06 Richard Goewey

10/07 Bo Henderson, Emma Kate Monroe

10/08 Joe Raulerson

10/09 Carmen Patella

Parish Prayer Cycle:

10/03 Sue Wilders

10/04 Betsy Williams

10/05 Ray Williams

10/06 Beau Wilson

10/07 Greta Wilson

10/08 Ham Wilson

10/09 Molly Wilson